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Union President gives evidence to House of Lords Select Committee on the Licensing Act

Union President George Dawson CMD has told the House of Lords Select Committee examining the Licensing Act 2003 that he believes that there are too many inconsistencies in the way that different local authorities approach licensing.

Mr Dawson, who appeared before the Committee on Tuesday, November 22, said: "The only problem that the Union has with different authorities is inconsistency. Different authorities interpret the law in different ways.

"We have a difficulty with advising our clubs in one area about something that we feel is not part of the Licensing Act, and trying to educate the licensing officer in that respect.

"In other areas, we have no difficulty whatsoever. If you have no trouble in your club, they just leave you alone to get on with it. The inconsistency is the worst part of the Act."

But Mr Dawson did concede that the Licensing Act was "generally" working well. He said: "There has been a bit of row-back on the flexibility that was originally intended – the 24-hour opening – especially with the late night levies, etc.

"When we applied for our licences in 2005, all eventualities were covered by having licences until two o'clock. Most of my clubs claim for eight in the morning until two in the morning, every day of the week.

"They do not use it all the time, but they do it to have flexibility over periods of celebration – 100 years of the club, etc.

"A lot of clubs – it is only in some areas – now have to do a variation, because six authorities decided to do the late night levy.

"They get charged a late night levy if the Club Premises Certificate says 'until two o'clock', even though they may not use it all the time, and they may use it on only two occasions in the whole year.

"Then they have to apply for a Temporary Event Notice (TEN). The flexibility seems to be going from the idea of what was



Union President
George Dawson CMD

originally intended, but generally it is working well."

Concluding his appearance in front of the Committee, Mr Dawson assured the assembled peers that CIU clubs, along with those clubs affiliated to other major associations, remain highly relevant in the context of the modern on-trade.

He said: "We have had a considerable amount of difficulty, but we are still a significant part of the on-trade.

"There is £21 billion in the on-trade in beer. CIU probably accounts for five per cent of that by itself and the Association of Conservative Clubs (ACC) has 900 clubs.

"There are also British Legion clubs. We are still a significant player in the on-trade. The on-trade has shrunk, but it is not all depression and everybody closing down.

"We are looking at different avenues to keep our clubs open. Do not think that we are all going to close down tomorrow."

The Select Committee, which is chaired by Baroness McIntosh of Pickering and includes ACC Chief Executive and CORCA Chairman Lord Smith of Hindhead CBE, has been tasked with reviewing the effectiveness of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Committee has taken evidence from a cross section of interested parties, including representatives of clubs, pubs, the police, the off-trade, legal experts and think tanks.

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CIU clubs honoured at Club Mirror Awards

Several Union clubs were honoured at the 2016 Club Mirror Awards, held at The Principal Hotel in Manchester at the end of November.

Joint winners in the CIU-sponsored "Traditional Club of the Year" category were Pitts Hill Victory WMC in Stoke on Trent and Old Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club from London.

Pictured above are members of Pitts Hill Victory WMC being presented with their Award on stage by Union President George Dawson CMD (far left) and Awards host, Sally Nugent (far right).

For more information on the other winners, see page 6.

EDITOR'S LETTER

A happy and prosperous New Year to all of our readers and welcome to the January edition of *Club Journal*.

As you'll see from the front page story, the CIU continues to make its voice heard at the very highest levels of Government with our President George Dawson CMD recently giving evidence to the House of Lords Select Committee which is examining the Licensing Act 2003.

I know the President and his fellow Union Officers are determined to ensure that the interests and concerns of our membership are pushed forward on a regular basis through the CIU's leading participation in the All-Party Parliamentary Group and CORCA meetings which take place throughout the year.

But don't forget that individual clubs can also play their part in this process by engaging with politicians at a local level. Why not invite your local councillors or Member of Parliament to your club and show them first hand just how important you are to the local community?

Meanwhile, January's 'Club of the Month' feature (page 10) focuses on Pitts Hill Victory WMC in Stoke-on-Trent who were recently named joint winners of the CIU-sponsored 'Traditional Club of the Year' category at the Club Mirror Awards held towards the end of last year in Manchester.

Congratulations to them and all the other Union clubs which were honoured at the Awards – Old Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club in North London, New Eltham Social Club in South East London, Dartford Working Men's Club in Kent and West Byfleet Social Club in Surrey

It really is great to see Union clubs leading the way in best practice and earning national renown for their hard work.

Elsewhere in this issue, we put the spotlight on NEC Member Philip Larkin and get his views on the current state of clubland (see page 14).

Finally, a last call for those clubs wishing to take part in the 2017 Dransfields CIU National Quiz competition which gets underway later this month with Regional Heats in the North



East, South East, South Wales, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Midlands.

If you'd like to enter a team or teams for any of the Regional Heats, please call the organisers Redtooth on **01246 813713 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5am)** or email them at: **sue@redtooth.co.uk**

I hope you enjoy the issue.



