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I hope all Clubs enjoyed the Jubilee Celebrations last month. We have received several submissions from Clubs regarding their celebrations and these will be featured in the forthcoming months. If your Club put on festivities to celebrate the Jubilee, then please do send us some pictures so we can include them in the Magazine.

Due to the Jubilee our usual AGM report could not be featured last month and is included in this edition of the Magazine instead. I hope readers find the report of the meeting useful and thank you once again to all those Club representatives and guests who attended.

The first six months of 2022 seem to have flown by and there is no reason to expect anything different for the final six months. It would be remiss of me not to issue a final reminder to

Clubs of the forthcoming Trust Registration Service which comes into effect in September. More details are included in Club Law and Management this month but if your Club has personal Trustees (i.e. not the ACC Trusteeship Service) then they must register in time for the deadline, or HMRC will likely issue your Trustees with fines. For sport centric Clubs we have the early return of the Premier League in August due to World Cup being held in November and December this year. Whilst still early days, I am sure many Clubs are planning on taking advantage of the World Cup during the Christmas season to ensure every Club has a financially successful end to 2022. As ever the World Cup will be on free to air and apart from a TV licence no other licence is required to allow members and guests to enjoy this unique winter event.

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CLUB LAW AND MANAGEMENT

Accountant Fraud Warning

A fraudulent accountant stole hundreds of thousands of pounds from the companies she worked for in a tax payment scam.

Joanne Hughes was trusted to look after the tax affairs of small businesses but instead stole £280,000 from them in a brazen fraud. The accountant denied any financial wrongdoing, a stance she maintained until the fourth day of her trial at Cardiff Crown Court when she changed her plea.

The court heard that Hughes ran a business called JHB Services which had been employed by three firms - Trio Building Contractors, its sister company Trio Mechanical Services, and a firm called RJ Site Spray - to act as company accountant. It was the defendant's job to look

after tax matters for her clients, and she ran a system whereby she would email the firms telling them what tax bills were due and how much they owed, and then ask them to forward the relevant amounts to her bank accounts for onward payment to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs. In fact large amounts of that money was "simply was not paid" to the tax authorities but was kept by the defendant.

This is a reminding to all Clubs to be vigilant regarding fraud and financial record keeping. An 'Accountant' is not a protected name and the person concerned was unqualified, self-titled. So it's also a warning to use advisors that are suitable qualified with full Professional Indemnity Insurance.

Liability For Lost or Stolen Property

The problem of a member's lost or stolen property is one which is, unfortunately, experienced by most clubs at some time.

The advice given depends on the actual circumstances of each individual case. However, whatever circumstances are involved, the question of bailment applies. Bailment is the delivery of goods by one person, called the bailer, to another person, called the bailee.

Halsbury's Laws of England defines bailment as: 'a delivery of personal chattels in trust on a contract, express or implied, that the trust shall be duly executed and the chattels redelivered in either their original or an altered form, as soon as the time, or use for, or condition on which they were bailed, shall have elapsed or been performed.'

In most cases, members simply leave their personal belongings in

the club and return to find them missing. If however, a club is to attract any liability for the lost or stolen property of a member or guest, then it would be as a gratuitous bailee, and for this purpose the person claiming a loss would have to show that there had been an actual delivery and acceptance of their property by the club, before there could be any obligation on the club as bailee.

The important factor would be that the club actually accepted the property and became, in some degree, responsible for it whilst it remained on the club premises. Therefore, for example, if a club merely provides the facilities of a coat rack and there is no employee of the club who takes proper custody of garments left there, then a person who loses property would be unable to sustain a good claim against the club for the loss.

During the nineteenth century, a case involving the subject of this

article was heard. In this case, a man entered a restaurant to dine and, without being asked, a waiter helped him to take off his coat and hung it on a hook behind him whilst he was dining. The man got up to find that the coat had been stolen. The fact that the waiter took the coat is strong evidence that the restaurant became a bailee of the coat, and the man was successful in his claim.

There are, obviously, a number of distinguishing features between this reported case and the example of the club providing a coat rack. Clubs are well advised to post a notice in the club indicating that the club accepts no responsibility for the loss of property of any member or any other persons on the Club premises. A suitable notice would read: "The club accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property, however sustained, on the premises of the club."

Club Meetings: Points of Procedure

Club meetings are of two kinds— (1) General Meetings, to which all members of the club are summoned, and (2) Committee Meetings, which only duly appointed members of the committee are eligible to attend.

The principal General Meeting each year is the Annual General Meeting, which is held at the stated time and for stated purposes (the transaction of business) as laid down in the rules. Any other General Meeting is a Special General Meeting convened for a special reason as defined in the rules.

General Meeting

Notice

Every meeting must be properly summoned by the Secretary, either by sending a notice to all members entitled to attend or by display of announcement on the notice board. Length of notice should be stated in the rules.

Quorum

There must be a quorum present at a meeting to enable business to be transacted. The number should be

laid down in the rules. If a quorum is not present within a reasonable time of the hour appointed for the meeting, the meeting is automatically adjourned. No quorum is required for an AGM, unless the rules state otherwise.

Meeting Chairman

The President should preside *ex officio*; in his absence the Chairman presides, and failing him the Vice-Chairman. If neither is present, the meeting elects its own Chairman. In such cases the Secretary or convener of the meeting should ask for nominations. No seconder is needed. If more than one nomination is received, the names should be put in alphabetical order and the person receiving the highest number of votes takes the Chair at once.

The primary duty of a Chairman is to decide who is entitled to address the meeting, and to maintain order. He must not allow any discussion unless bears directly on the subject under discussion. He should allow no member to speak when the mover of a

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motion or amendment has resumed his seat, unless such member wishes to second the resolution or amendment under discussion. The Chairman's decision on all points of order is final. If his directions are disobeyed, he should declare the meeting adjourned, and quit the Chair.

