

# Club Journal

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## Planning for Blackpool 2017 reaches final stages



Norbreck Castle Hotel,  
Blackpool

With Blackpool 2017 now just two months away, Union members are being urged to attend what will be a busy weekend of club-related activities.

The centrepiece of the weekend is the Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 8 at the Norbreck Castle Hotel.

*Daily Mirror* Political Correspondent Paul Routledge has been confirmed as the keynote speaker and is sure to give delegates a fascinating insight into his many years covering the corridors of power at Westminster.

Delegates also have the opportunity to attend the 126th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition on the afternoon of Friday, April 7 at the Norbreck Castle Hotel.

This event allows clubs and suppliers to swap notes on the latest legislation affecting clubs, as well as learn about the latest products and service available, all in an informal, friendly atmosphere.

Among the suppliers who have already confirmed their attendance for the 2017



Keynote speaker  
Paul Routledge

show are: Ace Furniture, Aon, BT Sport, CAMRA, Heineken, Dransfields, Smart Energy Projects and Rijo42.

Alongside the specialist business advice, there will be free refreshments courtesy of Heineken and special prizes on offer throughout the afternoon.

Rounding off the weekend, immediately following the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, will be the Dransfields CIU Quiz Final, where the winners and runners-up from each of the Regional Heats will compete for the prestigious trophy and cash prize. All attendees are welcome to join in on a 'just-for-fun' basis with sport prizes being given out.

The Union has negotiated a special delegate rate with the Norbreck Castle Hotel for CIU members and have 20 double sea view rooms, 20 double standard rooms, 20 twin sea view rooms, 20 twin standard rooms and 20 single rooms on hold.

The rate is £42.50 per person per night with dinner and B&B, based on two sharing a twin/double or £35 per person per night B&B, based on two sharing a twin/double.

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Nick Byram,  
Bar Manager of  
Dartford WMC

## Club of the Month: Dartford WMC

Dartford Working Men's Club in Kent has won national recognition from the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) for its cask ale offering.

The club has reached the last four of CAMRA's 'Club of the Year' competition, the only CIU club named in the final shortlist for the award.

"Real Ale is at the centre of everything we do at the club and it's very pleasing to gain recognition from CAMRA," said Dartford WMC Bar Manager Nick Byram.

"It's a great testament to the passion and hard work that our staff have when it comes to providing a perfect pint of cask beer."

For the full article, see page 10.

# EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the February edition of *Club Journal*.

Planning for Blackpool 2017 is in its latter stages as the Union looks ahead to another busy programme of events in April.

With the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition taking place on Friday, April 7 and the Annual Meeting following the day after – Saturday, April 8 – those intending to attend Conference Weekend have just over two months to finalise their own plans.

While of course the Annual Meeting is the centrepiece of the weekend, I would urge you to come along to the Beer & Trades Exhibition if you can spare the time as it is a really enjoyable and highly educative experience for club members, giving you the opportunity to talk to all manner of suppliers of goods and services to clubland.

Meanwhile, the keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting has been confirmed as Paul Routledge, the Political Correspondent of the *Daily Mirror*.

In addition to his many years on Fleet Street, Paul has penned biographies of such key

political figures as Gordon Brown, Peter Mandelson, Airey Neave and Arthur Scargill.

Conference Weekend is rounded off by the Dransfields CIU Quiz Final and as we went to press, the Regional Heats were taking place up and down the country with the Union's finest brains doing battle for a chance to compete in Blackpool for the prestigious title.

Many thanks to all those clubs who have supported this year's competition and congratulations to those teams which have won through to the final. (And those who'd like to come along to join in the chance to win spot prizes, just turn up early on the day and we'll fit you into ad hoc teams. All great fun!)

Meanwhile, applications are now being accepted for the Club Law and Club Finance Residential Weekend which will take place in Coventry from Thursday, March 16 to Sunday, March 19.

The cost is £75 per person and covers full board, lectures and students folder, pad and literature but applicants will need to meet the costs of travel to the venue.



Those who have attended this course in the past have provided extremely positive feedback about the many topics covered and have spoken about how it helped many of them prepare for their Club Management Diploma (CMD) exams.

For more information on attending the Residential Weekend or taking the CMD exams, please contact Cath Fitzpatrick at Head Office on (0207) 7226 0221 or email her at: [cfitzpatrick@wmcui.org](mailto:cfitzpatrick@wmcui.org)

I hope you enjoy the issue.

Stephen Goulding, Editor

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## SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED AT FARNCOMBE SC



Four members of Farncombe Social Club received their 10-Year Service Awards at a ceremony held at the club. Pictured, left to right: Farncombe Social Club Secretary Bob Jolly, Lez Power (10-Year Service Award), South East Met Branch President Trevor Baker, June Wilson (10-Year Service Award), Phil Penbethy (10-Year Service Award), Maureen E. Ekins (10-Year Service Award) and Andy Way (South East Met Branch Vice-President)

## Pop star sees in the New Year at West Auckland WMC

A famous pop star decided to see in the New Year at West Auckland Workingmen's Club in County Durham on December 31.

Perrie Edwards, a member of chart-topping girl group Little Mix, whose hits include 'Shout Out To My Ex', attended the club night where her dad's rock band, Alexanders Palace, were performing.

