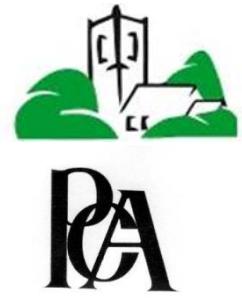


Pucklechurch Community Association Social Club Newsletter



May 2026 Edition

Welcome to the May edition of the PCASC newsletter!



“Ne’er cast a clout ‘til May be out”

As we start the month of May, the trees and hedges of Pucklechurch and surrounding villages are covered in Spring blossom. This old English proverb might refer to the month of May - do not take off your warm Winter clothes until the end of May – or it might refer to the ‘may’ blossom. In other words, warm clothes until we see the *may*, or hawthorn, blossom out. Who knows – the meaning seems to be lost in the mists of time.

As a club, we are always looking for ways to meet the requirements of the people of Pucklechurch. As Chair, Derek has been asking people how they view the Club and what we can do to make it more attractive. He has heard that the Club does not always look very welcoming, that it often appears to be closed even during opening hours, and that it is not clear that non-members are welcome. We shall attempt to change this impression by adding another open sign and putting up signs detailing our opening hours and stating that non-members are welcome. The open sign at the front of the building in the window above the bar is illuminated while the Club is open. The new sign at the rear will be visible from the playing field. When the weather is warm, we intend to prop open the doors and we shall take off the keycode on the front door so that access is easier, particularly for non-members.

We shall be putting a sign over the front door to let people know that the Club is here, and we shall publicise the Club in a Pucklechurch News article, encouraging new people to come along.



Singalong

The Singalong on Sunday 19th April was a great success. Our first such event was well received with around 30 people singing to their hearts' content. We sang songs from the 60s and 70s, with the music and lyrics on our 85" TV. Some even had a bit of a dance! Feedback from those who came to sing along was very positive and people wanted the event to be repeated, so....



Next Singalong
Sunday 17th May at 8pm



Young People's Consultation Group

We are still looking for a small group of young people willing to form their own sub-committee to consider what would make the Club more attractive to young people. 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, or speak to one of our Bar Staff or Committee members - see last page.

PCASC Quiz Nights



The next PCASC Quiz Night will be on Sunday
31st May at 8pm.

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!

World Cup Sweepstake

We shall be holding a World Cup Sweepstake in May. You pay £5 to be allocated a team in the World Cup. The person with the winning team will win £80, the runner up receives £40, and the team that has the player who wins the Golden Boot will win £20. Tickets can be purchased with cash or card at the till. Good luck all!



Pucklechurch Scarecrow Hunt

Sunday 3rd & Bank Holiday Monday 4th 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 Easter Draw was held on Good Friday and 4 lucky winners each received an egg.
- VOTO (Villagers On Their Own) held their quiz in the Club on Sunday 12th April. Nine teams of 4 took part and everyone enjoyed the event.
- The monthly quiz was held on Sunday 26th April and it was extremely well attended with 13 teams taking part. Another excellent quiz of 10 rounds, including bad Trip Advisor reviews – “Terrible! Just a few rocks” for Stonehenge - and top 10 British Olympians. This month’s winners were Confused.com (a new team who, by coincidence, had the same name as one of the regulars!). Five Go To Quiz Night were second and Bucks Quiz won the crisps. Thank you to all who took part and good luck next month.

Skittles League Commentary

Team positions at the end of the Skittles Season were settled in the last game of the season! Congratulations to Badminton on winning the league.

The new season has just begun and, regrettably, Footballers have dropped out for this season. They are looking for new players to join them for some friendly games, and they intend to rejoin next season.

It only costs £3 per player to sign on for your team for the season, and then a small charge each week to play for that team.

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. Anyone wanting to join a team or to come along to watch a game is more than welcome.

Final League positions at 11th April:



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



Bonus Ball - Latest News from the Numbers Game



The jackpot now stands at over **£630** once the Club has taken 10% of contributions. As at 24th April, 4 players are just one number away having 5 numbers and scooping the lot!

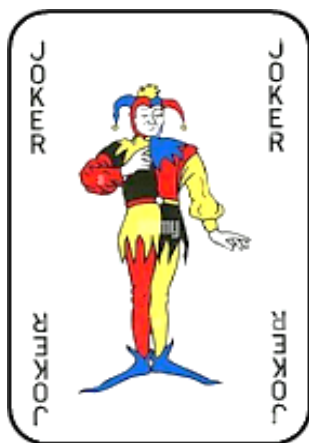
A significant amount is added to the pot each week, so the total is growing fast. Who will break the streak and hit the jackpot? Watch this space.