Validity of Meeting

The first business of the Chairman is to call on the Secretary to read the notice summoning the meeting or alternatively to ask if it shall 'be taken as read' by consent.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Chairman should next call upon the Secretary to read the Minutes of the previous meeting. After they have been read and before any question or discussion is allowed, the Chairman must ask for the motion: That the Minutes are confirmed as a true record of the previous meeting. Once this has been duly moved, seconded and agreed, the Chairman signs the Minutes close to the last line, thereby preventing subsequent additions. No one should be allowed to discuss the business recorded in the previous Minutes; the only matter on which discussion can take place is whether they are an accurate report of the previous meeting. Questions can now be asked to ascertain whether the resolutions recorded in the minutes have been carried out and any motion not hostile to, or varying such resolutions, may be accepted by the Chairman. If anyone desires to amend or rescind any of the resolutions, due notice must be given for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting.

Business for which the Meeting was Convened

This must be transacted in the order in which it appears on the agenda. The order cannot be changed except with the consent of a three-quarters majority of the members voting.

Motions

A motion should be moved by the person named on the agenda, unless the meeting agrees to some other person moving it. No discussion on any motion should be permitted until it has been seconded. If the motion is not seconded it lapses, and the Chairman should proceed to the next business. A motion may be withdrawn by the proposer either before or during discussion, with the permission of the seconder and of the meeting. Such a withdrawal cannot take place after the motion has been voted on.

Amendments

An amendment is a proposal to alter the wording of a motion. More than one amendment may be put forward on any one motion, but only one may be discussed at a time. An amendment must have a bearing on the subject of the motion; it should not be a direct negative, since it is open to anyone who is totally opposed to the motion to speak and vote against it. Like a motion, an amendment must be proposed and seconded before it can be discussed. The withdrawal of an amendment is carried out in the same way as that of a motion.

Voting

After an amendment has been discussed, the Chairman should read out the motion and the amendment. He should ask 'those

in favour' of the amendment to show hands and then 'those against.' If an amendment is carried, it becomes the 'substantive motion,' that is to say it replaces the motion in its original form

and becomes the subject before the meeting for further discussion and amendment. At the close of the debate the motion is put to the vote, either in its original form or as amended.

Action Required: Trust Registration Service Final Reminder

All Unincorporated Clubs with elected Trustees will need to be aware of the expanded remit of the Trust Registration Service. All Clubs with Trustees will need to register their Trustees with the Trust Registration Service. Clubs which are registered with the Financial Conduct Authority do not need to take any action.

Clubs which have elected the ACC as their Trustees do not need to take any action at this stage—we will complete the registration formalities on your behalf.

Clubs which have not elected the ACC as their Trustees will be needing to register their personal Trustees with the Trust Registration Service (TRS) going forwards and will need to keep the Trust Registration Service updated as and when the Club's Trustees may change in the future.

Timing

HMRC's online registration facility for registering new trusts required to do so under the 5MLD opened on 1 September 2021. Trustees can register trusts via GOV.UK.

Whilst the money laundering regulations require express trusts to register on the Trust Register by 10 March 2022, HMRC announced the deadline is extended with trustees required to register a non-taxable trust under their control that was in existence on or after 6 October 2020 by 1 September 2022. However, where newly created UK trusts or non-UK trusts trigger an obligation to enrol on the Trust Register on or after 3 June 2022, the deadline for doing so is 90 days from the event that triggered the obligation, even

if this is later than 1 September 2022. Additionally, trustees will also have 90 days from the date a change of certain circumstances occurs to update any relevant information on the Trust Register.

Access to TRS information

Access to TRS is currently restricted to government authorities but this will be extended to anyone with a 'legitimate interest' under the new regulations. The government have confirmed that guidance will be provided as to how requests will be reviewed and access will only be given where there is evidence of counter money laundering or terrorist financing activity. The government have also confirmed that necessary safeguards will be in place to reduce the risk of information being released where it could lead to disproportionate harm.

Therefore, Clubs with Trustees (excluding Clubs which have elected the ACC as Trustees) must do the following:

Register their Trustees by the 1 September 2022.

This can be done online by following this link: <http://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-a-trust-as-a-trustee>.

Once a Trust is registered, any changes to the Trust such as a change of Trustee must be submitted to HMRC within 90 days of the change occurring. Once a year Clubs will have to submit a return confirming that the Club has either updated the details on the trust register or confirming that there have been no changes to the trust.


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Premier league Fixtures Announced

The 2022/23 Premier League fixtures have been released and the dates of the matches in August and September are below. Kick-offs are 15:00 for Saturdays and bank holidays unless stated otherwise. Please note that fixtures are subject to change.

Friday 5 August

20:00 Crystal Palace v Arsenal

Saturday 6 August

12:30 Fulham v Liverpool
AFC Bournemouth v Aston Villa
Leeds v Wolves
Leicester v Brentford
Newcastle v Nottingham Forest
Spurs v Southampton
17:30 Everton v Chelsea

Sunday 7 August

14:00 Man Utd v Brighton
16:30 West Ham v Man City

Saturday 13 August

Arsenal v Leicester
Aston Villa v Everton
Brentford v Man Utd
Brighton v Newcastle
Chelsea v Spurs
Liverpool v Crystal Palace
Man City v AFC Bournemouth
Nottingham Forest v West Ham
Southampton v Leeds
Wolves v Fulham

Saturday 20 August

AFC Bournemouth v Arsenal
Crystal Palace v Aston Villa
Everton v Nottingham Forest
Fulham v Brentford
Leeds v Chelsea
Leicester v Southampton
Man Utd v Liverpool
Newcastle v Man City
Spurs v Wolves
West Ham v Brighton

Saturday 27 August

Arsenal v Fulham
Aston Villa v West Ham
Brentford v Everton
Brighton v Leeds
Chelsea v Leicester
Liverpool v AFC Bournemouth
Man City v Crystal Palace
Nottingham Forest v Spurs
Southampton v Man Utd
Wolves v Newcastle