According to reports in the local media, when news spread on the night that the 23-year-old star was at the club, many local fans turned up at the club entrance – some dressed in their pyjamas – in order to catch a glimpse of Edwards.

Club Treasurer David Bowes told the *Northern Echo*: "We couldn't believe it when

she turned up. We knew we had her dad singing but we never thought she would be there.

"We had already reserved three tickets when we were asked for three more – these were for Perrie and her friends – but we didn't know this at the time.

"She was absolutely brilliant. Nothing was too much trouble. She was happy to pose for selfies with everyone and she even went behind the bar to have her picture taken with the staff.

"Many people were still standing outside well after midnight. It was a fantastic night and we're going to struggle to beat it for next year's New Year's Eve."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Top pro darts players take part in the Richmond Place Club (Hereford) Open**  
The Richmond Place Club in Hereford welcomed some big names from the world of professional darts in December when it hosted its winter Charity Open Competition in aid of a local Breast Cancer charity.

More than 60 players demonstrated their considerable skills at the club, where the £500 purse eventually went to Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) player Nick Fulwell.

"We are getting real pulling power now, we're getting players who are seen on television," said tournament organiser Gill Kirby. "The standard is so high, we want to carry on."

Thanks to a £2,000 sponsorship from Hereford Central Roofing, a summer darts competition raised funds for the Acorn Children's Hospice and then this second event was held in aid of the Breast Cancer Haven at Hereford which provides support and care for those suffering from breast cancer and their families.

Well-known names were competing in Hereford including British Darts Organisation players and PDC player Dave Pallett, who nearly hit two nine-dart finishes during the competition.

"These are the players we are attracting because we put up good prize money," said Gill.

The Christmas competition lured Welsh No.1 player Mark Layton as well as Jim Williams while Mark Blandford was runner-up.

## Burnley & Pendle Branch President and Executive Committee members honoured



Michael Barry, Burnley & Pendle Branch Executive Committee Member, receives his Certificate and badge for 10 years of Branch service from Manchester Branch Secretary and NEC member Geoff Blakeley CMD (left) at a ceremony held at Paradise WMC



Allan Harwood, Burnley & Pendle Branch Executive Committee Member, receives his Certificate and badge for 10 years of Branch service from Manchester Branch Secretary and NEC member Geoff Blakeley CMD



Gordon Leighton CMD, the Burnley & Pendle Branch President, receives his Certificate and Gold Bar for 31 years of Branch service from Manchester Branch Secretary and NEC member Geoff Blakeley CMD

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Goring Social Club stewards mark 25 years of service**

Goring Social Club in Oxfordshire is celebrating a major milestone by its stewards Dave and Jane Dean who have been at the club for 25 years.

A Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) special award certificate was presented to the couple at a ceremony held on New Year's Eve who were also given a voucher for a meal for four at a restaurant.

A further tribute to the Deans took place at the club on January 28 with local band Spooks providing music.

**Study finds that social drinking is 'good for health'**

A new academic study, published in the *Journal for Adaptive Human Behaviour and Physiology* has shown that the enjoying a couple of pints while socialising is directly linked to better wellbeing.

The research looked at the role alcohol plays in social cohesion, discovering in particular that people without a local bar are likely to have a smaller social circle, and to be less trusting of their community.

Professor Robin Dunbar, from the University of Oxford's Experimental Psychology department, said: "This study showed that frequenting a local bar can directly affect people's social network size and how engaged they are with their local community, which in turn can affect how satisfied they feel in life."

## CLUB NOTICES

**Suspension**

Mr G Hill – Castle Ward WMC & Institute (Lincoln)

**Clubs Withdrawn**

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**Service Awards presented at Thomas Wilson WMC**

Four members of Thomas Wilson Working Mens Club, Gateshead, received their 10-year Service Awards on December 7. Pictured, left to right, with certificates: Club Secretary Brian Nicholson, Chairman Mick Hambling, Vice-Chairman Jeff Humphries and Committee Member Alan Hodgson

**Dartford Social Club raises £2,100 for local hospice**

Pictured, left to right: Karen (Demelza Hospice Care), Nicky Middleton (Dartford SC), David Knowler (Dartford SC), Adrian Penniall (Dartford SC) and Dean Smith (Infinity Fitness, Kings Hill)

Dartford Social Club in Kent recently presented a cheque for £2,100 to the Demelza Hospice Care For Children charity after staging a special Jersey Boys Dinner Dance at the club.

Members and guests enjoyed a fantastic night dancing to the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons while raising money for an inspiring local charity which provides

support for seriously ill children and their families.

"Everyone who came along really enjoyed themselves," said Dartford Social Club Committee Member Adrian Penniall, one of the organisers of the event.

"Special mention must go to Dean Smith of Infinity Fitness, Kings Hill, for his generous donation to the charity total."

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## Northumberland Branch stages 2016 Leek Show



CIU Open Leek Show. Pictured, left to right: RW Stoker (No.7 Division Executive), G Moscrop (Winner), A Hardy (Northumberland Branch President) and D Clough (No.5 Division Executive)



Pictured: J Atherton who won the Heaviest Onion category in the World Leek & Onion Open



Pictured: A Davison, the World Leek Show Open Winner



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### 41-Year Branch Award

**Trevor Baker**, South East Metropolitan  
**Malcolm Piper**, Derbyshire

### 21-Year Branch Award

**Joe Flint**, Derbyshire

### 10-Year Branch Award

**Martin Woolford**, Western Counties

### 50-Year Combined Service Award

**Patrick Foley**, Kingston-on-Thames WM Club,  
North West Metropolitan

### Certificate of Merit

**David Chandler**, Dartford WMC, Kent

**Colin Searle**, Dartford WMC, Kent

**Alan Colls**, Dartford WMC, Kent

**Stephen Harper**, Hawthorn Recreation &  
Social Club, Doncaster

**Edward Masters**, Hawthorn Recreation &  
Social Club, Doncaster

**John Nadin**, Hawthorn Recreation & Social  
Club, Doncaster

**Stuart Darlington**, Locke Park Club &  
Institute, South Yorkshire

**Gary Young**, Woodhouse West End Club,  
South Yorkshire

**Stephen Todd**, Handsworth Social Club,  
South Yorkshire

**Richard Reynolds**, Woodhouse West End  
Club, South Yorkshire

### Long Service Award

**Andy Chambers**, West Moor & District Social  
Club, Northumberland

**David Fish**, Northern Social Club,  
Northumberland

## NORTH EAST METROPOLITAN BRANCH HOLD THEIR ANNUAL CRIBBAGE COMPETITIONS

The 2016 North East Metropolitan Branch Cribbage Competitions took place in October and November of last year at three different venues.

The Singles competition took place at Ponders End Working Men's Club, and was won by Sam Huckle from Ponders End WMC, who beat Mick Eagle from March United Services Club.

The Team Competition took place at Belle Vue Social Club, Colchester, and was won by the team from Ponders End Working Men's Club, captained by John Tabor.

The Pairs Competition took place at

March United Services Club. Derek Allen and Peter Halls defeated Mick Eagle and Dave Wiley from March United Services Club in the final.

A competition also took place for those knocked out in the first rounds of the main competition where pairs then have to play to lose to progress.

This year the winners of the "Nettie Seat" trophy were Kit Carson and Geoff Blackburn from Chatteris Working Men's Club, who saw off the challenge posed by John Baker and Sylvester McKnight from Colchester Belle Vue Club in an entertaining final.



Pictured, above (left to right): Singles winner Sam Huckle and runner-up Mick Eagles with Branch Vice-President John Tabor and Branch Games Secretary Sean Belton. Pictured, left: The winning Ponders End Working Men's Club team, captained by John Tabor, receive their trophy from Branch Secretary John Baker. Pictured with Branch Vice-President John Tabor (third from left) and Branch Games Secretary Sean Belton (far right). Pictured, right: Kit Carson and Geoff Blackburn of Chatteris WMC receive the 'Nettie Seat' trophy from Branch Vice-President John Tabor and Branch Games Secretary Sean Belton

The Pairs Competition took place at March United Services Club and was won by Derek Allen and Peter Halls of Belle Vue Social Club (second and third left, with trophy) who defeated Mick Eagle and Dave Wiley from March United Services Club. They were presented with their trophy by Branch Vice-President John Tabor (far left) and Branch Games Secretary Sean Belton (second from right)



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Great Gonerby Social Club to host charity music night for CLIC Sargent

Great Gonerby Social Club in Lincolnshire is staging a charity music night in March in order to raise funds for CLIC Sargent.

Organisers Julie Gilbert and Rachel Pattison are holding a number of events for the charity, which supports children and young people with cancer and their families.

They completed the Great North Run in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in September and will be running the London Marathon in April.

The music event in Great Gonerby will be held on Friday, March 3, at 7.30pm. It will feature local singers Paula Burrows, Rodeo Jo, Evonne Rivers and Laura Church, with comedienne Ali James as compere.

The pair were inspired to raise funds for the charity by the death of a family friend who sadly lost his battle with lymphoma in October 2014.

There will also be a raffle with a number of great prizes on offer.

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Main picture: Dartford WMC has an impressive array of cask ales on tap. Inset: Manager Nick Byram picks up a CAMRA Award from broadcaster Sally Nugent at last year's Club Mirror Awards

# DARTFORD WORKING MEN'S CLUB

**Well-served cask ale is at the heart of the member experience at Dartford Working Men's Club in Kent with the club reaching the four-strong shortlist for this year's CAMRA 'Club of the Year' Award in association with *Club Mirror***

**W**hen it comes to cask ale, Dartford WMC is in a very elite band of clubs, having earned national recognition from the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA), including an entry in the organisation's *Good Beer Guide* - the bible of cask ale drinkers.

And this year the Kent club has made it to the final round for CAMRA's Club of the Year Award run in association with *Club Mirror*, the only CIU club to make the prestigious shortlist, with the winning club to be announced in February after a final round of judging (which includes *Club Journal* publisher Sean Ferris as a judge).

No wonder, given the huge commitment the club makes to cask ales with 15 hand pulls on the bar and over 500 different beers served throughout the year.

