

Pucklechurch Community Association Social Club Newsletter



August 2026 Edition

Welcome to the August Newsletter

Well... if anyone still doubted that our climate is changing, this summer has certainly given us plenty to think about.

We've all been watching our landscapes turning brown - so far we've been lucky to have avoided a hosepipe ban, and most of us are wondering when we'll next see a decent spell of rain.

That said, when you see what's been happening across parts of Europe and elsewhere in the world, with wildfires, extreme temperatures, earthquakes and flooding, we're reminded just how fortunate we are to live where we do. We might grumble about the weather (it's our national pastime after all), but we have a great community around us and a beautiful village to call home.

Mind you, despite the temperatures saying otherwise, summer is quietly beginning to wind down. The evenings are getting that little bit shorter and, believe it or not, Pucklechurch Football First Team kick off their new season at the end of August. Before long there'll be talk of autumn, Christmas events and wondering where the year disappeared to!

With so much difficult news around at the moment, it's nice to have somewhere to escape for a couple of hours, catch up with friends and enjoy a laugh. We hope there's something in this month's newsletter that tempts you along, whether it's a social evening, a quiz, skittles or simply a quiet drink with good company.

See you at the club.

Help your friends bag a bargain

Now then... while you're reading this newsletter and enjoying members' drinks prices that are considerably cheaper than many pubs locally, can you believe there are still people who come into the club regularly and **aren't** members?

I know... we don't understand it either!

So do your friends a favour and let them know there's never been a better time to join.

Membership renewals fall due on **1st September 2026**, but anyone joining **now** will receive **13 months' membership for the price of 12**. That's an extra month's membership completely free.

Application forms are available from behind the bar, or if it's easier just get them to drop us an email at info@pucklechurchsocialclub.co.uk and we'll point them in the right direction.

After all... who doesn't like getting something for nothing?

Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of year again! Membership renewals are shortly due, and new membership forms are available from the club.

Annual membership remains excellent value at **just £15**.

You can pay by:

- **Cash**
- **Bank transfer** (details are on the membership form)
- **Contactless** at the club

When renewing, please **circle your chosen method of payment** on the form. If you're paying by cash, please ask the committee member or bar staff who takes your payment to write their name on your form. This helps us keep our records accurate and avoids any confusion.

Please note that **membership cards with outstanding renewals will be deactivated from 1st October** until membership has been renewed.

Thank you for your continued support of the club – your membership helps us keep the club thriving for everyone.

A Club to Be Proud Of

We all know the club could do with a bit of a lift. We'd love to make it more inviting and modern, and we've got plenty of ideas. Unfortunately, ideas are free... everything else costs money!

The good news is that, thanks to your support, we're making real progress. The club is in a much stronger position than it was, and that's down to everyone who comes through the doors, supports our events and buys a drink at the bar.

We were also surprised and delighted to receive an anonymous donation of **£100** via the Charity Commission. Whoever you are, thank you. Your generosity is genuinely appreciated, and every penny will go towards improving the club.

One of the biggest jobs on our wish list is replacing the carpet. It isn't the most glamorous project, but if we're honest, it's probably the one that would make a huge difference. Imagine walking into the club and seeing a fresh, modern carpet instead of one that's seen better days.

We're not asking anyone to dig deeper into their pockets.

The best way you can help is simply by coming along.

Every event you support, every drink you buy, every bingo event you join or quiz you enter - your participation helps us get a little bit closer.

Slowly but surely, we'll get there.

Fire Escape Completed... Terrace Patio Next?

For those of you who have been wondering about the recent closures, or who were inconvenienced by them, thank you for your patience and understanding.

During July, the PCA and social club had to have some essential work carried out to the fire escape. Unfortunately, for everyone's safety, this meant we had no option but to close the club while the work was being completed.

We'd also like to thank the skittle teams who were due to play that day for being so accommodating and taking the time to rearrange their fixtures. It really was appreciated.

The good news is that the work is now complete. And the next step... (excuse the pun!) ...we're hoping will be the refurbishment of the external terrace. Watch this space!

Summer Singalong

We held another of our popular 60s and 70s singalong evenings, with Clare putting together a great summer-themed selection of songs.

As always, everyone enthusiastically joined in, belting out some old favourites. During the breaks, Clare also played a selection of songs that may not have been singalong classics but certainly brought back plenty of happy memories of summers gone by.

Our next singalong will be in **September**, with an **80s Night** already being planned for **October**. Start dusting off those shoulder pads!