Tuesday 30 August

19:45 AFC Bournemouth v Wolves

19:45 Arsenal v Aston Villa
19:45 Fulham v Brighton
19:45 Leeds v Everton
19:45 Leicester v Man Utd
19:45 West Ham v Spurs
20:00 Crystal Palace v Brentford

Wednesday 31 August

19:45 Southampton v Chelsea
20:00 Liverpool v Newcastle
20:00 Man City v Nottingham Forest

Saturday 3 September

Aston Villa v Man City
Brentford v Leeds
Brighton v Leicester
Chelsea v West Ham
Everton v Liverpool
Man Utd v Arsenal
Newcastle v Crystal Palace
Nottingham Forest v AFC Bournemouth
Spurs v Fulham
Wolves v Southampton

Saturday 10 September

AFC Bournemouth v Brighton
Arsenal v Everton
Crystal Palace v Man Utd
Fulham v Chelsea

Leeds v Nottingham Forest
Leicester v Aston Villa
Liverpool v Wolves
Man City v Spurs
Southampton v Brentford
West Ham v Newcastle

Saturday 17 September

Aston Villa v Southampton
Brentford v Arsenal
Brighton v Crystal Palace
Chelsea v Liverpool
Everton v West Ham
Man Utd v Leeds
Newcastle v AFC Bournemouth
Nottingham Forest v Fulham
Spurs v Leicester
Wolves v Man City

Saturday 1 October

AFC Bournemouth v Brentford
Arsenal v Spurs
Crystal Palace v Chelsea
Fulham v Newcastle
Leeds v Aston Villa
Leicester v Nottingham Forest
Liverpool v Brighton
Man City v Man Utd
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British roast brings credentials to the table

According to a recent survey carried out by food tech company Foodhub, the roast dinner has been elevated to Royal status as almost a third of the country planned to tuck into the classic dish to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee over the June bank holiday.

The popular British dish has been crowned the UK's favourite food for those looking to celebrate all special occasions this year (32%), according to national research.

The study, conducted by food tech company, Foodhub, investigated the UK's go-to foods to enjoy when celebrating special occasions.

Almost a third of Brits (32%) crowned the roast dinner as their meal of choice for a celebration, with pizza following behind as one fifth (20%) chose the cheesy treat. A Chinese meal rounded off the top three, taking 17% of the vote.

When it comes to sharing the roast, 68% of participants said they preferred eating their favourite meal in the company of someone else, with girlfriends/wives and boyfriends/husbands the first choice.

The country's favourite meal doesn't have to be



just for a special occasion, however, with over a quarter (26%) of us consuming it once a week.

Saturday has been named the UK's favourite day to sit down and celebrate with over a fifth of participants (22%) naming it the best day to enjoy their favourite meal.

TOP TEN FOODS TO CELEBRATE WITH

1. Roast dinner (32%)
2. Pizza (20%)
3. Chinese (17%)
4. Indian (15%)
5. Fish 'n chips (13%)
6. Steak (10%)
7. Pasta (9%)
8. English breakfast (8%)
9. Chips (6%)
10. Burger (6%)

Foodhub's Emma Stockman said: "Food plays such an integral part in the big occasions of our lives, and it is great to see the nation keeping it traditional when celebrating the Platinum Jubilee this year by eating a roast dinner."

• [foodhub.co.uk](https://www.foodhub.co.uk)

Machine Games Duty guide available from HMRC

HMRC has produced a Machine Games Duty (MGD) guide for licensed premises, for companies supplying machines and for Trade bodies linked to gaming machines.

BACKDROP

You may have to pay Machine Games Duty (MGD) if there are machines that give cash prizes on your premises. You pay duty on:

- Slot and fruit machines, and other gaming machines
- Quiz machines and other 'skill with prize' machines

You do not pay it on machines where the prize is less than the cost to play, or

on takings from charity events, tournaments, lottery machines, or where the on-site machine is for domestic use.

Your takings from machine games will be exempt from VAT if you pay MGD.

If you're responsible for MGD you'll need to register, send regular returns, pay duty and keep records.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTERING AND PAYING?

It's your responsibility if you hold any of the following licences:

- Club premises certificate, a club gaming permit or club machine permit
- Prize gaming permit or amusement permit

- Registration certificate including a club registration certificate
- Premises licence, for example for gambling or alcohol
- Family entertainment centre gaming machine permit
- Bookmaking office licence or bingo club licence
- Licence to sell alcohol in Northern Ireland

The full guide can be downloaded at the link below

[gov.uk/machine-game-duty](https://www.gov.uk/machine-game-duty)

Alternatively call 0300 200 3700.



Horlicks 'Victoria Sponge Cake Shake' recipe

Iconic British brand Horlicks took a twist on a classic Victoria Sponge by creating a 'Cake Shake' recipe for the Platinum Jubilee weekend, transforming it into an 'on-trend' shake with a classic malt taste.

Method

Place 200ml of milk, 3 heaped tsp of Horlicks, 1 scoop of vanilla ice cream, and 20ml of 1883

syrup into a blender and blitz at full speed.

Once smooth, pour the shake into a traditional milkshake glass or takeaway cup, topping with whipped cream, fresh strawberries and a drizzle of 1883 mixed berry (grenadine) syrup to finish.

For clubs --that want to create a vegan version, simply swap out dairy products for plant-based products and Horlicks Vegan instead of original.

• aimiafoods.com

Campbell Brothers brand rolls out nationwide

The Campbell Brothers brand, established for 120 years as a supplier to the catering and hospitality sector, is being rolled out nationwide.

The change means that London-based Henson Meats, also part of the Bidfresh network of fresh produce suppliers, will trade as Campbell Brothers from the start of July 2022.

"Operating as a single, national brand, with consistency in product sourcing, codes and pricing means that Campbell Brothers can support the broad range of menu styles that catering operators now offer," said Neil McCole, UK Sales Director for Campbell Brothers.

"From bespoke burgers for the barbecue, to beef dry-aged in our salt wall chamber, prime steaks and deli specialities including our renowned Henson's



salt beef, the combined Campbell Brothers business offers the industry's broadest range of both prime cuts and prepared products."