The club's Bar Manager, Nick Byram, who is the driving force behind Dartford WMC's rise as a cask ale venue of major repute, is delighted with the recognition from CAMRA.

"Cask ale is at the centre of everything we do at the club and it's always very pleasing to gain recognition from such a respected organisation as CAMRA," he says.

"We used to have a ceiling of 1,600 members but we've now upped that to 1,800 as there was such a demand to join.

"Serving well-kept beers from breweries all over the country is a real passion of mine and the skill and dedication on the part of our staff really ensures that the beer we serve is in absolutely top condition."

Indeed, such is Nick's passion for cask ale that he has started up his own brewery – Caveman Brewery – and many of its products naturally find their way to the Dartford WMC bar where they can be sampled by some very appreciative members.

Much of the appeal of the club's ale offering is that Nick works extremely hard to source unusual beers from some of the smaller, less well-known microbreweries which are popping up all over the UK.

He says: "Our members love the variety of beers which we serve and we make sure that we're very active on social media – particularly Twitter and Instagram – so they know exactly what beers we've got on any given night.

"We've also set up a Whatsapp group so we can send out instant messages to the members who subscribe to it."

But while the cask ale offering is a key part of the club's appeal with several beer festivals taking place there throughout the year, there is, of course, an array of other activities and entertainments going on at the club throughout the year.

"We have a very hardworking and forward-thinking Committee," says Nick. "They're always looking to do more for our members and give them more reasons to come through the doors.

"We have bands playing live every Saturday night and Sundays are devoted to single artists, discos or karaoke sessions.

"We have also launched a series of 'Cotton Club' gigs in memory of club member Roger Cotton which are proving really popular.

"We've booked a number of top live tribute bands and then charge £10-£12 a ticket. Recently we've had Marc Boland tribute act TooRex, the Rollin' Stoned and in February we have the Bohemians who perform Queen's greatest hits."

Add in an excellent food offering, a renowned folk club and a friendly atmosphere and it's clear that Dartford WMC has a real winning hand.

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# YOUR LETTERS

**Below we publish a letter from Mark Ferguson CMD of Brinsworth Social Club, Rotherham, who puts forward the case for all CIU clubs to embrace the digital era fully. If you would like to send in a letter on this, or any other club-related subject, please email: [justin@clubjournal.co.uk](mailto:justin@clubjournal.co.uk)**

I am the Treasurer of my club and am passionate about it being run properly and successfully. From my practical experience, education and training, I know how a club being well run, with dedicated management, will determine if it survives or not.

I have recently attended a CIU Residential Education weekend in Coventry. This reiterated the need for clubs to be run as businesses, keeping control of finances, getting the best deal from breweries, controlling stock, renegotiating the accountants' fee and many other basic housekeeping tips.

I am therefore absolutely astounded by the article regarding the CIU's response to the Government's Making Tax Digital initiative in December's *Club Journal* which appears to give the impression that CIU clubs are full of "Flat earth men" and Luddites, who:

- Cannot operate a computer
- Can only do longhand book keeping and their successors can only be taught this way
- Are dependent on external sources to process returns to HMRC and are digitally excluded.

When I read the article I cringed with embarrassment to think that this is a true reflection of the movement.

Every club must have a computer, the management committee have a duty to train and educate someone to operate it, to install basic software, even if it's only a basic spreadsheets and word documents. A few hours spent learning basic skills will save hours of manual toil on a weekly basis. It will also eliminate the need to pay someone else for what can easily be done by the club.

In the early days of the digital evolution, the government paid businesses to process PAYE on line. The RTI, was a daunting process, but once users have got used to it, it has saved time, in the long run.

The auto-enrolment has been a long and worrying process, but now it's up and running, it's second nature. It also gives employees more security and encourages them to invest in the future.

Perhaps the CIU needs to include in its education programme IT weekends and how to make the most of computers. The hours spent doing double entry book keeping could be put to better use.

It is of absolutely paramount importance that clubs embrace the digital age. We need to be in-step with technology not years behind.

Making Tax Digital, is on its way, and on its way for clubs too.

**Mark Ferguson CMD  
Brinsworth Social Club, Rotherham**

*Head Office Manager and Club Journal Editor Stephen Goulding replies:*

*The article in the December edition of the Club Journal outlined the Union's response to the new HMRC initiative 'Making Tax Digital' in which the Union President stated that few CIU clubs currently operate their book keeping records by computer.*

*The points raised in Mark Ferguson's letter are valid and we must all look to operate our business as efficiently as we can. This may include the use of computers, where appropriate, against more traditional methods.*

*We are currently working to create a new, modern, education scheme for all our members and will look to include some IT / modular training that will be of immense benefit to clubs who are eager to embrace the digital age.*

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# IT'S A 'SMART' IDEA TO SLASH BILL'S AND SAVE ENERGY.!