PCASC Quiz Night Sunday 30th August at 8.00 pm



Another great evening at our July Quiz, with "Mostly Harmless" taking first place after edging out "Binge Drinkers" in a nail-biting tie-break!

The all-important crisps were won by "Not So Close", while, rather ironically, "Only Here for the Crisps" went home empty-handed. Better luck next time!

It's been great to see the number of teams growing each month. Richard continues to keep everyone on their toes with a brilliant mix of unusual and entertaining quiz rounds, so there's something for everyone.

Our next quiz is on Sunday 30th August at 8.00 pm. Why not gather a team and come along? You don't have to be a quiz expert – just bring your thinking cap and your sense of humour!

Free Pool... Why Not Give It a Go?



Our pool table is free to play, and it's lovely to see more youngsters picking up a cue and having a game on Saturday afternoons.

If you haven't played for years, why not challenge a friend? You never know... you might still have it!

Another Winner on Quiz Night



It wasn't just the quiz teams celebrating on the night!

The **Golf Draw** also took place, and congratulations go to **Rodger Williams**, our lucky winner.

Well done, Rodger – we hope you enjoy your prize.

Congratulations to Our World Cup Winners!

The World Cup Draw has now been completed, and we'd like to congratulate our lucky winners:

- Spain – John Kay
- Argentina – David Watts
- Golden Boot (France) – Mike Abbott

Well done to all three winners, and thank you to everyone who supported the draw.

Skittles League Positions as at 23rd July



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

There's been a bit of movement in the league since last month, with Diamonds climbing to the top of the table, closely followed by Cricketers, who have made an impressive jump from sixth into second place.

Last month's leaders, Misfits, have slipped to fourth, while Badminton continue to keep themselves firmly in the title race in third. It's still all to play for, with plenty of games left and positions changing every month.

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!
It's free to play, and darts are behind the bar.

Bonus Ball – latest news

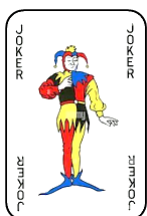


The Bonus Ball prize now stands at an impressive £451, (less a 20% contribution to the club), and continues to grow each week if it's not won.

Following recent changes to the National Lottery, where two draws now take place on both Wednesdays and Saturdays, the Bonus Ball competition will use the first Bonus Ball drawn on each of those days.

We've lost one player, so please make sure you're up to date with your payments if you'd like to stay in the draw.

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



The Joker prize has now reached **£219.00** (less 10%) and is waiting to be won.

16 envelopes have been opened, and just 2 picture cards found so far. Make sure you're in it for a chance to take home the prize. Good luck to everyone taking part!

Football and Cricket on Sky



Football

Date	Day & Time	Home Team	Away Team	Channel
21 Aug	Fri 8:00pm	Arsenal	Coventry City	Sky PL
22 Aug	Sat 5:30pm	Brentford	Tottenham Hotspur	Sky PL
23 Aug	Sun 2:00pm	Brighton & Hove Albion	Aston Villa	Sky PL
23 Aug	Sun 2:00pm	Manchester City	Bournemouth	Sky Main Event
23 Aug	Sun 4:30pm	Newcastle United	Liverpool	Sky PL
24 Aug	Mon 8:00pm	Fulham	Chelsea	Sky PL

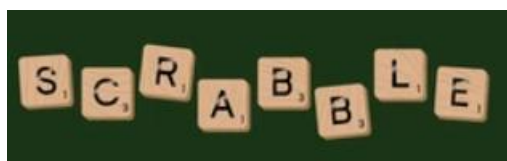
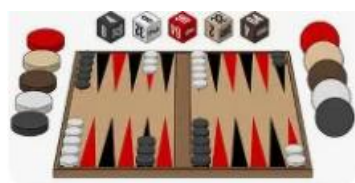
Cricket (club may not be open during whole match)

Date	Day & Time	Competition	Home	Away	Channel
3 Aug	Mon 6:00pm	The Hundred Men	Welsh Fire	Southern Brave	Sky Cricket / Sky ME
4 Aug	Tue 6:00pm	The Hundred Men	SunRisers	London Spirit	Sky Cricket / Sky Mix / Sky ME
5 Aug	Wed 6:00pm	The Hundred Men	Trent Rockets	Birmingham Phoenix	Sky Cricket / Sky Mix / Sky ME