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GLORY FOR STURDEE SOCIAL & BOWLING CLUB



The 2016 Spitfire Trophy was held at Faversham Bowls Club, featuring a number of clubs drawn from across Kent. Sturdee Social & Bowling Club won the Plate, the fifth time in eight years that they have done so. Pictured, left to right: Colin Lewing, Colin Cannon, Paul Newton and Roy Colmar

WMC receives £15,000 from local windfarm scheme

Keadby and Althorpe Working Men's Club in Doncaster Branch has received £15,000 from a community windfarm scheme.

The club is intending to use the windfall to refurbish the kitchen, improve accessibility and modernise the whole building.

Local MP Andrew Percy supported the club in its application for funding.

He said: "It's great to see that yet another great project has been able to benefit from this funding.

"As one of only a few community buildings in Keadby, it is important that the

facilities are up to date and meet expectations.

"The refurbishment of the kitchen and other improvements will make a big difference to what the club can offer and I really hope that local residents will continue to support and use this facility."

The money came from the SSE Keadby Wind Farm Community Fund which donates funds to non-profit community groups to improve facilities, services and activities for children, young people, adults and families with £8.5 million available during the 25 years of the scheme.

Jones Road WMC in Wolverhampton reopens after fire

Jones Road Working Men's Club in Wolverhampton reopened at the beginning of December, having been shut since last May 2015 when it was gutted by a fire caused by a faulty freezer.

The fire resulted in extreme smoke damage to the inside of the building which meant everything needed to be replaced and the whole premises had to be rewired.

The plan had been to reopen the club in early September but that was put back to December and the club welcomed all its members back as part of a special evening of celebration.

The night saw two singers perform on the new stage, as well as a disco, a buffet and a raffle for which local businesses had

donated the prizes.

Committee member Lindsey Williams said: "We have lost some members after the fire, as the bingo had to move to the bar area which wasn't as suitable, but now the room has been redecorated and is ready to use again."

Fellow Committee member Neale Williams added: "The redecoration has been top notch. More or less everything had to be replaced, it was such a big job.

"The floors, the ceilings, the smoke alarms, the stage, all had to be re-done. Everything was sanded down and re-varnished.

"It has been a long process, but it's been worth it."

OBITUARIES

Geoff Clarkson

Darlington (Northgate) Club wishes to announce the passing away of their ex-Committee man and Concert Secretary Mr Geoff Clarkson at the age of 88.



Geoff was an active member of the club for a number of years and was presented with his Certificate of Merit back in the late 1990s.

Unfortunately, Geoff had to retire through ill health a few years before he reached the 25-year milestone.

Geoff was an active Concert Secretary and Concert Chairman and was known throughout the Durham area where he attended the Concert Secretaries meetings on a regular basis.

He was one of the old brigade of Concert Chairmen and always had a shirt and tie or dicky bow on.

If you spoke a bit loud when the act was on, you were told in no uncertain terms what to do!

Geoff will be missed by his many friends and those who knew him in the club.

Ben Ritchie

It is with much regret that Darlington (Northgate) Club announces the passing away of Ben Ritchie at the age of 65.



Ben was an active member of the club Committee for a number of years and until his death was the club's Concert Secretary.

He was a popular member in the club bar and ran the annual outing to Whitby.

Sadly the outing has now been stopped but the members of the club have decided to meet on the date they would have gone away in memory of Ben.

Ben will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends and colleagues at the club.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Heineken launches H41 lager made with rare yeast strain

Heineken has launched H41, a Limited Edition lager brewed using a rare 'mother' yeast discovered in Patagonia.

Developed by the brand's Master Brewers, the new lager has a fuller taste, with spicy notes balanced by subtle fruity hints.

The name H41 is derived from the latitude co-ordinate of the beech forest in Patagonia where this yeast was discovered. The H stands for Heineken.

Gianluca Di Tondo, Senior Director Global Heineken Brand, commented; "Heineken has more than 150 years of passion for beer and brewing mastery, with outstanding expertise in yeast.

"This means we are in a perfect position to explore different tastes and flavours whilst remaining true to our iconic product."

Joshua to fight Klitschko live on Sky Sports Box Office

The much-awaited heavyweight unification world title fight between Anthony Joshua MBE and Ukrainian veteran Wladimir Klitschko will be shown exclusively live on Sky Sports Box Office on Saturday, April 29.

The bout, which is being staged at Wembley Stadium and is expected to be a sellout, will see the fighters going head to head for the IBF, IBO and vacant WBA Super World Heavyweight titles.

Joshua, 27, has won all 18 of his professional bouts since his gold medal triumph at the 2012 London Olympics.

It will be the third defence of his IBF title after his impressive victories over Americans Dominic Breazeale and Eric Molina.