• campbellbrothers.co.uk

Glenfiddich rare whisky auction raises £150K to support Ukraine

Glenfiddich, the World's Most Awarded Single Malt Scotch Whisky, has raised £150,000 to help with the long-term support of the people of Ukraine after auctioning 460 bottles of its 2022 edition (The Cooper's Cask) on Whisky Auctioneer.

Proceeds from the auction will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (dec.org.uk).

Glenfiddich's Malt Master Brian Kinsman created a special Spirit of Speyside Edition 2022 by selecting whisky from three different oak barrels – virgin American oak, ex-bourbon oak and refilled American oak.



Bottled at cask strength with an ABV of 60%, each 70cl bottle was hand numbered 1-460 and signed by the Malt Master himself. Bottle number one (#1) was the highest value, raising £5,601.

Claudia Falcone, Glenfiddich's global brand director, said: "We are so happy that this year's Spirit of Speyside exclusive bottling has succeeded in raising such a significant sum of money for such an important cause. The Disasters Emergency Committee are doing invaluable work in the region, and we hope that this contribution will assist in providing some relief to the families impacted by the conflict."

• glenfiddich.com

By Royal Appointment distillery celebrates Queen's Jubilee

A limited Balmoral Platinum Edition Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky has been released in celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The whisky was distilled at Royal Lochnagar, Scotch Whisky Distillers (By Appointment to Her Majesty The Queen) a mile from the Scottish home of the Royal Family, Balmoral.



The first two bottles, standing on plinths of Caledonian pine from the Balmoral Estate, were presented as gifts to Her Majesty and HRH Prince Charles, Duke of Rothesay. A further 222 individually numbered bottles were released for sale in June, priced at £500.

Sean Phillips, Distillery Manager at Royal Lochnagar, said: "It was a source of great pride for everyone associated with Royal Lochnagar when we were granted a Royal Warrant by Her Majesty The Queen. We are honoured to be part of our neighbour Balmoral's celebration of Her Majesty's extraordinary 70-year reign with this special bottling."

• royallochnagardistillery.com

Zesty new cordial flavour from Bottlegreen

Bottlegreen, the UK's No.1 premium cordial (Nielsen Total Coverage, (£) MAT 26.03.22) has brought a refreshing new angle to its award-winning range with the launch of its latest flavour, Lime & Mint.

Sarah Lawson, head of marketing – softs at SHS Drinks, said: "Our latest launch blends together flavours which echo the renowned mojito and will appeal to both bar-goers seeking high-quality cordial drinks and bar staff after quick and flavoursome ingredients to create distinctive cocktails and mocktails."

Available in the brand's 500ml glass bottle, the new addition offers zesty lime infused with crushed mint leaves and Cotswold spring water drawn from an on-site spring to create a flavor, taking its cues from the ever popular mojito.

This summer will see the brand's biggest-ever advertising campaign using the tagline 'Add a Dash of Extraordinary'.

• shs-drinks.co.uk

First injunction in England prohibiting Sky screening

Sky has issued an Injunction to the Railway Tavern, Edmonton Green, London. The licensee, who is accused of screening Sky Sports illegally at her premises, has been made the subject of an Injunction prohibiting her from showing Sky at the pub or any other premises that she is connected to, unless she enters into the correct commercial contracts with Sky.

Sara Stewart, Commercial Compliance Lead at Sky Business said: "It's important to us that busi-

nesses are aware of the consequences of showing Sky Sports illegally – it is a serious issue that is damaging to the industry, and those licensees who choose to televise content in this way should be aware that they are at high risk of being caught and face substantial penalties.

"We take breaches of Sky's copyright very seriously and remain committed to protecting our legitimate Sky customers who are unfairly losing business due to this illegal activity."

Sky Sports is only available to licensed premises in the UK through a commercial viewing agreement from Sky Business and anyone who breaches this can face legal action. In the instance of this licensee, said the broadcaster, Sky made an application for an Injunction 'to stop the flagrant breaches of their copyright and intellectual property rights'.

The Injunction will remain in place until a full hearing later this year.

• www.pubpiracy.com

Whisky great Billy Walker marks 50 years in Scotch whisky

World-leading whisky maker Billy Walker this year celebrates a remarkable 50-year spell in the Scotch whisky industry by announcing a limited edition series of GlenAllachie Single Malts.

Renowned for his role as Master Distiller at The GlenAllachie Distillers Company, Walker has spent the past five decades creating some of the world's most coveted whiskies, achieving the fiercely contested title of World's Best Single Malt at the World Whiskies Awards 2021.

The landmark year sees the release of a celebratory trilogy of Speyside Single Malts; The GlenAllachie Past, Present and Future Series. These whiskies represent key milestones throughout Walker's vibrant career.

The first instalment, The GlenAllachie Billy Walker 50th Anniversary Past Edition, was recently unveiled as a fully Sherry matured 16-year-old Single Malt (UK RRSP GBP 225). This bottling represents Walker's past when he made a name for himself by releasing heavily Sherried expressions to great acclaim, with many Scotch fans believing he played an instrumental role in developing this style category.

Walker, who is a qualified chemist, has been at the helm of The GlenAllachie for almost five years, having previously led an illustrious and expansive career across numerous household name brands and companies. His enviable experience spans iconic names including Ballantine's, Deanston, Tobermory, BenRiach, GlenDronach, Glenglassaugh and The GlenAllachie.

From his time working on these world-renowned brands, Walker has acquired an extensive understanding of whisky maturation; selecting the finest casks, continually evaluating the aging spirit, re-racking into new wood to elevate the flavour experience, and determining the perfect time for bottling.

This broad spectrum of experience has translated into an impressive reputation amongst peers and exceptional whiskies enjoyed across the globe.