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Date	Day & Time	Competition	Home	Away	Channel
6 Aug	Thu 6:00pm	The Hundred Men	London Spirit	MI London	Sky Cricket / Sky ME
7 Aug	Fri 6:00pm	The Hundred Men	Birmingham Phoenix	SunRisers	Sky Cricket
8 Aug	Sat 2:00pm	The Hundred Men	MI London	Trent Rockets	Sky Cricket
8 Aug	Sat 2:30pm	The Hundred Women	Southern Brave	Super Giants	Sky Mix
8 Aug	Sat 5:30pm	The Hundred Men	Southern Brave	Super Giants	Sky Cricket
9 Aug	Sun 2:00pm	The Hundred Men	SunRisers	Welsh Fire	Sky Cricket
9 Aug	Sun 2:30pm	The Hundred Women	London Spirit	Birmingham Phoenix	Sky Mix / Sky+
9 Aug	Sun 5:30pm	The Hundred Men	London Spirit	Birmingham Phoenix	Sky Cricket / Sky Mix / Sky ME
10 Aug	Mon 6:00pm	The Hundred Men	Trent Rockets	Southern Brave	Sky Cricket / Sky ME
11 Aug	Tue 6:00pm	The Hundred Men	Super Giants	SunRisers	Sky Cricket / Sky ME
12 Aug	Wed 6:00pm	The Hundred Men	Birmingham Phoenix	MI London	Sky Cricket / Sky ME
14 Aug	Fri 5:30pm	Men's Eliminator	TBC	TBC	Sky Cricket / Sky ME
16 Aug	Sun 2:00pm	Women's Final	TBC	TBC	Sky Cricket / Sky Mix
16 Aug	Sun 5:30pm	Men's Final	TBC	TBC	Sky Cricket / Sky Mix / Sky ME
22 Aug	Sat 10:15am	1st Test	England	Pakistan	Sky Cricket
23 Aug	Sun 10:15am	1st Test	England	Pakistan	Sky Cricket
29 Aug	Sat 10:15am	2nd Test	England	Pakistan	Sky Cricket / Sky ME
30 Aug	Sun 10:15am	2nd Test	England	Pakistan	Sky Cricket

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



Could Your Club Meet Here?

We're always looking for new ways to make the most of our Social Club and would love to welcome new evening groups. Whether it's bridge, whist, dominoes, chess, scrabble, mahjong, backgammon or another social activity, members are welcome to use the Club **free of charge**.

If you already run a group—or would like to start one—please speak to the bar staff or get in touch by email. Together, we can help keep our Social Club busy, welcoming and thriving.

Pucklechurch Cricket Club – Cricket Season is in Full Swing!



Junior Cricket at Pucklechurch

Pucklechurch Cricket Club continues to welcome young cricketers, with coaching, training and practice matches taking place on **Monday evenings** for Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 15s. Boys and girls of all abilities are welcome, whether they're experienced players

or keen to give cricket a try for the first time.

Details of fixtures, training sessions and other club news can be found on the Pucklechurch Cricket Club website <http://www.pucklechurchcc.co.uk>

First XI

Sat 15 Aug 2026	Brislington CC 3rd XI	Away	13:00	League
Sat 22 Aug 2026	St Mary Redcliffe CC 2nd XI	Home	13:00	League
Sat 29 Aug 2026	Bristol New Eleven CC 2nd XI	Away	13:00	League

Second XI

Sat 08 Aug 2026	Bishopston CC 30 XI	Away	13:30	League
Sat 15 Aug 2026	Stapleton CC, Bristol 4th XI	Home	13:30	League
Sat 22 Aug 2026	Golden Hill CC 8th XI	Away	13:30	League

Pucklechurch AFC Fixtures

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

	Men's First Division – Upcoming Fixtures			
	29/08/26	14:00	Lawrence Weston	Kingsweston Sports & Social Club

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?

Summer Opening Hours

Our summer opening hours are:

Day	Opening Hours
Monday – Friday	7.00pm – 11.00pm
Saturday	1.00pm – 11.00pm
Sunday	12.00 noon – 4.00pm

Please note that the Club will occasionally open earlier than advertised, for example when our Under 15 cricket team is playing, allowing families to enjoy the match from the balcony. On Sundays, we may also remain open later so members can stay and watch the cricket.

On normal evenings, last orders are at 11.00pm, with patrons asked to leave by 11.30pm.

Opening and closing times may vary when special events such as quizzes, parties or live entertainment are taking place. Equally, if the Club is particularly quiet, the bar may close earlier at the discretion of the bar staff.

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**.

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

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 & AGM

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.

Save the Date - The PCASC Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 16th September. Further details will follow in due course.

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.