Secretary John Lane at Acomb Wmc and his Club Committee have been over the moon with their recent saving's and given how times are tough these saving's have been truly valuable to the Club. John goes onto state, " We were spending before Smart Energy's Products were installed a huge **£3,000 per Month** on our Club's electric spends so our Committee could not continue to ignore this any longer. Smart Energy have installed a number of energy efficient products into our Club and what we have saved over the past few years has been remarkable. Firstly our Club's Cellar Cooler was having to run 24/7 on our club's electric bill throughout the Autumn and Winter Month's and Our Approved Supplier Smart Energy advised us that our system only had to be running on our electric bill for just 6 Month's of the Year. We installed their FREE AIR CELLAR SYSTEM a few years back and have been **saving £200 per Month** on our cellar costs by using the cold air from outside from October through to April to cool our beer. I have to say this has been a complete NO BRAINER with a rapid return on our investment of just 12 Month's. As we could see our electric bills dropping we then asked Smart Energy Back last year who then installed LED lighting into our Club Concert Room by swapping out our old inefficient lights and the saving's were instant and are absolutely phenomenal. It is the the best thing that has happened to our Club in a long time. We have seen a huge drop in our electric spend of a further **£500 per Month**. Myself and our Committee didn't stop there as after 6 Month's we then asked Smart Energy back to install LED lighting throughout our Club. The Committee and I would strongly encourage other Club's to take advantage of the fantastic help and advice available from CIU's Approved Energy Experts-Smart Energy. Just by taking on their advice we have reduced our electric spends by **£1,300 per Month** and saved over **£15,000 per Year** by thinking 'SMARTER' to cool our beer, swap our old lights out for Low Energy LED Lighting and also heat our Club rooms up as and when we need to individually.



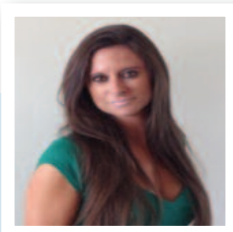
**John Lane-Club Secretary..... Saving a huge £1,300 per Month on their electric spend after thinking 'Smarter' with the help of Smart Energy's advice. GRAND TOTAL SAVING'S OF £15,600 PER YEAR**

Secretary Dave Ibbotson and President Frank Hunter of Darlington East End Wmc are yet another Club who have been thinking 'Smarter' lately. We explained to the Club after performing an energy management survey that continuing to heat club rooms with old conditioning units over 10 years old is one of the main reasons as to why their electric spends each Month were so high. Secretary Dave Ibbotson goes onto state, 'Phil Towndraw of Smart



Energy offered our Club some very sound advice and was quick to notice that our Club Concert Room upstairs was taking up a big portion of our spend with the area being large and used regularly for our events and entertainment. The old air conditioning units were also not efficient and just caused drafts amongst our members. Phil stated that if we were to just look at heating this room with Low Watt Panel Heaters we could dramatically start to reduce our bills. We have had the heaters installed over the past few years now and we are delighted to say that we have been making **saving's of £490 per Month** on our electric spend just by replacing our old units in one room area. The heaters not only are energy efficient but they do not cause any drafts and our concert room heats up in the space of 15 minutes. We have just asked Smart Energy to come back and replace the rest of our old air-conditioning units in three other room areas of our club to save even further money on our bill's because we overall have been happy with what we have saved and this has helped our club out hugely. We also have their best selling product The Free Air Cellar System in our club too so that we no longer have to pay to cool our beer throughout the Autumn and Winter Month's which has also delivered further saving's to our club. We wouldn't hesitate in recommending both Phil and Amy's advice to any Club who are serious about wanting to save for a brighter future.'

**President Frankie Hunter and Secretary Dave Ibbotson..... Saving £490 Per Month on their electric spend after thinking 'Smarter' with their Approved Suppliers Advice. GRAND TOTAL SAVING'S OF £5,880 PER YEAR**



Helping Club's Is What We Do Best.

Derbyshire Branch Executive John Batchelor and Secretary of Alvaston and Crewton Wmc is a great supporter of Smart Energy and states that more Club's should be thinking smarter to reduce their overheads within their Cellar. John like many other Secretaries was still paying to cool the Club's beer throughout the colder month's and still didn't realise that the running of their cellar cooler was costing the club in excess of £3,000 per year when having to use them 24/7 all year round.



John states" Smart Energy advised us that we would only need to use our existing cellar cooler for 6 months of the year and that we could use the cold air from outside when 10 degrees and below. We were told that this would then save 50% of our existing running costs so our Committee jumped at the chance to have their Free Air Cellar System installed and as stated over the 6 month period when their Senior Engineer recorded our saving's we had saved £1,590 so we are delighted and would not hesitate to recommend this system to any other Club who are having to run their cellar coolers 24/7 in order to keep their beer cool."

**John Batchelor- Club Secretary.. SAVING £1,590 OVER 6 MONTHS ON HIS CELLAR.**

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Contracts and Handbook 2017 will be available from Branch Offices

The CIU Contracts and Handbook are currently being updated and will shortly be printed for 2017.

The publications will be available to buy from your local Branch. The documents available are:

- Club Staff Handbook
- Club Steward Contract
- Bar Manager Contract
- Bar/Cleaning Staff Contract
- Bar/Cleaning Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment
- Bar/Cleaning Temporary Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment
- Club Staff Accommodation Contract

The club documents are priced as follows: £5 for each Handbook; £2.50 for each Contract (except the Club Staff Accommodation Contract which is priced at £1.30 as a special limited edition) and £1.50 for each Terms and Conditions document.

These documents – available from your branch – take in all the current legislative requirements and have been produced to a high, professional standard.