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 Joker was found on Good Friday and the jackpot winner, John Kay, won **£743** after 10% of contributions went to the Club! John has very generously returned over £300 of this to the Club's fund-raising pot. Thank you John!

So the Joker game has started again, and after 3 weeks, three winners have found £5 each in their envelopes. The jackpot stands at £37.80.

The winner each week takes home £5 if their card is a number card or an ace, £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.

Please note that when the next Bonus Ball and Joker games start, the Club will take 20% of the jackpot prior to payout, an increase on the current 10%.



Golf Competition

Do you fancy winning a game of golf at the Players, Codrington?

Competition entry available at the Bar

Tickets £5 each

You win: 18 holes of golf, valid for a 4 ball, midweek play only

Expiry date 31st March 2027



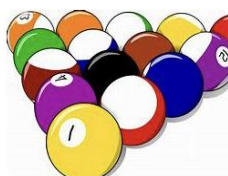
Activities available in your Club



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



The dartboard is always available for solo, duo or group challenges



The Club has a pool table that is free to use!



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

sky sports

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

Date	Time	Channel	Teams / Fixture	Comp
Sat 2 nd May	17:30	SSME	Arsenal v Fulham	Premier
Sun 3 rd May	14:00	SS+	Bournemouth v Crystal Palace	Premier
Sat 9 th May	17:30	SSME	Manchester City v Brentford	Premier
Sun 10 th May	14:00	SS+	Burnley v Aston Villa	Premier
Sun 10 th May	14:00	SSF	Crystal Palace v Everton	Premier
Sun 10 th May	14:00	SSME	Nottingham Forest v Newcastle United	Premier




Formula 1

The Formula1 season resumes with racing in Miami. The Miami Grand Prix is scheduled for 9:00pm on Sunday 3rd of May, which is 4:00pm in Miami.

Round 5 of the season will take place in Canada at the Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve on Sunday 24th of May at 9:00pm.

Pucklechurch AFC Fixtures

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

	Men's First – Upcoming Fixtures Bristol & District		
	2 nd May	14:00	Oldland Abbotonians Reserves

Pucklechurch Cricket Club

This year, we'll be fielding two adult sides on Saturdays and a mid-week team, and we're always looking for new players.

Our usual ECB training programme for 5 – 11 year olds starts on Wednesday 6th May. Look on the website at www.ecb.co.uk under 'Play Cricket' and 'Junior Cricket', 'All Stars' to sign up . This year we will be playing competitive matches at U9s, U11s, U13s and U15s. All these are inclusive of girls and boys.

If you, or anyone in your family, is interested in cricket, please look at our website: www.pucklechurchcc.co.uk.

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.



MAY FIXTURES



1ST XI

Sat 2 May	St George Valley CC 1st XI (A)	13:00
Sat 9 May	Mells CC 1st XI (H)	13:00
Sat 16 May	Frys CC 1st XI (H)	13:00
Sat 23 May	Bishop Sutton CC 1st XI (A)	13:00
Sat 30 May	Carsons & Mangotsfield CC 3rd XI (H)	13:00

2ND XI

Sat 16 May	Chipping Sodbury CC 5th XI (A)	13:30
Sat 23 May	Coalpit Heath CC 4th XI (H)	13:30
Sat 30 May	Carsons & Mangotsfield CC 4th XI (A)	13:30

T20 XI

Wed 13 May	Easton Cuttlefish CC 20/20 League XI (H)	18:00
Wed 27 May	Bristol United Banks CC Midweek XI (A)	18:00

UNDER 15s

Mon 4 May	Frampton Cotterell CC U15 Gold (A)	18:00
Tue 19 May	Stapleton CC, Bristol Under 15 Red (H)	18:00
Thu 28 May	Patchway CC Under 15 Yellows (H)	18:00

UNDER 13s

Fri 8 May	Bohemians CC Under 13 (H)	18:00
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UNDER 11s

Mon 11 May	Bohemians CC Under 11 (A)	18:00
Sun 31 May	Frampton Cotterell CC Under 11 Super 8 Girls (H)	10:30

UNDER 9s

Fri 22 May	Shine CC Sixers Green (H)	18:00
Fri 29 May	Bristol CC Under 9 Blues (H)	18:00
Sun 31 May	Stapleton CC, Bristol Under 9 Tigers (A)	10:15



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!

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.

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.

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.

Spring Opening Hours

Monday to Friday:	7 pm – 11 pm
Saturday:	1 pm – 11 pm
Sunday:	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.