Wladimir Klitschko, who will be 41 when he takes on Joshua, has fought in 28 heavyweight title fights, more than any heavyweight champion in the sport's history, and will be looking to topple Joshua to return to the very top of the sport.

For more information on the fight, visit: www.business.sky.com/clubs

Long Service Award for Harehills Labour Club President

Harehills Labour Club in Leeds recently held a presentation for President Malcolm Rider who has completed 40 years as a member of the club Committee. Pictured, left to right: Terry Coffey (President, Leeds Branch), Malcolm Rider (President, Harehills Labour Club), George Dawson CMD (Union President) and Glenn Doyle (Leeds Branch Secretary)

Gold Medal presented to South East Met's Andy Way

South East Metropolitan Branch Vice-President Andy Way was recently presented with his Gold Medal. Pictured, left to right: South East Metropolitan Branch Secretary Susan Graham, Branch Vice-President Andy Way, Union Vice-President John Tobin and Branch President Trevor Baker

OBITUARY**Leatrice June Purvis**

It is with our deep regret we have to announce the sad loss of Leatrice June Purvis, Treasurer of Corstopitum Social Club, Corbridge, Northumberland.

Leat, as everyone knew her, joined as a female member in July 1967, joining the Committee in April 1990, then serving as Treasurer from 1996 – a position which she held for the last 20 years.

She was a dedicated club and Committee member who, when having completed her tasks, would assist others with the day to day duties.

When the club went into receivership in

1990 she worked behind the bar, as a cleaner and undertook many other duties that were required, without any remuneration, all in order to ensure the club could stay open.

Our sincere condolences go to husband Peter Ivor Purvis (PIP) a former Chairman of the club, sons Ivor and Peter (current Chairman), daughters Helen and Paula, as well as all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Claire Sayer of Dartford WMC receives her CMD



Ms Claire Sayer (Assistant Secretary at Dartford WMC and Kent Branch Leisure Secretary) received her Club Management Diploma from Mr Roger Tingley (President of Kent Branch)

Gold Medal Presentations at South Yorkshire Branch



South Yorkshire Branch presented four Committee members with their Gold Medals at a ceremony held in the Branch Office on December 15. Pictured, left to right: Graham Yeardeley, Brian Simmonite (Branch President), Gary Bray, Denis Kelk, Bert Hurt and Kenneth D Green CMD (South Yorkshire Branch Secretary and CIU General Secretary)

The winner of last month's competition is Martyn Baxter, Treasurer of Beeston Sports & Social Club in Leeds, who correctly answered that Joey Barton won one cap for England. He wins a copy of Joey Barton's autobiography *No Nonsense*.

OBITUARY

Brian Burgoyne

It is with deep regret that the Secretary, Management Committee and members of Batley Central WMC in Batley, West Yorkshire, have to announce the passing of Brian Burgoyne (President).

After being a member for a number of years, Brian decided to join the Committee mid-term in April 2013.

At the following elections in July 2013 he was elected President. He excelled in this position, carrying out his duties in an honest and fair manner as well as calling the bingo and selling the odd raffle ticket.

Our heartfelt thanks to Brian from all of us. He will be sadly missed.



FOR SERVICE

Peter Harris, Maidstone WM Club & Institute, Kent

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Claire Hunter, Hamsterley & District Social Club, Durham

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Clubs Closed

Cottingley Working Men's Club, West Yorkshire Branch

SEVERAL UNION CLUBS RECOGNISED AT THE 2016 CLUB MIRROR AWARDS HELD IN NOVEMBER

Several CIU clubs picked up trophies at the prestigious 2016 Club Mirror Awards which were held at The Principal Hotel in Manchester on November 24.

Pittshill Victory WM Club in Stoke-on-Trent and Old Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club in London were joint winners in the 'Traditional Club of the Year' category which is supported by the CIU.

New Eltham Social Club in South East London won the 'Refurbishment of the Year' category while Dartford Working Men's Club in Kent was named as one of

four finalists in the CAMRA National Club of the Year Award.

This award is run in conjunction with *Club Mirror* and CAMRA and has the aim of finding the best clubs in the UK serving cask ale.

And West Byfleet Social Club in Surrey was joint winner in the 'Darts Club of the Year' category.

Now in their 25th year, the Club Mirror Awards celebrate the pivotal role which clubs play in the community and their ability to provide a safe environment.

BARRY STONES OF CARCROFT VILLAGE SOCIAL CLUB MARKS HIS QUARTER CENTURY OF SERVICE



Barry Stones, Committee member of Carcroft Village Social Club, recently received his 25-year Long Service Award. Pictured, left to right: Club and Doncaster Branch President Allan Baker, Barry Stones and club Trustee and Doncaster Branch Committee Member Derek Wallace

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My attention was drawn to David Fox's letter in the October issue of *Club Journal* in which he asks whether a previous correspondent '... still watches a black and white television and drives a Morris Minor. The world has moved on.'