Please note that orders may be subject to a slight delay as the new documents are produced.

### National Executive Committee Dates for 2017

The remaining dates for the meetings of the National Executive Committee in 2017 are as follows:

- March - 1st/2nd
- April (Blackpool) - 5th/6th/7th/8th
- May - 3rd/4th
- June - 7th/8th
- July - 5th/6th
- August - 2nd/3rd
- September - 6th/7th
- October - 4th/5th
- November - 1st/2nd
- December - 6th/7th

## SPOTLIGHT ON... BOB RUSSELL CMD

We talk to NEC Member Bob Russell CMD, President of Wessex Branch and Treasurer of Solent Social Club, to get his thoughts on the current state of clubland

### How did you first become involved with clubs and the CIU?

I was introduced to clubs in the Derby area at a very early age as my uncle was a club steward, but at the age of 15 I joined the Navy and being at sea or in different parts of the country I stopped using them for a number of years.

It was only towards the end of my service when I was stationed at HMS Daedalus that I joined the Solent Social Club (then Lee on Solent WMC). I then joined the Committee later becoming Treasurer, then Secretary and now back to Treasurer.

### If the Prime Minister offered you three wishes on behalf of clubs, what would they be?

Stop supermarkets selling ridiculously cheap beer and spirits, allow smoking in properly supervised and ventilated areas, remove MGD and go back to VAT at a reasonable rate on machines and an extra one is to stop that pig flying about!

### Are there any particular areas of modern life which you see as having a knock-on effect to clubs?

One of our older members was complaining the other day that the youngsters of today didn't use the club as they didn't socialise. As he finished saying that a 20ish-year-old member walked in and I put it to him that he didn't socialise.

In all seriousness, he was highly offended and said that he was on Facebook, twitter and snapchat every day and commented on his mates' pages all the time!

### What do you say to the doom-mongers out there?

Just look around you – well-run clubs are doing very nicely thank you and if you look at pubs in your area you will find that a lot more of them have gone than clubs in the same area.

### What are the most positive signs you've seen in the club sector in the past three years?

My Branch, the Wessex Branch, has campaigned for equality for a number of years even putting motions at Blackpool when it was not a very popular thing to do, so it is nice to see a growth in the number of women who now use clubs in their own right and without having to be the "guest" of a male member.

Bob Russell  
CMD



### If you could award an OCE (Order of the Club Empire) who would it be to and why?

Following on from my last comment I would award the OCE to South East Midlands Branch Secretary Carol Goddard who was the first and still the only female member of the NEC. I think she deserves it for putting up with all of us male NEC members.

### What clubs do you belong to and which is your favourite club?

I belong to the Crofton Club in Hampshire but my main club is the Solent Social Club. I have been a member there for over 40 years and I was first on the Committee and then became Treasurer.

I soon moved on to become full-time Secretary/Bar Manager, a position which I held for 35 years. Six months ago, I retired and was immediately co-opted back on to the Committee as Treasurer. So, that has to be my favourite club as I have put so much into it.

### Who has been your biggest influence in your club life?

The biggest influence in my club life has to have been Mr Robin Etheridge: he was the Wessex Branch Secretary from 1979 to 2002 and also on the NEC during that time.

When I had just started as the Secretary of my club he persuaded me to stand for election to the branch executive which I did and I have now been on the branch for 27 years, the last 14 as President.

If it hadn't of been for Robin I don't think I would have been as involved as I have been and if not for his encouragement I might even have given up the Club Committee.

## Law and Finance Residential Weekend 2017 set for Royal Court Hotel in Coventry in March

Apply now for the Union's Club Law & Club Finance Weekend, which will be held at the Royal Court Hotel, Coventry in March and costs £75 per student. Applications are also being taken for the Club Management Diploma Exams taking place in May 2017

Applications have now opened for the Club Law & Club Finance Residential Weekend taking place in March.

Being held at the Royal Court Hotel in Coventry from Thursday March 16 to Sunday March 19, the course will be excellent preparation for those taking the Club Management Diploma (CMD) Exams in May.

The weekend aims to give attendees the opportunity to learn about running their clubs more efficiently as well as getting them up to speed on the latest legislation, including such crucial topics as financial control, employment law, health and safety, club rules, food hygiene regulations, insurance and suspensions and expulsions.

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

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

Applicants must be a financial member of their club and hold the Union Associate and Pass Cards. An application form can be obtained from your Club Secretary or downloaded from [www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk)

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

The closing date for applications to the Residential Weekend is **FRIDAY MARCH 17** and the 30 places will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

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The Club Law exam will take place on Saturday May 6, 2017 and the Club Accountancy exam will be held on Saturday



May 13, 2017.

If you pass both examinations and obtain first place in both sections you will be presented with your diploma at the Union's Annual Conference in Blackpool.

The cost of taking the exams is a refundable deposit of £10 per section (£20 for both sections). The closing date for applications is **MONDAY MARCH 6**.

Further information and examination forms are available from Cath Fitzpatrick in the Leisure Department (see contact details above) or visit: [www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk)

## KNIGHTHOOD FOR APPG SECRETARY DAVID CRAUSBY MP



David Crausby MP, the Secretary of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs, received a knighthood in the New Year's honours.

