



Welcome to the March 2026 edition of the PCASC newsletter!

March is a month of finales and fresh starts. The Six Nations enters its decisive stages, with the closing fixtures bringing the usual mix of tension, resilience and the occasional hard lesson. For some sides, it's been a campaign to celebrate; for others, a reminder that rebuilding takes time. Either way, the championship always delivers talking points.

Attention will soon turn to the Women's Six Nations, which promises its own high-quality competition and, if recent seasons are anything to go by, some outstanding rugby. It's encouraging to see the continued growth and profile of the women's game — and plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead.

Beyond the rugby, there are clear signs that spring is arriving. The days are stretching out and the light is lingering a little longer each evening. The clocks go forward on **Sunday 29th March**, ushering in British Summer Time and those welcome lighter nights.

March always feels like a turning point — and as ever, there's plenty happening at the Club as we move into the brighter months.

Upcoming Events for Your Diary

Back by popular demand Sunday 22nd March, 7:30pm
Boozy Bingo and Roll-a-£1 Coin



Doors open at **7.30pm** for an **8.00pm start**.

Entry is by ticket, which go on sale from **1st February**. Tickets cost **£8 for members** (four games included) and **£10 for non-members**. Please look out for the posters for full details, and remember to bring your ticket on the night to collect your bingo cards.

You can expect a lively evening with plenty of laughs, a relaxed and friendly crowd, and a few unexpected prizes thrown in for good measure. If you'd like to know more, **Richard** will be happy to help.

Those Were the Days... A 60s & 70s Sing-Along


Do you enjoy singing?


On **Sunday 12th April at 7:30pm**, we're turning the clock back to the golden days of pop, flared trousers and unforgettable tunes.

From the moment **The Beatles** told us that "All You Need Is Love", to when **Dusty Springfield** urged us not to forget her, and when we all found ourselves humming along to **The Kinks**, these were the songs that shaped a generation.

We might even wander down **Penny Lane**, survive a little **Waterloo**, or admit that **Sweet Caroline** still gets everyone joining in at the top of their voices.

Whether you're more Cliff Richard crooner than Freddie Mercury powerhouse — or somewhere comfortably in between — this evening is all about good company, great memories and singing the songs we all know (even if we pretend we don't).

 Lyrics will be shown on our 85-inch TV — no need to dust off the old sheet music.

 A friendly compere will guide us through the classics and keep the evening flowing.

So come along, bring your voice (polished or pleasantly nostalgic), and enjoy a warm-hearted night of music and memories.

*Because some songs never really leave us —
they're just waiting for the chorus.*

PCASC Quiz Night Returns 29th March



Our February Quiz proved to be another lively and well-supported evening. Congratulations to **"The Curlers"**, who claimed first place — with **"We Are Four"** hot on their heels, finishing just one point behind in a nail-biting finish!

The coveted packets of crisps were proudly scooped up by **Team "The Crispies"** — clearly a name that comes with expectations.

It's been wonderful to see the number of teams steadily growing, and we're hoping even more of you will join us for the next quiz on **Sunday 29th March**. It's always a great evening of friendly competition and plenty of laughs.

A big thank you to Richard for once again taking on the role of Quiz Master — and I'm sure none of us will forget the infamous *Phobia Round* in a hurry!

Easter Draw

Easter is fast approaching and we'll soon be holding our annual **Easter Draw**.

The prizes are now on display in the Trophy Cabinet, and the draw board can be found on the bar — so do take a look next time you're in.

Squares are just **£1 each**, and we're pleased to say we can now accept **contactless payments** as well as cash. Why not have a go and see if you're one of our lucky winners?

Unclaimed Christmas Draw Prize

Do you know how to contact Dave?

We still have a prize waiting to be claimed from our Christmas Draw by Dave Kington. If you're in touch with Dave, please let him know!

If the prize is not claimed by the end of March, it will be reused for a future Club event. Many thanks for helping us track down the lucky winner!

The Grand Prix Championship on the Alley

(Read in the measured tones of a Formula 1 commentator — where every throw is a lap, every frame a sector, and the championship is decided by the finest of margins...)



As February's fixtures conclude, the skittle alley resembles a floodlit Grand Prix circuit.

Sitting firmly on **pole position**, **Badminton** continue to set the pace. Smooth through the corners, precise in execution, they've shown the consistency of a team determined to convert qualifying speed into championship silverware. Right in their slipstream are **Mind the Gap**, running in second and well within DRS range. They've been methodical,

composed, and ready to capitalise on even the smallest wobble from the leaders.

Holding third on the grid, the **Footballers** have climbed impressively through the field. After an early-season pit stop or two, they've found rhythm and are very much in podium contention.