Whether this reference was to poke fun at an iconic British car or to demean Mr Murphy, the previous correspondent, is not clear. Neither reference is worthy of taking seriously as even today the Morris Minor and 1000 are among the best-served classic family-sized cars in the increasingly popular vehicle movement and continue to gain in popularity.

A more prudent choice of critical parameters should be made by Mr Fox in future if he is to avoid insulting those for whom his original barb is not intended.

His correspondence might then be taken more seriously.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Bailey (Member of George V WMC, Castleford and proud owner of a 1957 and 1968 Morris Minor)

P.S. I don't watch a black and white TV but do have a 1954 HMV valve radio in perfect working order.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CIU Grand Draw results

The CIU Grand Draw was held on December 13. The following ticket numbers are the winners:

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2. 34669
3. 29030
4. 11780

Black Sheep Brewery relaunches Russian Stout to the on-trade

Yorkshire brewery Black Sheep has announced the return of its Imperial Russian Stout to the on-trade.

The stout, which has an ABV of 8.5%, has been barrel aged for 12 months.

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Pictured: Members of Pitts Hill Victory WMC pick up their Award in Manchester. Pictured, left to right: Union President George Dawson CMD, Jeff Darlington (Assistant Secretary), Dan Capewell CMD (Club Secretary), Mandy Roberts (Vice-President), Carol Clewes (Committee Member), Sharon Phillips (Committee Member), Gary Phillips (Committee Member) and Awards Host Sally Nugent

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GLORY FOR PITTS HILL VICTORY WMC

Pitts Hill Victory WMC in Stoke-on-Trent enjoyed a great year in 2016, turning the club's financial situation around and winning the 'Traditional Club of the Year' category at the Club Mirror Awards

Pitts Hill Victory WMC in Stoke-on-Trent rounded off a bright year for the club by becoming the joint winner of the CIU-sponsored 'Traditional Club of the Year' category at the 2016 Club Mirror Awards held in Manchester at the end of November.

And no wonder the Awards Judging Panel was so impressed by the efforts of the club in the past 12 months as the members pulled together to turn a £39,000 loss for the year before – its fourth consecutive loss – to a profit of £4,000.

Meanwhile, the club has also boosted its once-dwindling membership. At one point in the recent past the total figure had fallen to 1,100 but has now gone up to 1,433.

These successes have certainly not come about by sheer coincidence but are the result of the vision and hard work of the Committee and members.

Club Secretary Daniel Capewell is delighted with the recognition given to the club's efforts by the Awards win.

He says: "Winning the Award is a great testament to all the members who have helped to turn things around at the club."

The Committee examined every aspect of the club's balance sheet to look at ways of boosting revenue and cutting costs but were determined that any plan would not include losing staff as this would mean a drop in the level of service for members.

Firstly, they sat down and negotiated better deals with all their suppliers in order to cut their outgoing costs.

They also took the decision to shut the Concert Room on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, thus saving money on the club's electricity and cleaning costs.

At the same time as running costs were cut, the Committee looked at ways to attract people through the door on a more regular basis.

The club ramped up the number of events taking place at the club, holding regular raffles throughout the week as well as a bingo night.

It then used the money generated from the raffles to put on special events at the club – bingo with extra prizes at Christmas, New Year and Easter as well as the standard bingo nights held on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

They also looked at the live entertainment offering and now have a live group or trio every Saturday night and a single artist on a Sunday.

Another revenue stream was added to the mix when the club kitchen was refurbished and the club brought in an external company to serve snacks - burgers and chips, sandwiches, etc.

Games and sports have also been given a new lease of life at the club with darts and snooker flourishing and five boules teams now run out of the club.

The club promoted itself mainly via word of mouth but also made major efforts to place stories in the local press.

And, as you'd expect, the club is not going to rest on its laurels and is looking to improve things even further.

"At the moment we're looking into providing free Wi-Fi for our members and we also intend to develop our website and social media presence," says Dan.

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Q We're looking to increase our cask ale offering in the club in order to boost bar takings so can you give us some pointers on how to get members excited about cask?

Cask Marque, the cask ale accreditation and training body, looks at how clubs can educate members about quality cask beer.

Whenever we're training licensees about cask ale, we always have a discussion about why cask has grown over the past decade, and has been so successful.

We agree some of the reasons can be attributed to the wide variety of styles made available, more bars stocking it, the improved quality and a new wave of drinkers falling in love with it. Invariably, price always crops up: "It's cheaper than other beer".

Which, although true, is a bit of a strange one. Research has shown that 40% of regular cask beer drinkers have tried a craft keg beer over the past 12 months – and are prepared to pay the higher price point this style of beer demands.