The Bolton North East Labour MP will become Sir David Crausby in recognition of his parliamentary and political services.

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He has comfortably held that seat at a further four general elections since that point, most recently in 2015.

## EXPANDED ONLINE VERSION OF CLUB JOURNAL AVAILABLE

As part of the Union's continuing commitment to offer more to its members, each month we will be publishing an online expanded version of *Club Journal* which will be available to download from the CIU's official website.

Published a week after the paper version of the magazine has been delivered, the online version will have an expanded features section with more content designed to give you the information you need to continue to make your club a success.

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## SERVICE AWARD APPLICATION REMINDER

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**MEMBERS' CORNER**

**Informative articles which affect our life**  
by Dione Mobley

With all the festivities over from last year, many retailers all over the country start to have their holiday sales both in shops and online.  
Many people wait for the winter sales to begin after Christmas to try and pick up a bargain. There comes a warning for consumers from Compantech.com who research, test and review thousands of consumer products and services.  
They say that shoppers need to be careful when making purchases online, especially during the busy sale periods.  
People are being warned to be on guard if they are looking through some of the most popular sites like Amazon or other sites similar.  
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market value because some fraudsters are using popular sites for "Phishing Scams". The scammers will pose as a legitimate business by posting usually hi-tech items as bait to lure in unsuspecting customers on a legitimate shopping site.

However, to complete a sale from a customer, the site will automatically re-direct the buyer to a fraudulent site for payment.  
When this happens the buyer will not receive their order or be able to claim the cash back for the goods they ordered.  
This practice is against all Amazon's terms and conditions. However, they have had many reports this is still going on and unfortunately are unable to refund customers who have been victims.  
If you think you are shopping on a legitimate website and you are suddenly redirected to pay on a different site, then this is probably a scam and you should not continue with the purchase or give out any credit card details.  
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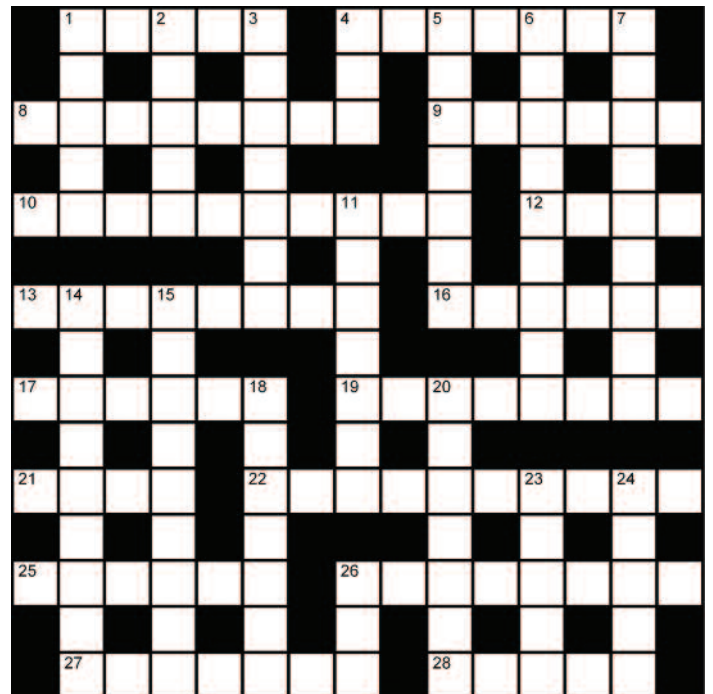
- Cooks us his Japanese food... (5)
- Geeky types? At least they're not wet! (7)
- Undeliverable - so drain it out and send it to Seattle town. (8)
- More is worse for this chemical compound! (6)
- When your ticker misses a tock? (10)
- Tidally, it's all out - how neat! (4)
- Amy plods away - at religious song book! (8)
- Slider broken by loafing types. (6)
- Beginning at the first book. (6)
- Copes too readily with a torch in the ear... (8)
- Give out the time that's right for the grid. (4)
- Let generic patterns be seen of voting in - again. (2-8)

**DOWN**

- Derisive remark, seen to be about right! (5)
- Airy one is kind of splashy, like as not... (5)
- Irvin to experiment - in a test tube (2,5)
- Copy the orang-utan, say. (3)
- Aim giro towards paper-folding. (7)
- Co-pilots a flight of disciples. (9)

- Dapper set - not so clever when it comes to a road camera! (5,4)
- Employ a ruse at the dancing post (7)
- Rugby player shows only a fraction of the sales rush. (5-4)
- Hate girly schemes for a distance - that's astronomical! (5-4)
- Van I ran into the ground - but it's paradise! (7)
- Infest - or manage too much? (7)
- React badly to a little bit. (5)
- Gravity barely conceals slight push. (5)
- Calvados? - some party! (3)

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



Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Club \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

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- Mr John Marlow of Newfoundland WMC
- Mrs C Thomas of Shafton Village WMC
- Ivor Ling of Cowley Workers SC
- Eddie Masters of Hawthorn Club
- Mr Kevin Paul Crockwell of Bedworth Ex-Servicemen's





Thursday February 9, 8pm - Sky Sports 2 HD

**Super League: St Helens v Leeds Rhinos**

The new Super League season gets underway as St Helens welcome Leeds Rhinos to Langtree Park. This should be an exciting match, particularly in view of the five law amendments which have come into force in order to make the game more attractive and provide more space for enterprising, attacking play.