Walker has achieved some exceptional accolades, including:

- World's Best Single Malt (World Whiskies Awards, 2021)
- Best Blended Malt Scotch (San Francisco World Spirits Competition, 2021)
- World's Best Blended Malt (World Whiskies Awards, 2020)



- Master Distiller/Blender of the Year (Icons of Whisky, 2020)

In addition, Walker was inducted into Whisky Magazine's prestigious Hall of Fame last year – a permanent tribute to the lasting contribution he has made to the world of whisky.

Business partner Trisha Savage, who has worked beside Walker for the majority of his career, comments: "Working alongside Billy for 35 years has been a total pleasure. I can honestly say I've never come across anyone with his level of drive, dedication and passion for Scotch whisky.

"His focus has always been to achieve 'perfection'; only using the highest quality of wood and monitoring the spirit every step of the way. Nothing leaves the cask until it's deemed to be exceptional.

"I would personally like to congratulate Billy on his 50th Anniversary year. You're a true industry legend, and I was lucky enough to share the journey with you

for 35 incredible years."

Reflecting on his colourful career, Walker added: "I'm incredibly lucky to have been involved in the fascinating Scotch Whisky Industry for 50 long years. What a privilege it has been to have worked alongside some truly amazing people, and indeed to have been involved with some world-leading brands.

"Of course, there are some great memories and I truly take pride in many of the achievements which our teams have achieved over the past half-century.

"The latest adventure is The GlenAllachie Distillery, and without question, we are so very fortunate to be steering this great distillery into the future, introducing its whisky to an ardent international audience."

• *The GlenAllachie Billy Walker 50th Anniversary Past Edition is available to purchase through global specialist retailers, with a UK RRSP of £225.*

Aquilo launches affordable cooled range

Aquilo Refrigeration has launched a new 'future-proof' range of hydrocarbon cooled commercial fridges and freezers developed to deliver high-spec refrigeration at entry level prices.

With a focus on sustainability, reliability, functionality and easy maintenance, the range exclusively utilises R290 hydrocarbon refrigerant which possesses the naturally occurring, non-toxic qualities that have made it one of the most climate-friendly and cost-efficient refrigerants available today, says the company.

This means that all the fridges and freezers are non-ozone depleting and have a Global Warming Potential (GWP) rating of under 5. And, because R290 rapidly absorbs more heat than the old-style refrigerants, temperature recovery is enhanced and energy consumption is reduced.

The range includes various counter, undercounter and countertop models as well as uprights.

A standard two-year parts and one year labour



warranty applies, with bespoke and extended warranties available on request.

• aquilorefrigeration.co.uk

Hoshizaki adds latest cubelet model to the mix

Ice machine experts Hoshizaki has announced its latest ice machine model within its Hydrocarbon portfolio, the CM-50KE-HC.

Capable of producing up to 55kg of high-quality cubelet ice in 24 hours, this self-contained ice maker is deemed to be ideal for bars looking for perfect dilution of spirited drinks such as mojitos and tiki cock-



tails. This is thanks to the dry and hard components of this ice type, explained **Simon Frost, Director UK & Ireland, Hoshizaki UK.**

"Hoshizaki cubelet ice acts as an ideal cooling agent due to its high water-to-ice-ratio giving optimal dilution," he said. "This is achieved thanks to a combination of pioneering ice technology and unique machine design with extruding head which provides high compression. In such conditions, a hard and dry ice type which combines the characteristics of nugget and cube ice is born."

Designed with hygiene in mind, the CM-50KE-HC benefits from Hoshizaki's automated water circuit rinse cycle as well as an easy-to-clean high-grade stainless-steel exterior. The absence of moving parts prevents wear and tear, while the water-lubricated bearings protect the system from calcification and bacterial contamination.

With outside dimensions of 498 x 570 x 697mm (W x D x H), the undercounter CM-50KE-HC perfectly fits into small spaces with the lowest height in the market, said the company.

• hoshizaki-snowflake.com

Direct Seafoods step up in-house skills training

Direct Seafoods is increasing the support it offers chefs from all its eight regional fishmongers around the UK, as well as launching a new internal skills training programme for its own teams.

The eight regional fishmongers work directly with fishing ports around the coast of Britain, as well as overseas fisheries.

This increased support is in recognition of the importance of fish and seafood dishes in helping operators across the hospitality sector to boost menu appeal to cautious consumers in today's current

challenging trading environment.

Alongside in-house skills training, Direct Seafoods is also relaunching its programme of masterclasses and training session for chefs across all its depots.

Direct Seafoods won the Marine Stewardship Council Award for Fresh Fish Food Service Supplier of the Year 2021, recognising its commitment to sustainability, and the diverse range of products it offers.

• directseafoods.co.uk

Ukraine Charity Appeal beer served at Parliamentary bar

A British-brewed beer created in support of Ukrainian refugees was served in Parliament last month.

White Crow, a 4.5% ABV blonde ale, brewed by Bridgehouse Brewery in Keighley, West Yorkshire was offered as a guest beer at the Strangers' Bar in the Houses of Parliament.

All profits from the specially brewed beer will be donated to the Help Ukraine Charity Appeal.

The brewery has been working with the Brew For Ukraine initiative which has been encouraging breweries from all over the world – including over 70 British breweries – to produce Ukrainian themed beers, many based on original Ukrainian beer recipes, in order to raise money to support the ongoing relief efforts.

Robbie Moore, the Conservative MP for Keighley and Ilkley, said: "We have all been horrified by the distressing situation in Ukraine and it's great to see our independent brewers standing with the Ukrainian brewers and supporting the relief effort.

"It's a privilege to pour one of the first pints of White Crow at Parliament and I will be encouraging all my colleagues to offer their support by sampling Bridgehouse Brewery's beer."

• brewforukraine.beer

Packaging review removes 70 tonnes of black plastic

As part of a three-year comprehensive review of plastic packaging use across its brands and private label products (2020-2023), the removal of black plastics from AAK Foodservice's Lion Sauces packs in 2020 has resulted in a 70 tonne reduction in the use of non-recyclable plastics.

