



## Welcome to the December edition of the PCASC newsletter!

December has arrived — the month when the village collectively decides it *is* acceptable to eat mince pies for breakfast, stockpile wrapping paper like it's gold, and pretend we're completely on top of our festive to-do lists.

Pucklechurch Social Club certainly isn't easing its way into the season — we're starting with a bang as the Pucklechurch Players take to the stage with their pantomime *Robin Hood*. They've been rehearsing for weeks (and probably singing in the shower for even longer), and it promises all the usual panto mayhem: boos, cheers, laughter, and at least one questionable wig. Tickets for Friday and Saturday are still on Eventbrite — but don't hang around, or you might have to live with the regret of missing a Dame in full festive flight.

*Don't forget to pre-order purchase drinks for the interval!*

Of course, December wouldn't be December without the club favourites: our **Xmas Quiz Night**, where friendly rivalry reaches Olympic levels, and **Bingo**, where the numbers come out faster than the mince pies disappear. Both are brilliant, sociable evenings — the sort where newcomers are instantly welcomed and regulars pretend they don't take it all too seriously.

And once we've navigated panto, quiz show-downs, bingo battles and enough chocolate tins to feed an army, we'll be finishing the year with a flourish at our **New Year's Eve celebration** on Tuesday 31st December from 8pm. Angie will be hosting what's sure to be a fun, friendly way to welcome in 2026. Tickets are £10 for members from behind the bar, and £12.50 for non-members, all tickets include a free drink — just remember to bring your membership card so you get the members' price and not the "I-swear-I-didn't-lose-it" one.

From panto chaos to quiz-night showdowns, bingo drama and New Year's cheer, December in the Social Club is full of good company, good humour, and plenty of opportunities to join in. Whether you're a seasoned regular or popping in for the first time, you'll find a warm welcome, a friendly atmosphere, and probably someone trying to persuade you into "just one more game."

A quick note on festive opening hours: the club will be closed on **25th and 26th December** and on **1st January**, so please plan your merriment accordingly (and maybe stock up on crisps in advance).

On behalf of the committee and our brilliant staff, we wish you all a  
*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

## Upcoming Events for Your Diary

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7:30pm – Boozy Bingo and Roll-a-£1 Coin

**Doors 7.30pm for an 8pm start - Tickets: £8 per person**, available now from the bar. (Bring your ticket on the night to collect your bingo cards)

We're kicking off festivities with **Christmas Boozy Bingo** - a lively, laughter-filled evening and the perfect warm-up to the festive season! Expect the usual fun, friendly chaos, a great atmosphere, and a few cheeky prizes along the way.



If you have any questions, please contact **Richard** — and don't forget to check the posters for full details.

But that's not all...

**Roll-a-£1 Coin** – *Back by Popular Demand!*

We'll also be running our festive **£1 coin roll** down the skittle alley. Just roll your pound, and whoever gets closest to the target wins the prize!

Enter as many times as you like — the more rolls, the better your chances (and the more competitive it gets...).

Don't forget to bring plenty of £1 coins... though fear not, the bar has *extra ammo* should you run out!



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 9:00pm – Christmas Raffle

Get ready for one of the most festive nights of the year! Top prize is a **£100 jackpot**, with a sleigh-full of other goodies up for grabs — including an **air fryer**, bottles of **spirits and wine**, and even **boozy baubles** (yes, really). Plus plenty more mystery treats you'll spot on the posters around the club.



Squares are **4 for £1**, and for the first time ever we're fully modern — **contactless payments now accepted**, as well as good old-fashioned cash. It's always a brilliant, buzzy night... don't miss it!

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 8:00pm – Christmas Quiz

Get your thinking caps *and* your Christmas jumpers ready! Join us for a fun and festive quiz night — and if your Christmas jumper or shirt catches the judge's eye, you could win a **bottle of wine**.

As an extra treat, we'll also be playing a special **Irish Christmas Bingo** - a quick, funny, totally luck-based showdown where everyone buys one, (or more), Christmas picture tickets and, as the images are called, people sit down one by one... until just **one** lucky person is still standing. It's simple, silly, and always gets everyone laughing.



Come along, join in, and see whether your luck (or legs!) will keep you standing to the end.

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December, 8:00pm - New Year's Eve



Join us on New Year's Eve for an evening packed with favourites from across the decades: a mix of country hits, '50s-'60s rock 'n' roll, and timeless jazz. Expect plenty of dancing, singalongs, and that warm nostalgic glow right up to the midnight countdown.