Wednesday February 15, 7.45pm - BT Sport HD

**UEFA Champions League: Bayern Munich v Arsenal**

The Gunners face a major challenge as they head to the Allianz Arena for this Champions League Last 16, first leg clash against Bayern Munich. The German side finished second in their group, behind Atletico Madrid, but remain a real force in European football and Arsenal will have to be at the top of their game for this foray in Bavaria.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

*Club Journal* looks ahead to some of the key sporting fixtures taking place in February, including the start of the Super League and several big Barclays Premier League fixtures, not least the Manchester derby

Sunday February 5

1.30pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Barclays Premier League:**

**Manchester City v**

**Swansea City**

Sunday February 5

4pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Barclays Premier League:**

**Leicester City v**

**Manchester United**

Thursday February 9

8pm

Sky Sports 2 HD

**Super League: St Helens v**

**Leeds Rhinos**

Friday February 10

7.45pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Championship Football:**

**Sheffield Wednesday v**

**Birmingham City**

Friday February 10

8pm

Sky Sports 2 HD

**Super League: Castleford**

**Tigers v Leigh Centurions**

**Six Nations Rugby:**  
Wales v England, Saturday,  
February 11, 4.50pm, BBC1



Saturday February 11

3pm

Sky Sports 2 HD

**Super League: Salford Sea**

**Devils v Wigan Warriors**

Saturday February 11

12.30pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Barclays Premier League:**

**Arsenal v Hull City**

Saturday February 11

2.45pm

ITV

**Rugby Union: Six Nations -**

**Italy v Ireland**

Saturday February 11

4.50pm

BBC

**Rugby Union: Six Nations -**

**Wales v England**

Saturday February 11

5.30pm

BT Sport 1 HD

**Barclays Premier League:**

**Liverpool v Tottenham**

**Hotspur**

Sunday February 12

1.30pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Barclays Premier League:**

**Burnley v Chelsea**



Thursday February 23, 7pm - Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Premier League Darts: Brighton**  
 Newly crowned PDC World Champion Michael van Gerwen continues the defence of his Premier League title and will face some mighty challenges along the way from the likes of Gary Anderson, Phil Taylor and Raymond van Barneveld. The Premier League format visits a number of cities before concluding on May 198 at the O2 in London.



Sunday February 26, 2.15pm - Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Manchester City v Manchester United**  
 One of the biggest occasions of the season as Manchester divides into its blue and red factions for this derby encounter. The earlier league fixture between the sides ended in a 2-1 win for City at Old Trafford and United manager Jose Mourinho will be out for revenge.

Sunday February 12  
 3pm  
 BBC  
**Rugby Union: Six Nations - France v Scotland**

Sunday February 12  
 4pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Swansea City v Leicester City**

Monday February 13  
 8pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: AFC Bournemouth v Manchester City**

Wednesday February 15  
 7.45pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Champions League: Round of 16, 1st Leg - Bayern Munich v Arsenal**

Thursday February 16  
 6pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 1st Leg - KAA Ghent v Tottenham Hotspur**

Thursday February 16  
 7pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Premier League Darts: First Direct Arena, Leeds**

Thursday February 16  
 8.05pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 1st Leg - Manchester United v St Etienne**

Friday February 17  
 6pm  
 Sky Sports Darts HD  
**World Pool Masters**

Friday February 17  
 8pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Super League: Leigh Centurions v Leeds Rhinos**

Saturday February 18  
 12 noon  
 ITV4  
**Horse Racing: Ascot, Haydock Park and Wincanton**

Monday February 20  
 8pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Championship Football: Newcastle United v Aston Villa**

Tuesday February 21  
 7.45pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Champions League: Round of 16, 1st Leg - Manchester City v Monaco**

Wednesday February 22  
 5pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 2nd Leg - St Etienne v Manchester United**

Wednesday February 22  
 7.45pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Champions League: Round of 16, 1st Leg - Sevilla v Leicester City**

Thursday February 23  
 7pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Premier League Darts: Brighton**

Thursday February 23  
 8pm  
 Sky Sports 2 HD  
**Super League: Hull FC v Catalans Dragons**

Thursday February 23  
 8.05pm  
 BT Sport HD  
**UEFA Europa League: Round of 32, 2nd Leg - Tottenham Hotspur v KAA Gent**

Saturday February 25  
 12 noon  
 ITV4  
**Horse Racing: Kempton Park, Lingfield and Newcastle**

Saturday February 25  
 2.25pm  
 BBC  
**Rugby Union: Six Nations - Scotland v Wales**

Saturday February 25  
 5.30pm  
 BT Sport 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Watford v West Ham United**

Sunday February 26  
 12 noon  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Stoke City**

Sunday February 26  
 2.15pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Manchester City v Manchester United**

Sunday February 26  
 3pm  
 ITV  
**Rugby Union: Six Nations - England v Italy**

Monday February 27  
 8pm  
 Sky Sports 1 HD  
**Barclays Premier League: Leicester City v Liverpool**



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