AAK Foodservice has set ambitious targets for sustainable packaging across its brands including Lion, Prep, Whirl and Uncle John's, focussing on the three Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle.

• aakfoodservice.com

Clubs urged to take part in Cask Ale Week 2022

Cask Ale Week 2022 will run from September 22 to October 2 and aims to give clubs the opportunity to showcase their cask ale offering to members and guests.

This annual event is run by beer accreditation body Cask Marque but venues do not have to be a member of the organisation to take part.

The organisers have launched a new-look website which includes ideas and resources to help clubs make the most of the event and promote their sales of Britain's national drink.

Obvious ways to promote the event include beer festivals and tastings, as well as quizzes, beer and food pairing events, or teaming up with a local brewery to produce a special bespoke beer.

• caskaleweek.co.uk



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The Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman, The Rt Hon Alistair Burt, welcomed representatives to the 128th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Conservative Clubs, the first physical Annual General Meeting since 2019. He commented that a great deal of work had been undertaken during the previous twelve months from the ACC's head office in Norfolk Row and that as the reports of those activities were presented, members would be aware of the significant time and effort that had been invested by the ACC team.

The Chairman asked the meeting to stand for a moment's silence in memory of all colleagues who had passed away during the past year.



The Rt Hon Alistair Burt.

Chairman's Report on the Work of the Association

The Chairman said it was a pleasure to report on the work of the Association of Conservative Clubs in his seventh year as Chairman. The ACC had strengthened its financial position and was investing in the continuation of Conservative, Constitutional and Unionist Clubs. He made reference to the ACC not having returned a deficit since 1994.

The Chairman made reference to the year 1922 when the Conservatives won the general election under the leadership of Andrew Bonar Law. Bonar Law was loyal to the Coalition Government and resisted pressure to form a Conservative Government. Younger members of the party took a different view, and led by Stanley Baldwin and backbench MP's, later to be known as the 1922 Committee, elected Baldwin as the leader of the Party and, as a consequence, Prime Minister.

What had reinforced this change of direction, more than anything else, was the result of the Newport, South Wales, by-election, which took place after the general election, where the independent anti-coalition Conservative won with a majority of 2,000.

the several Conservative Clubs located within and surrounding the constituency. It was acknowledged at the time that the Conservative Clubs of Newport changed the direction of politics and the occupant of No10.

The Chairman said that following that unexpected history lesson, we had established that it was never advisable to come between the British public and alcohol, or to be more precise, a person from South Wales and a pint of beer!

The Chairman said that he would like to see more club members becoming members of the Party and for more party members to join Conservative Clubs. He commented that he ACC and our member Clubs knew a thing or two about membership recruitment and membership retention with some 250,000 members in communities across the UK and whilst Conservative Clubs were a powerful political force, they were also vital community hubs. The ACC had many good news stories from across the country covering charitable donations and other activities which are published in our monthly magazine. Conservative Clubs understood that the best way to encourage a 'conservative minded' person to become more involved was to simply ask them to become more involved.

He went on to comment that unless Clubs were themselves in a strong and healthy position, none of this could be achieved. The ACC had been making sure that Committees are receiving the best advice and support with the work carried out last year, during some of the most challenging times

many of us had ever witnessed, continued today and provided the stability and confidence for clubs to survive.

The Chairman placed on record his grateful thanks to all ACC Officers and Council Members. He reported that Philip Davis MP had decided to stand down from the office of Treasurer having completed a number of years' service in that position following his former role as an ACC Vice-Chairman and conveyed the ACC's thanks to Philip for his many years of loyal service. I was delighted to report that Thomas Leeming had agreed to take on the newly vacant role. He was also pleased to report that Craig Williams MP would be joining the ACC team as a Vice-Chairman.

Weekend Conferences and social occasions held by the ACC Areas had been few in number in recent years but the Chairman hoped these important occasions within the ACC calendar would start to reappear.

The Chairman also thanked the ACC's national suppliers and recommended companies; Dransfields for the excellent service which they provided to their many ACC customers, our insurance providers, 'Club Insure' whose continued professional approach to ACC Clubs was much appreciated and K&M Club Refurbishment, all of whom the ACC were pleased to endorse. The Chairman thanked all the ACC staff for their continued loyalty and commitment to the Association of Conservative Clubs and in conclusion said it was a privilege to serve as the ACC Chairman.



The Chief Executive's Report



Lord Smith of Hindhead CBE.

The Chief Executive said that he was pleased to see everyone physically without a mask in sight; no rule of six, no table service, no two meters apart, no household bubbles, no substantial food offerings, no test and trace, and of course, no 'Hands, Face and Space'. As the nation emerged from the covid pandemic, he commented that we could all agree that the past two years had been the most extraordinary time in the recent life of the nation; for all the wrong reasons and there would be many lessons to be learned.

Like other businesses that offered food, drinks, and entertainment, ACC Clubs had suffered as a result of lockdown measures and difficult trading conditions that resulted from local restrictions as the spread of covid was managed.

The Chief Executive said he understood that in a crisis, people and businesses looked to the government to wrap the arms of the State around them and protect them, as far as possible, from the worst impacts of a national, and indeed global health crisis. And that the government had done so – to the tune of some £400 billion.

He said he could think of no industry that had benefitted more from the largesse of the taxpayer over the past two years than the UK's hospitality industry. So, it was sometimes with more than a little disappointment when he read the sadly predictable laments of some industry commentators and hospitality leaders that the Chancellor's spring statement, for example, had not left the 12.5% VAT rate in place. That it was

another 'nail in the coffin'. He understood that everyone fought their corner and wanted what is best for their business; their sector, or their industry but he urged a little perspective.

The Chief Executive said he did not expect everyone to thank the government for what they had done; but they could and should at least thank the taxpayer – because the funds that had been devolved upon the hospitality industry were not government money – it was taxpayers' money, and much of the funding that had been made available was borrowed money and would have to be repaid by future taxpayers.

