

MARCH 2026

Ash Bowling Club News

Chairs Update

A warm ABC Hello to all members.

Following the AGM, I am delighted to introduce myself as your new Chair for the coming year. It is an honour to take on this role, and I hope to build on the excellent work of those before me.

On behalf of all members, I would like to thank Shirley Taylor for her outstanding two years as Chair and the Committee for the initiatives they have introduced. I also extend sincere thanks to Shirley Harris, who has stepped down from the committee after many dedicated years of service — though we are pleased she will continue helping and directing us in the kitchen.

We are still seeking volunteers for two important roles: Events Co-ordinator and Club Development Officer. Please sign up at the clubhouse or speak to Roy or me for more information.

Looking ahead, bowling remains at the heart of our club. We are fortunate to offer short mat bowls all year round, including the popular Friday 5–7pm session with the bar open. Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to the short mat finals on 21 March.

Outdoor bowling begins with the green opening on 18 April. Thank you to all who have worked hard over the winter to prepare it — it looks fantastic. Judy has organised a full fixture list, including a new match against Thanet Bowling Club. We will again enter teams in the Dover League (men and ladies, with the ladies pairing with River BC) and hope to build on last season's successes.

The Doreen Underhill and Memorial Trophy competitions will return as key fundraising events, and member support will be vital to their continued success.

Social events were a great success last year, and an exciting programme is planned for the year ahead. These events are essential for club income, and we appreciate both your attendance and support.

We are currently awaiting quotes for the bar and kitchen refurbishment before applying for grant funding — further updates will follow.

Finally, thank you for your trust and support. I look forward to seeing you all on 11 April for Subs/Ploughman's Day.

Regards,

Sarah



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We Need You!

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Your Committee



Just a few gentle reminders of events coming up:

We have a weekly Community Catch Up from 10-12 every Monday morning, and all members of the club, friends and residents of Ash and the surrounding villages are welcome. We offer free tea/coffee and biscuits. This is a great opportunity for us to increase our reach out into our community and showcase what we have to offer in the warmth of the clubhouse with a coffee. Do come along and support us!

Quiz - Saturday 14th March. More details to follow. Put your name down at the club or contact Roy on secretary.ashbowlsclub@gmail.com to book your place.

Executive Committee

Your Executive Committee Members are:

Sarah Stephenson – Chair

Roy Allen – Secretary

Glenn Stephenson – Treasurer

John Kirtley – Club Captain

Judy Martin – Fixtures & Competitions

Bill King – Members Representative

Events Coordinator – Vacant

Club Development Officer – Vacant

(All phone numbers are published in the members handbook)

Indoor Short Mat

Don't forget, Short Mat is available all year round. If you haven't tried Short Mat and would like to do so, look on the Short Mat Notice Board for more information.

It's a great way to keep bowling and to stay connected with other members from our club.

The only extra to pay for these organised sessions is 50p tea money per week (for however many sessions you play).



Both short mats are now down so full members are free to play when they wish.
Organised games are held:

Monday 2-4
Wednesday 2-4
Thursday 7-9
Friday 5-7 (social bowls)
Saturday 10-12

The competitions for the Ladies & Men's Singles and Pairs are well under way with some excellent games already played. There's sure to be more to come!

Growing our membership

Our Club Our Future



www.ashbowlsclub.org.uk
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Promote our Club website and Facebook to your family/friends.

Find us at (just click on the links below):

www.ashbowlsclub.org.uk



Have a browse of the website and give us your feedback. Events, fixtures and other information are all included for your benefit.

We can only grow the membership of our club by extending our reach into the community through word of mouth and social media advertising.



Ash Bowling Club

Moat Lane, Ash.

www.ashbowlsclub.org.uk

WHAT'S ON MARCH 2026

Day	Date	Events
Mon	2-Mar	Community Coffee Morning 10-12 Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Weds	4-Mar	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Thurs	5-Mar	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	6-Mar	Short Mat - Social Bowling 5-7pm
Mon	9-Mar	Community Coffee Morning 10-12 Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Weds	11-Mar	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Thurs	12-Mar	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	13-Mar	Short Mat - Social Bowling 5-7pm Short Mat - Friendly Match - Wingham - Away 7pm
Sat	14-Mar	Quiz 6.30pm - Book your place!
Mon	16-Mar	Community Coffee Morning 10-12 Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Weds	18-Mar	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Thurs	19-Mar	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	20-Mar	Short Mat - Social Bowling 5-7pm Short Mat - Friendly Match - Wingham - Home 7pm
Sat	21-Mar	Short Mat - FINALS DAY - Spectators very welcome.
Mon	23-Mar	Community Coffee Morning 10-12 Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Weds	25-Mar	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Thurs	26-Mar	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	27-Mar	Short Mat - Social Bowling 5-7pm
Mon	30-Mar	Community Coffee Morning 10-12 Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm

Contact us for further details or to book your place.

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Ash Bowling Club

Moat Lane
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QUIZ - SATURDAY 14th March

6.30pm for 7pm
start.



Bring your
own nibbles.



Tables of 8
£5 per person.



Sign up at the club or contact Roy to
book your table.



Contact Roy at:
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Subs and Ploughman's

11 April 2026

12.00 for 12.30 Lunch

**Come along and pay your
2026/2027 season subs,
meet up with fellow members
and enjoy a Ploughman's Lunch.**

£8.00 members

£10.00 non-members

Bar open from 12pm

**Sign up at the club or contact Roy:
secretary.ashbowlsclub@gmail.com**



Can you spare a little extra time to help our Club?

In order to keep the Club progressing well and within the required frameworks, we need some new volunteers to step into the following roles:

Executive Committee Roles:

Events Coordinator

Club Development Officer

(The nominations sheet is on display at the club and is open until the 9th March)

Team Members - Events / Catering Team

(we are seeking volunteers from members / associate members or friends of the club to form a small group to assist with the organisation and catering for our events)

Further details can be requested from any Executive Committee Member.



Please don't forget we have 3 charities we are supporting this year in memory of those members we have sadly lost. If you have any spare change you'll find the charity box by the kitchen hatch.



If you are donating Raffle prizes, can you please be mindful of any 'use by dates' if they are consumable and also check the packaging to ensure the prizes are suitable.

Last one out?

Please do check that the water boiler has been switched off, all lights (especially the toilets) are off and the heating has also been dialled down to zero.

It helps us keep our utility costs well under control.

The Executive Committee are here for you....

If you have any ideas, comments or feedback you'd like to give, then we would love to hear from you.

You can drop a note into the suggestions box or email secretary.ashbowlsclub@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT