

# Pucklechurch Community Association Social Club Newsletter



## PCASC April 2026 Edition

Welcome to the April edition of the PCASC newsletter!



As the sun has been shining on a few days of March, we are looking forward to April and hoping that the weather will continue to improve. Easter – the ‘moveable feast’ is fairly early this year with Easter Sunday falling on 5<sup>th</sup> April. The Earliest possible date would be the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March, as the day is calculated as the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Spring Equinox, which is 21<sup>st</sup> March. The latest possible date for Easter Sunday is 25<sup>th</sup> April.

As Members will know, Club prices increased from 1<sup>st</sup> March. Thank you for accepting this change as a necessary part of making our Club sustainable and not complaining! Prices – and particularly Members’ prices - still represent good value for money, and we are on track with our Five-Year Plan to put the Club on a secure financial footing.

Our expenditure exceeded our income in February due to several things: firstly, the awful weather meant that many games on the Rec were cancelled, so we didn’t have large groups in the Club on Saturdays and Sundays. Secondly, a party downstairs for which we had stocked up was cancelled at short notice. And we also had 2 skittles matches cancelled, because our skittles teams were unable to play, meaning that income on those nights was much reduced.

These things are unforeseen and perhaps unavoidable, which is why it is so important to have a buffer to fall back on.



## Singalong



### Do you sing in the shower?

This night is not Karaoke!

You don't need to know the words!

No open mic!



You don't need to be a popstar, just want to join in with friends, family, fellow Club members. It may take a couple of drinks before you feel the urge to sing along, so tune in your voice box, turn off your hearing aid and be ready to sing your little heart out!

Do you enjoy singing? On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm (not 12<sup>th</sup> as stated previously) we will be holding a '60s and '70s Singalong, hosted by Clare Watts. Come along and join us – all you need is your voice, however tuneful! Music and lyrics will be on our 85" TV.

This was trialled by Pucklechurch Ladies' Group and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Calling Gen Z

As a Club, we are always looking at ways to meet the requirements of the people of Pucklechurch. One way is to attract more young people and, to do this, we need to understand why they are not using the Club. We would like to find out what we need to put in place for the Club to be attractive to them.

So we are looking for a small group of young people willing to form their own sub-committee. We would like them to consult their peers and report back to us with their views and comments. If you, or someone you know, would like to be involved in this, please contact us at [info@pucklechurchsocialclub.co.uk](mailto:info@pucklechurchsocialclub.co.uk), or speak to one of our Bar Staff or Committee members - see last page.

Note: The generation born between 1997 and 2012 has become known as Generation Z.

## PCASC Quiz Nights



The next PCASC Quiz Night will be on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm.

All teams of up to 6 people welcome. The quizzes are great fun with friendly competition for the top spot and a money prize for first and second place. There is also kudos for the team that comes last and wins the crisps!

PS: Our crisps are *REAL Crisps*, and very nice they are too. Try them - you'll like them!



## VOTO Quiz

VOTO (Villagers On Their Own) will be holding a quiz in the Club on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7:30 for 8pm start. Teams of 4 and everyone welcome, not just VOTO members. Come along and enjoy this event.

## Easter Draw

There is still time to enter our Easter Draw. £1 per square buys you the chance to win one of several lovely chocolate Easter Eggs. You can pay cash or with a card. The draw will be held at 9pm on Good Friday.



## Pucklechurch Scarecrow Hunt

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Bank Holiday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. We shall have a scarecrow of our own in the Social Club. We hope lots of people will pop in to identify him/her/it and have a drink with us.

## Since the last Newsletter...

- The Boozy Bingo evening was well received. It was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and attended by 42 Bingoists. Lucky winners took home eight boozy prizes, from wine and prosecco to rum and vodka. Gayle and Richard equipped everyone with bingo cards and dabbers, and we enjoyed a bit of fun and a flutter. The evening concluded with Roll £1, to win a bottle of single malt whisky. After a stiff competition, this was won by Joyce Harris. Well done, Joyce.
- Our February Quiz was won by The Curlers, with We Are Four coming second and only a one-point difference. The Crisps were won by The Crispies. The number of teams joining the event has grown and our next quiz will be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April. We hope more of you will come along and enjoy a good evening of quizzing. Many thanks to Richard for being Quizmaster – I'm sure none of us will forget the Phobia round!

## Guest Ales at your Club

Our selection of Guest Ales has been much appreciated and will continue as we move into Spring and Summer. We hope ale drinkers amongst you have been enjoying the variety. We had some very positive comments on the ale to accompany the 6 Nations Rugby – Studs and Hookers from Bath Ales was much appreciated! Many of the popular beers will make repeat comebacks to the pumps!

**Please Note:** The Club is no longer collecting the empty plastic sweet drums for Macmillan Cancer Support. Many thanks to all those who contributed to this worthy cause.



## Skittles League Commentary

The new season will be starting soon, and the teams will be signing on their players. Eight players from each team play and the games are organised on Monday to Friday evenings from 8pm by Derek Watts and the Team Captains. There are currently 10 teams in the League.

Our Skittles League is a friendly competition. Players have a lot of fun skittling and socialising in the Club. The League is an important feature for the Social Club as it brings people in every weekday evening.

If you think this sounds like a good evening out and fancy joining a team, please get in touch with Derek Watts. Teams are always keen to recruit new members.

It only costs £3 per player to sign on for your team, and then a small charge each week to play for that team. Each team has its own arrangements to make a small weekly charge to play, which contributes to the wages of the Sticker-Up and may provide a team fund for social events or prizes.

It is perhaps inevitable that, from time to time, teams will cancel their game due to the unavailability of team members. We very much regret that we may decide to close the Club at short notice if this happens on a night when other Members are not expected.

As of March 21<sup>st</sup>, the League positions look like this:



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

## Cribbage League

Did you know that our Club has a Cribbage Team who play in a League with other Clubs? This involves travelling to various hostelrys in the local area on Monday nights during the Autumn and Winter months.

The Crib Season for the Sodbury and District League has come to an end. The Social Club is looking for new players to join the team. It doesn't matter whether you have played before, if you're a bit rusty, or wish to learn the game from scratch. You will be very welcome.

Please speak to Derek Watts or a member of Bar Staff to register your interest.

## Bonus Ball - Latest News from the Numbers Game



The jackpot stands at **£463**! One player is just one number away from scooping the lot! Another 5 players have yet to start, but in only 5 draws they could still win!

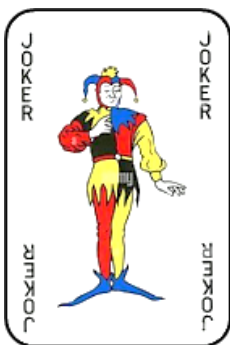
A significant amount is added to the pot each week, so the total is growing fast. Who will break the streak and hit the jackpot? Watch this space.

Please ensure your Bonus Ball payments are up to date. According to Club rules, if your allocated number is drawn and payment hasn't been received in advance, you'll be ineligible to claim the prize, resulting in a rollover. Keep an eye on the pinboard in the Club between the dartboard and the bar. This shows how many weeks you are in credit.

If you'd like to join our **Bonus Ball Game** for just **£1 a week**, please speak to a member of Bar Staff or Dave Britton, Vice Chair.

Here's how it works: Just pick five numbers from the lottery ball numbers, 1-59. Over time, if your 5 numbers come out as the bonus ball first in the National Lottery draw, you'll win the prize.

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



The current Joker pot stands at a whopping **£633**! The winner each week takes home £5 if their card is a number card, £10 if it is a picture card, and the jackpot if it is the Joker.

It's just **£1 per week to play**, so why not join in and take your shot at the jackpot? Give £1 (or more if you want more entries) to Dave Britton or one of the Bar Staff and they will enter your raffle ticket with your chosen number into the draw. The draw takes place each Friday around 10 pm.

Only 17 cards remain in the draw, so your chances of winning the jackpot are getting better!

Note: Bonus Ball and Find the Joker updates – as of 26<sup>th</sup> March.



## Activities 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?



### Hit the Mark with Darts!

The dart board is always available for solo, duo or group challenge!



### Free Pool – Rack 'em Up

The Club has a Pool Table that is free to use!



### Cribbage

Cribbage boards and cards are always available behind the bar if you fancy a game with friends.



SSF – Sky Sports Football    SS+ - Sky Sports +    SSME - Sky Sports Main Event

Date	Time	Channel	Teams / Fixture	Comp
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> April	12:45	SSF	Manchester City v Liverpool	Premier
	17:15	SSF	Chelsea v Port Vale	Premier
	20.00	SSF	Southampton v Arsenal	Premier
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:30	SSF	Arsenal v Bournemouth	Premier
	15:00	SSF	Brentford v Everton	Premier
	15:00	SSF	Burnley v Brighton & Hove Albion	Premier
	17:30	SSF	Liverpool v Fulham	Premier
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:30	SSF	Brentford v Fulham	Premier
	15:00	SSF	Leeds United v Wolverhampton Wanderers	Premier
	15:00	SSF	Newcastle United v Bournemouth	Premier
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	17.30	SSF	Tottenham Hotspur v Brighton & Hove Albion	Premier
	20.00	SSF	Chelsea v Manchester United	Premier



Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	12:30	SSF	Fulham v Aston Villa	Premier
	15:00	SSF	Liverpool v Crystal Palace	Premier
	15:00	SSF	West Ham United v Everton	Premier
	15:00	SSF	Wolverhampton Wanderers v Tottenham Hotspur	Premier
	17:30	SSF	Arsenal v Newcastle United	Premier

## Formula 1

Our understanding is that, due to conflict in the region, the Bahrain and Saudi Arabian Grand Prix will not take place. There will not, therefore be any F1 broadcasts to show in the Social Club until the Miami GP on the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

## Pucklechurch AFC Fixtures

Looking closer to home, these are the upcoming match fixtures for our teams:

Note: Correct at time of going to press, please check dates and times

	<b>Men's First – Upcoming Fixtures Bristol &amp; District</b>			
	4 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00	Chipping Sodbury Town Reserves	Pucklechurch Rec
	11 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00	Old Sodbury	Old Sodbury Playing Fields
	18 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00	Hambrook & Brimsham Utd	Hambrook Sports Club
	25 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00	Hambrook & Brimsham Utd	Pucklechurch Rec
	<b>Men's Reserves – Upcoming Fixtures Bristol &amp; District</b>			
	4 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00	FC United of Yate	Sunnyside Lane Playing Field
	11 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00	Bristol Utd FC	Pucklechurch Rec
	18 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00	Bitton Reserves	Pucklechurch Rec
	21 <sup>st</sup> April	18:30	Greyfriars Athletic Reserves	Mile Straight Sports & Social Club
	15 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00	Made For Ever Reserves	Bristol Rovers' Supporters JFC (Southey Playing Field) / 1
	<b>Over 35s Division 1 – Upcoming Fixtures</b>			
	12 <sup>th</sup> April	?	LA Codgers	Pucklechurch 35s
	26 <sup>th</sup> April	?	Pucklechurch 35s	Portishead
	<b>Ladies – Upcoming Fixtures</b>			
	26 <sup>th</sup> April	14:00	Forest Green Rovers Women	Hartpury University



## Pucklechurch Cricket Club

Our Cricket Club begins its season on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, when the 1<sup>st</sup> XI plays an away match against Carsons & Mangotsfield Cricket Club's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's season starts on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, with an away match against Chipping Sodbury CC's 5<sup>th</sup> XI.

Meanwhile, the T20 XI plays its first match in the league on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at home against Easton Cuttlefish CC's 20/20 League XI, starting at 6pm.

Our 3 teams have a full schedule of matches throughout the Summer. It is well worth taking the opportunity to watch a match from the Social Club balcony, and full details of the cricket matches for all 3 teams can be found at [www.pucklechurchcc.co.uk](http://www.pucklechurchcc.co.uk).

The Cricket Club is holding training and practice matches on the recreation field behind the Community Centre for under 9, under 11, under 13 and under 15 year-old boys and girls on Monday evenings starting in April.

The Cricket Club is looking out for new members and anyone who is interested should contact either the Chairman, Dean Freestone on 07780525487 or the Club Secretary, Kelly Brown on 07527 807993.

## 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](mailto: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!*



## Club Updates and How You Can Get Involved

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

Your Feedback Matters. It helps us create a more enjoyable and welcoming environment for everyone. If you have any suggestions for improvements or events you would like to see, please speak to one of the Committee members.

## Glass Collector

We are looking for a glass collector to work downstairs on occasions when we open the bar for events held in the main hall. These occasions are normally on a weekend evening. If you are interested in this post, please leave your name and contact number behind the bar in the Club or send details to [info@pucklechurchsocialclub.co.uk](mailto:info@pucklechurchsocialclub.co.uk).

## Social Club Committee

Your committee members are as follows:

Derek Watts, Chair	Denise Young, Treasurer	Dave Britton, Vice Chair
Fran Nowell, Secretary	Ann-Marie Johnston, Membership Secretary	
Richard Hanks	Margaret Fortune	Carol Dolling
Andrea Ryland	Marylynn Bolwell	

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](mailto: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.

## Winter/Spring Opening Hours

<b>Monday to Friday:</b>	7 pm – 11 pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 pm – 11 pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	12 noon – 7 pm

With the exception of Sunday, last orders will be called at 11 pm, with the expectation that all patrons leave by 11:30 pm. Should there be an event held in the Club, e.g. a quiz or party, closing times may differ. If the Club is very quiet, the Bar Staff may close the Club earlier than the stated times.