A brief summary of what the hospitality industry had received; 100% business rate relief from April 2020; closed business lockdown payments of between £4,000 to £9,000 from April 2021; local restrictions support grants for closed premises of between £1,300 to £3,000 per month depending on rateable value; and for premises that remained open between £900 and £2,100 per month, again, depending on rateable value and the 'Eat out to Help out' scheme.

The furlough scheme which had enabled hospitality premises to retain staff in return for paying just 10% of their wages, tapering up to 20% in September 2021; the ability to reclaim statutory sick pay; VAT reduced – first to 5%, then raised to 12.5% and commercial tenants protected from eviction if they could not pay their rent during lockdown or restricted trading.

The support for the hospitality industry had continued throughout the pandemic – including support for businesses impacted by Omicron. On the 21st December the Chancellor announced a £1 billion support package for businesses across the UK. For hospitality businesses in England this had meant one-off grants of up to £6,000 per premises, plus more than £100 million discretionary funding being made available to local authorities to support other businesses and finally the ongoing 50% reduction in business rates for the next 12 months and the rise in employer NI rates announced in the spring statement.

Many businesses had more cash in the bank than they did at the start of the pandemic and net cash deposits for all hospitality businesses had risen by £7 billion

(40%), while small and medium sized businesses in hospitality had seen their cash deposits rise by £2 billion (79%). Fewer businesses had become insolvent, with insolvencies running 25% lower than pre-pandemic levels, and staff vacancies being 50% above pre-pandemic levels. The Chief Executive said that from his recent trips around the country that ACC Clubs had acknowledged this support.

Lord Smith went on to outline the wide range of advice and guidance which the ACC had provided to clubs throughout the pandemic. The ACC website had received over 27,000 visits over the previous twelve months, with 21,000 visitors. The ACC's email update service had 562 subscribers. In addition to the ACC's website and to those Clubs which had joined the email distribution list, The ACC had been providing assistance through the ACC monthly Magazine, which he reminded the meeting had been in continued publication since 1894.

The Chief Executive was pleased that the ACC had continued to provide many clubs with financial assistance. With new loans being made to our clubs and sale & leaseback arrangements being agreed; releasing assets tied up in property to either invest in the facilities being offered to members, repay historic debt or to provide significant working capital, the ACC had been able to give a number of Committees breathing space. He went on to discuss the Trust registration Service (TRS), which was first

set up in 2017 by HM Revenue & Customs, but had only recently come into effect.

All Unincorporated Clubs, with elected Trustees would need to be aware of the remit of the Trustee Registration Service and all Clubs with Trustees would need to register their Trustees with the Trust Registration Service. Clubs which had appointed the ACC as their Trustees did not need to take any action since the ACC would complete the registration formalities on their behalf.

In conclusion, the Chief Executive said the key to getting all ACC Clubs fully operational and financially viable is to remember that the term 'social club' implies a place where people go to socialise. A welcoming, safe and fun place to be, with good service and quality products. A society which socialised together was a stronger and healthier society. The UK's clubs, pubs, bars and restaurants put that into practice every day. Hospitality had always provided social cohesion, but it was also an industry which brought many people of different backgrounds and abilities together as a workforce, which ultimately benefited the UK on many different levels.

Lord Smith thanked the excellent and loyal team at the ACC for all that they did throughout the year, the ACC Council for their support and to club committees for everything which they did in order for all clubs to play such a vital part in so many communities, in British culture and in the social life of hundreds of thousands of people.



Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st December 2021



In the absence of Philip Davies MP, ACC Treasurer, the Chairman called upon Mr Thomas Leeming, member of the ACC Council and Hon Secretary of the Conservative National Property Advisory Committee, to propose that the Statement of Accounts be received.

Mr Leeming had pleasure in reporting that the income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 2021 showed a surplus of just over £2.8 million, another strong result for the ACC, enabling the continued work in supporting Clubs. During the year £1.09 million of new loans were made available to

support clubs, with £1.12 million being repaid from the total loan book. The amount of loans to Member Clubs from Development Fund 'A' and from the ACC at the year-end stood at just over £4.9 million – a slight decrease on the total loan figure for 2020.

The ACC had provided loan holidays to a significant number of clubs during the pandemic, which had impacted the interest earned from the loan book. However, from June 2021 onwards the ACC had successfully encouraged a number of clubs to recommence regular loan repayments. This resulted in an increase in interest income from £149,000 in 2020 to £189,000 in 2021.

The Accounts also showed rental income from the sale and leaseback of Club properties had increased from £1.11 million in 2020 to £1.2 million in 2021. From June 2021 onwards, the ACC had been successful in encouraging a large number of clubs back onto a pattern of regular rent payments. The ACC held investment property, the majority of which were sale and leaseback investments, with a carrying value of £32.4 million, comprised of over one hundred club properties and some ancillary land and property. Due to a change in accounting standards, the ACC

was no longer able to include these properties at cost, less any impairment, but was required to move to a fair value basis and the fair value continued to be adopted. The ACC acquired 1 Norfolk Row as the new head office premises in 2020, and this was shown as a tangible asset in the balance sheet. The ACC was required to depreciate the property to its residual value over the course of its lifespan. As the property was not an investment, it was not required to be carried at a fair value but was instead included at its existing use value.

Given that the property was acquired at a discount at the start of the pandemic, the residual value was not believed to have fallen below the offer price. Premises costs however fell from £92,000 to £43,000 following the purchase of Norfolk Row and this cost saving would continue in future years.

Income from the sale of IA Tickets showed a significant reduction but this had been caused by refunds

being given to clubs for unsold IA Tickets that were purchased from the ACC just prior to the pandemic. The level of IA Ticket sales for the current year were expected to recover.

Commission income showed a slightly higher receipt of £52,000 and was almost in line with the previous year. The ACC's Deposit Fund which paid Clubs 1.5% gross interest per annum stood at £8.5 million. At the year end the ACC had a bank balance of just under £7.2 million.

The year end result is that the total net assets of the Association of Conservative Clubs stood at £32,257,757.