Just behind the front runners, the **Cricketers** sit fourth — steady lap times, disciplined lines, quietly accumulating valuable points.

Double Tops occupy fifth, capable of producing a fastest-lap flourish when it matters most.

In sixth, **Wandering Star** remain competitive, seeking that extra burst of pace to rejoin the podium fight.

Seventh place sees **Diamonds**, still very much on the circuit and ready to mount a charge.

In eighth, **O' So Close** continue to hover just outside the main pack — one clean lap away from moving decisively forward..

The **Misfits**, currently ninth, are showing resilience in heavy traffic.

And at the rear of the grid for now, **Mafia** may appear patient — but seasoned observers know that a well-timed safety car moment can change everything.


As any motorsport fan knows, championships are not won in February. Reliability, nerve, and consistency will prove decisive as we head into the closing laps of the season.

The title race remains very much alive

Do you enjoy playing darts?

If you're **16 or over** and would be interested in taking part in an **internal club league**, then you might be just the person we're looking for!

We're holding an informal meeting to gauge interest and see whether a league would be viable:

 **Monday 23rd March**
 **7:15pm - In the Club**



Whether you're a seasoned player or just enjoy a friendly throw, come along and have your say. All welcome — the more the merrier!

Bonus Ball



The Bonus Ball prize has now reached £374.00.

We have unfortunately lost one player due to non-payment of subscriptions. Please make sure your payments are kept up to date so you remain eligible.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the draw.

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



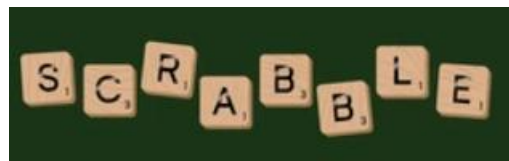
The Joker continues to hide — along with four picture cards — so the tension builds for another week.

The Joker pot now stands at £602.00.

With only 20 envelopes remaining, the odds are getting better every Friday. Remember, tickets can be purchased at any time before 10pm each Friday.

Good luck!

Help Us Keep the Club Alive - Bring Your Game Nights Here



Your Social Club works best when it's being used — and like many community venues, quieter evenings can be a real challenge. If a skittles or cribbage match is cancelled, we can sometimes find ourselves with just a handful of people in the club, which simply isn't sustainable in the long term.

So, we'd love to open the doors wider and encourage new evening activities — not just from Pucklechurch, but from across the wider South Gloucestershire community too.

If you are a member and already run (or would like to start) a group for dominoes, bridge or whist, canasta, scrabble, mahjong, backgammon, chess or any other suitable social game, why not make your Social Club your home? We're very happy to offer members our space free of charge, with a

friendly bar, comfortable surroundings, and a welcoming atmosphere. And members also benefit from cheaper bar prices too!

Whether it's a regular club night, a casual get-together, or something entirely new, we're keen to help make it happen. If you're interested, please speak to the bar staff or get in touch via email - and let's see how we can work together to keep the club lively, well used, and thriving.

Cribbage at Pucklechurch Social Club – Players Wanted !



Our **Cribbage team** is always happy to welcome new players. If you're at a loose end on a Monday evening and fancy some good company — with the bonus of food like sandwiches or sausage and chips — this could be just the thing.

It doesn't matter whether you've played for years or have never picked up a crib board before; it's friendly, informal and easy to join in. Just have a word with the bar staff if you're interested.

And if league play isn't your thing, cribbage boards and cards are always available behind the bar for a relaxed game with friends at any time.

Pucklechurch Cricket Club – Cricket Season Is Nearly Here!



Cricket Season Is Nearly Here!

It may not feel like it with all this rain, but spring really is just around the corner — and that means cricket season isn't far away!

After the tremendous effort that's gone into laying the new pitch, there's a real sense of anticipation around the club, and we can't wait to get started.

This year promises to be a busy one. We'll be fielding:

- **Two adult Saturday sides**
- **A midweek team**

And we're always delighted to welcome new players of any ability — whether you're a seasoned cricketer or just fancy giving it a go.

Pre-Season Indoor Nets

Yate International Academy
10:00am–11:00am

March: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

April: 19th, 26th

Our popular **ECB training programme for 5–11 year-olds** will begin in early May, and this year we're hoping to run competitive teams at **U9, U11, U13 and U15** level.

As always, all sessions and teams are open to **both boys and girls**.