No extortionate taxis, no pricey nightclub tickets — just a great night out right on your doorstep. Stroll down, team up with neighbours and friends, and enjoy the comfort of familiar faces (and member-friendly bar prices!).

**Members £10**, including your first drink.

Tickets are available now from behind the bar.

Let's welcome the New Year together — cheerful, local, and unmistakably Pucklechurch!

### Skittles Season Finale – Results & Round-Up

The skittles season wrapped up in fine style on 8th November with the semi-finals and finals of the Singles and Pairs competitions, followed by an excellent American supper, the presentations, and a lively game of Killer to finish the night.

A huge **thank you** goes to our **sticker-ups**, whose hard work keeps every match running smoothly — we couldn't do it without you.

#### Winners



**League Champion:** Caroline  
(Wandering Stars)



**Runner-Up:** Clare (Badminton)



**Wooden Spoon:** Lesley (Mind the Gap)



**Singles Champion:** Darren (Badminton)



**Pairs Winners:** Darren & Trevor (Badminton)



Pos	Team	Pos	Team
1	Wandering Stars	6	Double Tops
2	Badminton	7	Misfits
3	Footballers	8	O' So Close
4	Cricketers	9	Mafia
5	Diamonds	10	Mind the Gap

It was a fantastic evening and a fitting end to another great season. Thanks to everyone who played, supported, or simply came along for the social side.

We've even welcomed **new players** who've joined teams after giving it a try — so if you fancy having a go, or would just like a fun social night out, speak to the **bar staff** or chat to any of the teams. New bowlers are always welcome! Here's to another brilliant season ahead!

## Bonus Ball Latest News from the Numbers Game

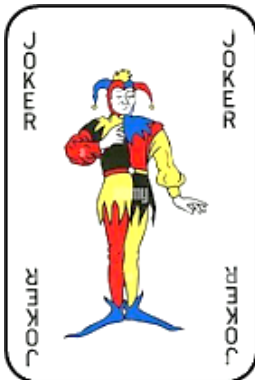


### *Joyce's Limerick*

*Now Joyce won the Bonus Ball haul,  
And fanned out her notes for us all,  
She chipped in with glee,  
For the club's xmas tree,  
A festive windfall delighting us all!*

The Bonus Ball will now take a little festive break - but don't worry, it'll be back in the New Year, ready for more fun, more winners, and (we hope!) a bit more cash fluttering around the bar.

## Find the Joker – The Game with a Winner Every Week is Here !



***We Wish You a Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year ....***

*We're still seeking out the Joker,  
We're still seeking out the Joker,  
We're still seeking out the Joker -  
Only four cards are gone!*

*Good luck and good cheer,  
The jackpot's still here -  
Nearly three hundred smackers...  
Could be **your** win this year!*

## Could You Be Our Next Secretary?

We're still hoping to find someone to take on the role of Secretary — a key part of keeping our club running smoothly. If you think you might be interested, or know someone who would be great for the role and can spare a couple of hours a month, please get in touch with the committee or email [pucklechurchcasc@gmail.com](mailto:pucklechurchcasc@gmail.com). You can find a list of current committee members at the back of this newsletter.

## Winter Opening Hours – from 1st October

**Monday to Friday:** 7:00pm – 11:00pm

**Saturday:** 13:00 – 11:00pm

**Sunday:** 12:00 noon – 7:00pm

On most evenings, last orders will be called at **11:00pm**, and we'd appreciate everyone heading out by **11:30pm**.

These times may vary for special events such as quizzes or parties, but if it's a particularly quiet night, the bar staff may close up a little earlier.

Thank you for your understanding — and for helping to keep our evenings relaxed and enjoyable for everyone.

## Cribbage at Pucklechurch Social Club – Players Wanted !



Our Cribbage team is on the lookout for new players — so if you're at a loose end on a Monday night the games are played during the Autumn and Winter months and fancy some good company (and a bite to eat, such as sandwiches or sausage and chips), this could be just the thing for you!

Whether you're an experienced player or completely new to the game, everyone's welcome. Just speak to the bar staff if you're interested in joining in.

And don't forget — cribbage boards and cards are always available behind the bar if you fancy a friendly game with mates at any time.

## Activities available in your Club



### Aim High - Our New Halo-Lit Darts Board is Here!

We've now got a brand-new darts board **complete with a lighting halo — the illuminated ring that gives perfect, shadow-free visibility of the board.**

So come along, grab some darts, and challenge your friends or colleagues to a game!



### Bored or Board?

Why not dive into our growing collection of board games and rediscover the simple pleasure of playing together?