Yes, keg craft beers cost more to produce and package than cask. But when you factor

in all the work and skill that you do in the cellar to ensure cask beer is ready for sale, it does rattle me a bit that we devalue cask by selling it at a lower price point.

Now I'm not suggesting that you immediately go and stick an extra 30p on every pint of cask beer you sell, but it's worth having a look at what the craft brigade are doing so well to demand higher prices, and what craft beer drinkers demand.

We need to educate consumers about how special cask beer is through conversations, brand knowledge and merchandising messages.

Staff need to be trained on a few key facts about the brand, how to serve this beer perfectly, and into the right glass. Licensees need to check the quality of the product every single day and stock a range of styles, colours and flavours.

We need to get away from the misconception that cask is a 'poor relation' to the newer, trendier, beers emerging in the market place and rethink the fantastic opportunities cask can offer to the new generation of beer drinkers.

For the majority of drinkers beer is just beer whether it comes out of a hand pull or a tap, isn't it? Have you ever considered how

much your drinkers really know about cask, and how different it is to other beer types? Not just in flavour, or the way it's served, but what it actually is and the preparation needed to get it ready to serve?

One of the ways of doing this is to get customers involved:

- Hold regular 'tasting' evenings to showcase your range of cask ales. Serve the beer in wine glasses or third of a pint glasses and charge a set price for a 'flight' of beer. Utilise the event to explain to guests the difference between cask and keg beers – messages such as 'fresh', 'British' and 'natural' are key to understanding the product
- If appropriate, don't be afraid to invite a members into your cellar and show them the process cask ale goes through (venting, tapping, conditioning) before being ready to serve. They could even change a cask if that is practical!

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Contracts and Handbook still available from Branch Offices

The CIU Contracts and Handbook are currently being updated and reprinted for 2017. They are 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 dates for the meetings of the National Executive Committee in 2017 are as follows:

- January - 10th/11th/12th
- February - 1st/2nd
- 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... PHILIP LARKIN

We talk to NEC Member Philip Larkin, who represents West Yorkshire, Heavy Woollen and South Yorkshire, about his 30-plus years in clubs and his views on the current landscape

Philip Larkin



Q: How did you become involved with clubs and the CIU?

I first became the member of a CIU club 31 years ago when I joined my father's club. In terms of getting involved with the Union, that started when I went on a week-long Union training course in York 22 years ago as member of the club Committee.

That's where I first met my good friend Geoff Blakeley (NEC Member and Manchester Branch Secretary) and we got chatting and he suggested I put myself up for election to my Branch.

I got elected and have now served on the Branch for 22 years. I'm also now in my second stint as a member of the NEC, representing West Yorkshire, Heavy Woollen and South Yorkshire. I'm also Secretary of Bradford East Ward Labour Club.

Q: If the Government offered you a wish on behalf of clubs, what would it be?

I wish that the Government would understand that CIU club are non-profit making and should be given reduced rates of VAT. I'd also like to see rates relief for non-profit making clubs. Thirdly, I'd like to see some way of reducing the cost of Sky and BT Sport in clubs as currently it's too expensive for a lot of us.

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

The rise of technology – the world has absolutely changed in the past 10-15 years and there's a real tendency for young people to communicate through their mobile phones instead of going down to their local club and meeting their friends in person.

Many clubs are installing Wi-Fi and making a big effort to let people know about what their clubs can offer through Facebook and other social media.

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

It's good to see that many clubs are really examining all the options in order to secure their futures, including looking at downsizing their existing premises.

We have to move with the times and if you have a club that was designed for, say 1,000 members, but your membership numbers have fallen significantly with the result that

your premises are too big, I think it's a valid approach to think about moving into a smaller club.

That way you can keep your costs down, give your club some security for the future. You can still stay true to the club's ethos and traditions, even if you're not in the original building. It's also good to see that so many club are taking it upon themselves to negotiate the best possible deals with their suppliers in order to trim their running costs.

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

Life is for living so go and enjoy yourself at your local club where you can socialise in a comfortable and safe environment.

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

Former Union General Secretary Kevin Smyth. I've known him for over 20 years and he's such a positive and cheerful person who has been a real inspiration to so many club people.

Q: What is your favourite UK club?

All of them! When you're a member of one CIU club you're a member of all of them and can be guaranteed of a warm welcome wherever you happen to be in the country. If it's a Union club you'll soon find yourself talking to like-minded people and having a good time.

Q: Who has been your biggest influence in your club life?

The members of clubs as we are all one big family. As the Secretary of the club, there's nothing better than seeing everyone enjoying themselves and having a good night out.

STILL TIME TO ENTER THE DRANSFIELDS CIU NATIONAL QUIZ

Your club can still take part in the 2017 Dransfields CIU National Quiz Regional Heats which begin later this month.

The North East Regional Heat is at the North Biddick Club in Tyne and Wear on Tuesday, January 17.