So, if you — or someone in your family — would like to get involved, do take a look at:
www.pucklechurchcc.co.uk

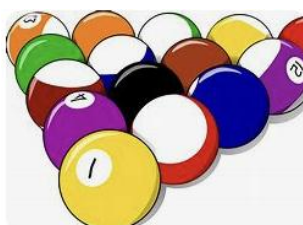
Here's to a sunny season ahead!

Activities currently available in your Club



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 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

	Men's First – Upcoming Fixtures			
	Uhsport Bristol Premier Combination League			
	07/03/26	14:00	Old Sodbury	Pucklechurch Rec
	Men's Bristol & District D2 Reserves – Upcoming Fixtures			
	07/03/26	14:00	Bitton Reserves	BITTON AFC
	14/03/26	14:00	FC United of Yate	Pucklechurch Rec
	21/03/26	14:00	Olveston United Reserves	Olveston United FC
	28/03/26	16:00	Bristol Barcelona Reserves	Lockleaze Sports Centre
	Over 35s Division 2 – Upcoming Fixtures			
	10/03/26		Yate Town Vets	Pucklechurch Rec
29/03/26		Easton Cowboys Casuals	Pucklechurch Rec	

Shield Services Group South-West Regional – Upcoming Fixtures

15/03/26	14:00	Frampton Rangers Ladies	Pucklechurch Rec
22/03/26	14:00	Saltash United Women	KIMBERLEY STADIUM
29/03/26	14:00	Bishops Lydeard Ladies	Bishops Lydeard AFC

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/>

Winter Opening Hours – from 1st February

Monday to Friday: 7:00pm – 11:00pm

Saturday: 1:00pm – 11:00pm

Sunday: 12:00 noon – 4:00pm – usual opening hours

Sunday: 12.00 noon – 7.00pm

*(when Pucklechurch Ladies have home fixtures,
closing time is flexible, depending on attendance)*

Sunday: 7:00pm -11:00pm if there are events such as quizzes, bingo or parties

Please speak to our staff if you have an event and require extended opening hours.

If you know you have an event such as a birthday party and expect a crowd, please let our staff know in advance so that we can ensure there are enough staff working to make your special event go smoothly

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. On quieter evenings, the bar may close a little earlier at the discretion of the bar staff.

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

SSF – Sky Sports Football SS F1 - Sky Sports F1 SSME - Sky Sports Main Event
SSPL – Sky Sport Premier League SSM – Sky Sport Mix SS+ Sky Sports Plus

Date	Time	Channel	Teams / Fixture
Sun 1 Mar	12:00	SSF	Rangers vs Celtic
Sun 1 Mar	14:00	Sky Sports Tennis	Brighton vs Nottingham Forest
Sun 1 Mar	14:00	Sky Sports+	Fulham vs Tottenham
Sun 1 Mar	14:00	SSME / SSPL	Man United vs Crystal Palace
Sun 1 Mar	16:30	SSME / SSPL	Arsenal vs Chelsea
Mon 2 Mar	20:00	SSME/SSF	Birmingham City vs Middlesbrough
Sat 14 Mar	17:30	Sky Sports	Chelsea vs Newcastle
Sat 14 Mar	17:30	Sky Sports	Arsenal vs Everton
Sun 15 Mar	14:00	Sky Sports	Crystal Palace vs Leeds
Sun 15 Mar	14:00	Sky Sports	Man United vs Aston Villa
Sun 15 Mar	14:00	Sky Sports	Nottingham Forest vs Fulham
Sun 15 Mar	16:30	Sky Sports	Liverpool vs Tottenham
Mon 16 Mar	20:00	Sky Sports	Brentford vs Wolves
Fri 20 Mar	20:00	Sky Sports	Bournemouth vs Man United
Sat 21 Mar	17:30	Sky Sports	Everton vs Chelsea
Sat 21 Mar	20:00	Sky Sports	Leeds vs Brentford
Sun 22 Mar	12:00	Sky Sports	Newcastle vs Sunderland
Sun 22 Mar	14:15	Sky Sports	Tottenham vs Nottingham Forest

Six Nations Rugby – Men's

Round 4

- March 6 – Ireland vs. Wales – 3:10 p.m. ET
- March 7 – Scotland vs. France – 9:10 a.m. ET
- March 7 – Italy vs. England – 11:40 a.m. ET

Round 5

- March 14 – Ireland vs. Scotland – 10:10 a.m. ET
- March 14 – Wales vs. Italy – 12:40 p.m. ET
- March 14 – France vs. England – 4:10 p.m. ET



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 info@pucklechurchsocialclub.co.uk with your ideas, or

Chat with our friendly bar staff when you're next at the club.

If you think your event might require extra bar staff, 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

Fran Nowell, 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 info@pucklechurchsocialclub.co.uk

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.