### Free Pool – Rack 'em Up!

*Yes, you read that right* - our club offers a pool table completely free to use! It's the perfect excuse for a little friendly competition or a relaxed game with fellow members. Just ask at the bar for cues and balls, and enjoy a match on the house.

## Pucklechurch's New Woodland – Breaking News!

A huge moment for our village — the very first trees have now been planted in **Pucklechurch Wood**, part of the brand-new **Western Forest**, the UK's first new national forest in over 30 years! Our little corner of South Gloucestershire is helping to create a vast new woodland stretching from the Cotswolds to the Mendips.

Over the next few months, 22,000 native and climate-resilient trees will be planted at the Pucklechurch site (with another 22,000 next winter) — from trusty English oak to climate-tough sweet chestnut. In 10–15 years' time, we'll have a recognisable woodland: a green legacy for our children and grandchildren. And the best bit? Volunteers are already making it happen, with 360 tree whips planted on day one... only 21,640 to go this winter!

### Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am–3pm

Sessions are wonderfully relaxed: a bit of gentle planting, plenty of chatting, and a real sense of doing something good together. Everyone's welcome — no brute strength required, just a willingness to poke a tree into the ground and admire your handiwork. All tools and guidance are provided.

If you'd like to lend a hand or find out more, please contact Daphne, Parish Clerk, at [clerk@pucklechurchparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@pucklechurchparishcouncil.gov.uk).

## Pucklechurch AFC Fixtures

Looking closer to home, these are the upcoming match fixtures for our local lads and lasses:

Note: Correct at time of going to press, please check dates and times				
	<b>Men's First – Upcoming Fixtures</b>			
	<b>Uhsport Bristol Premier Combination League</b>			
			No Matches in Dec	
	<b>Men's Bristol &amp; District D2 Reserves – Upcoming Fixtures</b>			
	06/12/25	14:00	Bristol United FC	IMPERIAL SPORTS
	20/12/25	14:00	Bitton Reserves	BITTON AFC
	<b>Over 35s Division 2 – Upcoming Fixtures</b>			
	07/12/25		Portishead	
	<b>Shield Services Group South-West Regional – Upcoming Fixtures</b>			
	07/12/25	14:00	AEK Boco Ladies	Pucklechurch Rec
14/12/25	14:00	Gloucester City Women	Gloucester City AFC (Tigerturf Stadium) #1 Grass	

Check out the fixtures nearer the time to check for any changes on the following websites:

Men's First Team

<https://fulltime.thefa.com/displayTeam.html?divisionseason=202889869&teamID=239046326>

Men's Reserves

<https://fulltime.thefa.com/displayTeam.html?divisionseason=318991785&teamID=783634027>

Pucklechurch Ladies - <https://fulltime.thefa.com/displayTeam.html?id=884511731>

Pucklechurch Veterans - <https://bristolcorinthiansleague.co.uk/over-35s-division-1/>



Date	Time	Teams / Fixture
Tues 2nd	7:30 pm	Fulham vs Manchester City
Tues 2nd	8:15 pm	Newcastle United vs Tottenham Hotspur
Wed 3rd	7:30 pm	Arsenal vs Brentford
Wed 3rd	7:30 pm	Brighton and Hove Albion vs Aston Villa
Wed 3rd	7:30 pm	Burnley vs Crystal Palace
Wed 3rd	7:30 pm	Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Nottingham Forest
Wed 3rd	8:15 pm	Leeds United vs Chelsea
Wed 3rd	8:15 pm	Liverpool vs Sunderland
Thur 4th	8:00 pm	Manchester United vs West Ham United
Sat 6th	12:30 pm	Aston Villa vs Arsenal
Sat 6th	3:00 pm	Bournemouth vs Chelsea
Sat 6th	3:00 pm	Everton vs Nottingham Forest
Sat 6th	3:00 pm	Manchester City vs Sunderland
Sat 6th	3:00 pm	Newcastle United vs Burnley
Sat 6th	3:00 pm	Tottenham Hotspur vs Brentford
Sat 6th	5:30 pm	Leeds United vs Liverpool
Sun 7th	2:00 pm	Brighton and Hove Albion vs West Ham United
Sun 7th	4:30 pm	Fulham vs Crystal Palace
Mon 8th	8:00 pm	Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Manchester United
Sat 13th	3:00 pm	Chelsea vs Everton
Sat 13th	3:00 pm	Liverpool vs Brighton and Hove Albion
Sat 13th	5:30 pm	Burnley vs Fulham
Sat 13th	8:00 pm	Arsenal vs Wolverhampton Wanderers
Sun 14th	2:00 pm	Crystal Palace vs Manchester City
Sun 14th	2:00 pm	Nottingham Forest vs Tottenham Hotspur
Sun 14th	2:00 pm	Sunderland vs Newcastle United
Sun 14th	2:00 pm	West Ham United vs Aston Villa
Sun 14th	4:30 pm	Brentford vs Leeds United
Mon 15th	8:00 pm	Manchester United vs Bournemouth
Sat 20th	12:30 pm	Newcastle United vs Chelsea