The South East Regional Heat is at Epsom Common WMC in Surrey on Wednesday, January 18.

The South Wales Heat will take place at Rogerstone & Bassaleg Social Club on Wednesday, January 25.

The Lancashire Regional Heat is at Lamberhead Green WMC on Thursday, January 26,

The Yorkshire Regional Heat is at Crigglestone Workmens Club on Tuesday, January 31, while the Midlands Regional Heat is being staged at Kenilworth Sports & Social Club on Sunday, February 12.



The reigning Dransfields CIU National Quiz champions Newbottle 'A' from Newbottle WMC in Tyne & Wear receive their prize from Union President George Dawson CMD (far left) and Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley (far right)

The top three placed teams from each Regional Heat will go through to the Final to be held in Blackpool in April 2017 and the first-placed team from each Heat will receive £100 prize money.

Entry to the Dransfields CIU National Quiz is just £10 per team. Each team must

have four members and all must be 18 years old and members of the club as well as holders of Associate Pass Cards.

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PLANS UNDERWAY FOR THE 26TH CIU BEER & TRADES EXHIBITION

Planning for the 26th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition, which will take place on Friday, April 7 at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool, is already underway with a number of club suppliers confirming their attendance at the event.

“The 2016 event was our second trade show at this splendid venue and was a huge success,” said CIU Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding.

“We have aimed to provide an even more diverse and interesting line-up for 2017 with new guests and a few surprises!

“Please take the opportunity to visit the Trade Show in 2017 to keep right up to date on developments in clubland.”

Delegates will have the priceless opportunity to tap into a vast reservoir of knowledge courtesy of representatives from many of the country's top



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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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11 Slate Street, Swansea SA6 8AA.
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Ring (01792) 771580

Rogerstone and Bassaleg Social Club

1 Tregwilym Road, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9DW.
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Coach parties welcome by prior appointment, live entertainment every Saturday evening.
Telephone: (01633) 893 508.

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Rye Piece, Bedworth. Tel: (024) 7631 3236
Extends a warm welcome to all associates
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Contact Secretary for bookings

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Robin Hood Road, Coventry CV3 3BB.
Secretary: (024) 7630 1222 or 7630 3278.
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Bar, games room and luxury lounge facilities. Large car park. Hot and cold snacks available.
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No Children Allowed.
Coach parties apply to Secretary.

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

WEST COUNTRY

THE ANZAC CLUB

Anzac Street, Dartmouth, Devon TQ6 9DJ
(01803) 832661
A warm and friendly welcome awaits all affiliated members and guests. Coach parties welcome, please give 14 days' prior notice.
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Please contact the Bar Manager on
01934 622940
or email joyceandpete1@outlook.com.

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Contact the Secretary. (0121) 747 5256 / 747 2943

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Please call Mrs Lynn Orme, Club Secretary, on 0121 475 2553 (8.30am till 1pm NOT Thursday or Sunday.)

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7 Beaumont Street, Darlington
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Tel 0191 5342898
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Contact Dave 07735237011

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22-26 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AJ.
Tel: (01904) 612 244
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Just give us a ring on (0191) 388 8679.

King Street Social Club

Phoenix House, 27 King Street, North Shields NE30 1BZ.
Telephone: (0191) 2900473.
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Telephone (0191) 2900474.

NORTHALLERTON & DISTRICT WMC

Elder Road, Northallerton, DL6 1NH.
Tel: (01609) 772390
Email: Northallertonwmc@hotmail.co.uk
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North Biddick Social Club

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(0191) 416 0148
Why not visit our website at www.northbiddickclub.co.uk

POPPLETON ROAD WMC

132 Poppleton Road, York YO26 4UP
(01904) 793398
A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliates and guests. Wide selection of beers available, ideal for the races and close to the city centre. Bingo and raffle Fridays. Live entertainment and bingo, Saturdays and Sundays.

VICTORIA SAILORS & WMC

3 Cliff Street, Bridlington YO15 2NU
Tel: 01262 605093
Warm & friendly welcome offered to all C.I.U. members, affiliated members & guests. Situating town centre, 200 metres from the beach and harbour.
2 snooker tables, pool, darts, cards and dominoes. Fully functional kitchen open 7 days a week. Bingo 5 nights a week and live entertainment every Friday and Saturday.
All Coach parties welcome with prior arrangements.
Contact Derek or Jacky for more information.

CATTERICK SOCIAL CLUB

SUNNYSIDE HOUSE, 20 HIGH ST CATTERICK VILLAGE NORTH YORKS DL107LJ
TEL 01748 811564
Located on the Great North Road, and ideally situated for racegoers attending Ripon, Thirsk, York, Sedgfield and Catterick. Adjacent to A1(M) North and South. Coaches welcomed with prior notification, please call the above number, evenings only. Live entertainment, large screen TVs, pool table, and all usual club facilities.
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1 Mill Street (off Piccadilly), York YO1 1PY.
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Telephone: (01904) 623 953

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Contact office on 01325 380726 or bar 01325 464652.

MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life
by Dione Mobley

January 2017 is here and hopefully we will look forward, perhaps, to a much quieter and happier period ahead after all the changes and decisions our country faced last year.

Looking back at 1917, 100 years into the past, we see there were some pretty memorable events taking place back then. A World War with many battles being fought on all sides changed and re-shaped world history as we know it.

For all those who enjoy the challenge of 'Club Quiz Night' here are just a few interesting facts from those bygone days in the year 1917, starting with the very first Pulitzer Prize being awarded for editorial writing and reporting.

Over in America, the President of the United States at that time was Woodrow Wilson who was sworn in for his second term

in office at the White House.

In April the same year he asked the United States Congress to declare war on Germany.

On June 13, 1917, London became victim to the first bombing raid by what was known as a fixed-wing aircraft, causing destruction and many casualties.

In July the same year, the King of England George V issued a proclamation stating all male descendants of our present day royal family would bear the name of Windsor. This has not changed since the law was passed.

This was also the year many famous people were born whom we still recognise today. Actors and singers like Dean Martin and the actor Robert Mitchum came into the world. The 35th American President John F. Kennedy was born on May 29, 1917 in Massachusetts.

As a small child he was so ill he received the last rites five times from the family priest but grew up to become perhaps the most famous American President in a generation.

Coming back to the present day we wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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ACROSS

- 9 Bury in between... (5)
- 10 Father to win out, being very skinny! (5-4)
- 11 Soldier, loses nothing in the order. (7)
- 13 Starting price to bolt onto common bird. (7)
- 14 Make hot tureen fit to that place. (9)
- 15 Try out easterly stand. (5)
- 16 Gave the message in layered form. (7)
- 19 Passes former bird food, say. (7)
- 22 Either way, you can believe it. (5)
- 24 Looking back to a signal, maybe? (9)
- 26 Dwell -like a monk who's dressed? (7)
- 27 Anne and Ken designed Chinese fabric. (7)

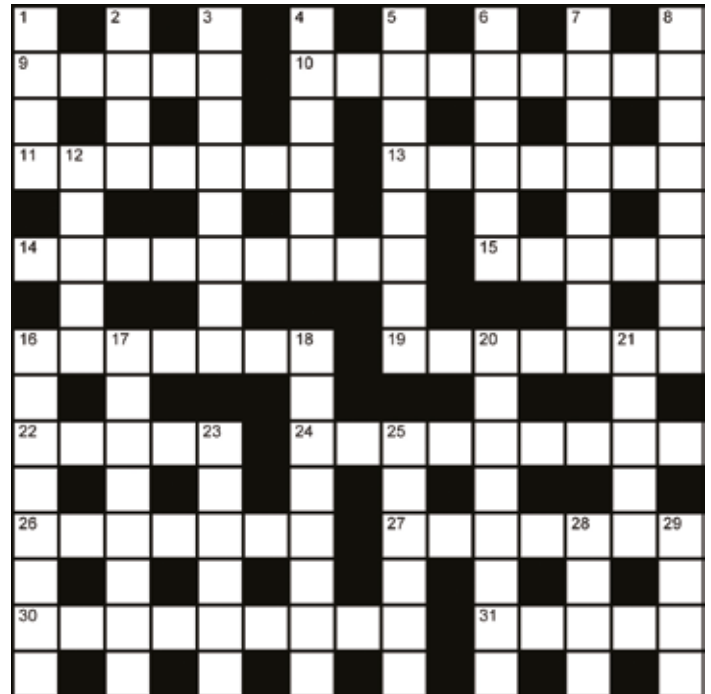
- 30 Sun getting colder in a way for the vagabond. (9)
- 31 Saying about income tax - without a cent! (5)

- 16 Poshest sitter has the last and first person included in the mix. (8)
- 17 Camera 'blindfold' holds one's attention. (4,4)
- 18 Modify a denture that's uncomfortable. (8)
- 20 Cutter as a winch wound in. (8)
- 21 Made iced buns, in part to clean the fridge. (5)
- 23 Gun - bit useful as a conduit. (6)
- 25 One's legs in pain! (6)
- 28 Little picture reveals a long story. (4)
- 29 Label - it's personal! (4)

DOWN

- 1 Round plate that could be slipped? (4)
- 2 Thing is, it's a mite confused... (4)
- 3 My career - taking a turn at the dairy. (8)
- 4 The South-West (Cornwall) has a Project that's in Scandinavia! (6)
- 5 Sort of account that's in saltwater? (8)
- 6 Agrees to being grime! (6)
- 7 Sanctimonious type hears pie is now cooked. (8)
- 8 'Wise guys' who aren't - and don't! (4-4)
- 12 Brown sort of chore? (5)