Mr Leeming thanked the Accountant and Auditor Andrew Brooker of Begbies Chartered Accountants and concluded by saying that it gave him great pleasure to propose that the accounts as set out be received by the Annual General Meeting. The proposal to receive the Accounts was seconded and carried unanimously.

Presidential Address

In introducing the ACC Hon President, The Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP, the Co-Chairman of the Conservative Party, the Chairman advised the meeting that before joining the Conservative Research

Department, the Hon President had read law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge and following a spell working in private business, he had returned to politics as David Cameron's deputy chief of staff.

He went on to say that Oliver had been elected as Member of Parliament for Hertsmere in 2015 and had previously served as Secretary of State at the DCMS, Minister at the Cabinet Office and Paymaster General.

The Hon President thanked the Chairman for his warm introduction and in a wide ranging address spoke about Conservative core values praised the work of Conservative Clubs in providing a physical presence of Conservatism throughout the UK and in particular thanked those Clubs which provided Constituency Association offices. With over 120 Constituency Associations having their offices within or provided by Conservative Clubs, the steadfast support of the Conservative Club movement over so many years had, without doubt materialised in the 2019 General Election result.



The Rt Hon Oliver Dowden CBE MP.

Annual General Meeting Report

Resolution to the Prime Minister

The Chairman proposed the following resolution:-

That this Annual General Meeting of The Association of Conservative Clubs congratulates the Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon Boris Johnson MP, on his third year in office and the manner in which he has led the democratic nations in supporting Ukraine in its ongoing fight for freedom.

In proposing the resolution, the Chairman paid tribute to the

Prime Minister's leadership qualities during recent months in galvanising international support for the Ukrainian people and in a thought provoking address outlined the sometimes difficult decisions which politicians were sometimes faced with when unexpected and unplanned events occurred and that the manner in which those incidents were dealt with demonstrated the ability to hold high office.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

Resolution to the HM The Queen

The Chairman proposed the following resolution to HM The Queen and in so doing expressed both thanks and admiration for her unprecedented service the Nation and the Commonwealth.

That this Annual General

Meeting, in humble duty, offers loyal greetings and sincere congratulations to Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.



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Western:	Brian Tottle
Wales:	David Thomas



Pages From The Past

In this month's Pages From The Past we go back to June 1936 which features a full page advert for Union Jack flags which, at that time, could be obtained from the ACC at 'low' prices. It is hard to say exactly how low the prices were since to the untrained eye in 2022 the prices just look like the 9th June (rather than nine shillings and sixpence); the 12th June, the 17th of something and finally the 25th June. Given the breadth of our readership we are confident the advertised prices make sense to some.

The main reason for this month's PFTP inclusion, aside from a plea never to return to the use of pounds, shillings and

pence, is that last month's Jubilee themed page created an internal ACC debate over whether the use of the phrase 'Union Jack' (last month we featured 'Union Jack' bedsheets available to purchase for the Jubilee in 1977). Late in the day of editing the magazine it was decided that the correct term was actually Union Flag as Union Jack should only be referred to when the Union Flag is flown from a Royal Navy vessel. Clearly Union Jack was the favoured term of the editors of the ACC magazine in the 1900s but readers can be rest assured that in 2022, we attempt to take the technical standards of the magazine as serious as possible....

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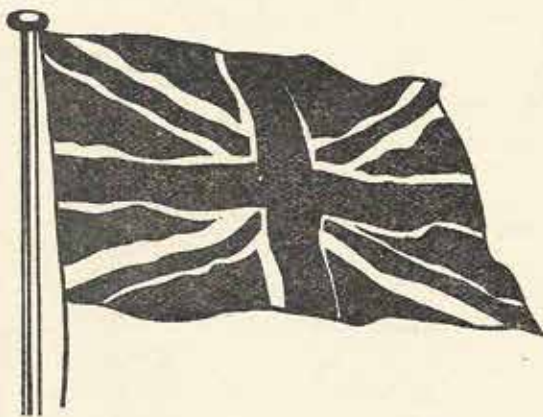
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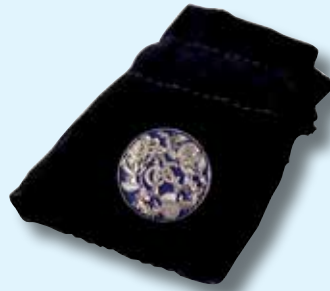
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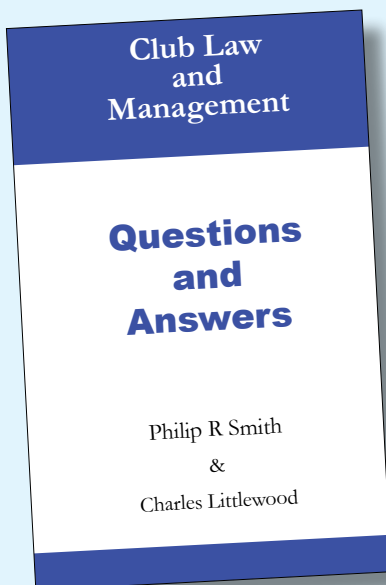
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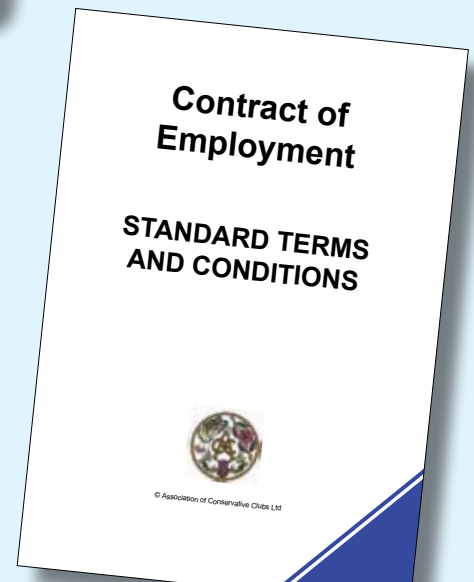
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