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Sat 20th	8:00 pm	Everton vs Arsenal
Sat 20th	8:00 pm	Leeds United vs Crystal Palace
Sun 21st	4:30 pm	Aston Villa vs Manchester United
Mon 22nd	8:00 pm	Fulham vs Nottingham Forest
Fri 26th	8:00 pm	Manchester United vs Newcastle United
Sat 27th	12:30 pm	Nottingham Forest vs Manchester City
Sat 27th	3:00 pm	Arsenal vs Brighton and Hove Albion
Sat 27th	3:00 pm	Brentford vs Bournemouth
Sat 27th	3:00 pm	Burnley vs Everton
Sat 27th	3:00 pm	West Ham United vs Fulham
Sat 27th	3:00 pm	Liverpool vs Wolverhampton Wanderers
Sat 27th	5:30 pm	Chelsea vs Aston Villa
Sun 28th	2:00 pm	Sunderland vs Leeds United
Sun 28th	4:30 pm	Crystal Palace vs Tottenham Hotspur
Tues 30th	7:30 pm	Burnley vs Newcastle United
Tues 30th	7:30 pm	Chelsea vs Bournemouth
Tues 30th	7:30 pm	Nottingham Forest vs Everton
Tues 30th	7:30 pm	West Ham United vs Brighton and Hove Albion
Tues 30th	8:15 pm	Arsenal vs Aston Villa
Tues 30th	8:15 pm	Manchester United vs Wolverhampton Wanderers

## Key Terrestrial sport – December 2025

Because the FA Cup draw is only just complete for round two, further matches and broadcast picks are yet to be announced

Date	Time (UK)	Event	Channel(s)
Tue 2nd	19:00	England Women vs Ghana Women Football	ITV4
Sat 6th	12:30	Derby County vs Leicester City	ITV1, ITVX
Sat 6th	13:00 & 19:00 (approx)	UK Championship – Semi-finals (Snooker)	BBC TV (mix of channels)
Sat 6th	17:15	Sutton United vs Shrewsbury Town – FA Cup 2nd Round	BBC Two
Sun 7th	Day & evening (final session)	UK Championship Final Snooker Triple Crown	BBC TV (mix of channels)
Sun 7th	14:30	Boreham Wood vs Newport County – FA Cup 2nd Round	BBC Two

## Holding an Event in our Club?

We're here to help! If you're a club member and would like your event advertised in the newsletter, please speak to a committee member or bar staff.

## Book Your Event with Us!

Why not host your next event right here at our club? Members enjoy *free access* to our facilities—perfect for all kinds of gatherings, such as:

- Fundraising events;
- Birthday parties;
- Anniversary celebrations (whether it's ruby, silver, gold, or platinum);
- Wakes and more.

**Email us** at [pucklechurchcasc@gmail.com](mailto:pucklechurchcasc@gmail.com) with your ideas, or

**Chat with our friendly bar staff** for an informal conversation when you're next at the club.

*If you think your event might require extra bar staff for your event, please let us know in advance so we can plan accordingly. Your input helps us make the club even better - thank you!*

## Your Feedback Matters

As we strive to enhance our club, we want to keep you informed about our plans and how you can contribute.

We appreciate all members who have shared their insights and suggestions. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us create a more enjoyable and welcoming environment for everyone.

## Social Club Committee

Your committee members are as follows:

Derek Watts, Chair	Denise Young, Treasurer	Margaret Fortune
Dave Britton, Vice Chair	Andrea Ryland	Marylynn Bolwell
<b>Vacant</b> , Secretary	Carol Dolling	Richard Hanks
Ann-Marie Johnson, Membership Secretary		

We value the input of all club members! If there's anything you'd like to share or bring to our attention, please feel free to speak to any of us or email us at [pucklechurchcasc@gmail.com](mailto:pucklechurchcasc@gmail.com)

If you have an interest in joining any of the activities highlighted in our newsletter, please speak to the bar staff who can then direct you to the relevant person, or if you prefer, contact our committee by email.