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



Name _____
Club _____
Address _____

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

- Mr T Logan of Bedlington Social Club
- Mrs Maureen Allison of Newton Aycliffe WMC
- WH Farmer of Sedgley Ex.Servicemans
- Pauline Vincent of Tiverton Liberal Club
- Mr T Ash of Colley WMC





Sunday January 15, 9am – Sky Sports 2 HD
International Twenty20 Cricket: India v England
 England begin their one-day international series against India with a game at Pune. This will be a tough challenge for the tourists given the all-round strength of their opponents. Indeed, the last ODI series between the two nations, in the summer of 2014 on English soil, resulted in India winning the series 3-1.



Sunday January 15, 4pm – Sky Sports 2 HD
Barclays Premier League: Manchester United v Liverpool
 Two of the biggest teams in world football meet at Old Trafford and is likely to be a far more entertaining game than the earlier tie between the sides at Anfield which ended in a nil-all draw. Manchester United will surely look for more attacking options against a side which has often looked defensively frail.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Club Journal looks ahead to some of the key sporting fixtures taking place in January, including the showdown between two of the leading Premier League title contenders, Liverpool and Chelsea

Saturday January 7
 12.30pm
 BT Sport 2 HD
FA Cup: 3rd Round - Manchester United v Reading

Monday January 9
 7.45pm
 BT Sport 2 HD
FA Cup: 3rd Round - Cambridge United v Leeds United

Wednesday January 11
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
League Cup: Semi-Final - Southampton v Liverpool

Thursday January 12
 8pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Reading v QPR

Friday January 13
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Leeds United v Derby County



Everton v Manchester City,
 Sunday, January 15, 1.30pm,
 Sky Sports 1 HD

Saturday January 14
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v West Bromwich Albion

Saturday January 14
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Leicester City v Chelsea

Saturday January 14
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Wolverhampton Wanderers v Aston Villa



Tuesday January 31, 8pm – BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Liverpool v Chelsea
 A massive game to finish off the month as Premier League pacesetters Chelsea travel to Anfield for a game which could have far-reaching consequences for the eventual destination of the title. The Reds will have their work cut out to breach the highly efficient Chelsea defence which has been the cornerstone of their efforts this season.

CIU Sport

CRIBBAGE

The Cribbage Pairs semi-finals and final were held on Saturday, December 10 at the Latimer Ward Conservative Club in Leicester.

The semi-finalists were:

R Daybell & K Hicks (Hayes WM Club)

A Harris & D Kane (Kingsley Park WM Club)

S Canham & M Shaw (Kingsley Park WM Club)

M Jones & A Philcock (Abbey Hulton Sports & Social Club)

The Final was contested between M Jones & A Philcock and A Harris & D Kane

M Jones & A Philcock beat A Harris & D Kane.

John Batchelor was the Union Representative.

Sunday January 15
 9am
 Sky Sports 2 HD
International Cricket: One-Day International - India v England

Sunday January 15
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Everton v Manchester City

Sunday January 15
 4pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Manchester United v Liverpool

Monday January 16
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Brentford v Newcastle United

Friday January 20
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Brighton & Hove Albion v Sheffield Wednesday

Friday January 20
 7.45pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
National League Football: Lincoln City v Dover Athletic

Saturday January 21
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: QPR v Fulham

Saturday January 21
 12.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Liverpool v Swansea City

Saturday January 21
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Manchester City v Tottenham Hotspur

Saturday January 21
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Championship: Barnsley v Leeds United

Sunday January 22
 9am
 Sky Sports 2 HD
International Cricket: One-Day International - India v England

Sunday January 22
 12 noon
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Southampton v Leicester City

Sunday January 22
 2.15pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Arsenal v Burnley

Sunday January 22
 4.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Chelsea v Hull City

Wednesday January 25
 7pm
 Sky Sports Darts HD
Greyhound Racing: Prestige at Hall Green

Thursday January 26
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
International Cricket: One-Day International - India v England

Friday January 27
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
Scottish Premier Football: Aberdeen v Dundee

Friday January 27
 7.45pm
 BT Sport HD
Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby: Bath v Gloucester

Saturday January 28
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD

Scottish Premier Football: Motherwell v Rangers

Saturday January 28
 3pm
 BT Sport 1 HD

Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby: Leicester Tigers v Northampton Saints

Sunday January 29
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports HD
Scottish Premier Football: Celtic v Hearts

Sunday January 29
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
International Cricket: Twenty20: India v England

Tuesday January 31
 7pm
 Sky Sports Darts HD
Greyhound Racing: GTA Trainers Championship

Tuesday January 31
 7.45pm
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Championship: Brentford v Aston Villa

Tuesday January 31
 8pm
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Barclays Premier League: Liverpool v Chelsea



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