

JULY 2026

Ash Bowling Club News

Chair's Update.

A warm ABC Hello to all members.

I hope this month's newsletter finds everyone enjoying the much cooler weather after the extreme temperatures we endured last week. Unfortunately, during this period we saw three games having to be rearranged due to the weather and having insufficient numbers to form enough playing teams. Thank you to Judy who has been busy finding alternative dates for the games later in the season. Please put your name down in plenty of time for matches.

What's happened in the last month....

The Doreen Underhill tournament on the 6th June was a great success, despite the weather. Thank you to all involved for all the hard work that you put into this event.

The Jack Fogg competition on 13th June again was a great success. Congratulations to the successful winning pair Shirley Chidley and Mike Knaggs.

Twenty-four members attended the Pop-up café on 19th June. It was a highly enjoyable evening. Thank you to all that attended and supported the event.

Looking forward to upcoming events....

Club BBQ on 11th July after the Cliftonville home game. Please sign up at the club house, it's not too late to get your name down.

Club competitions have started and already there have been some exciting close matches. Do come along and support your fellow members.

Lots of tidying up has taken place at the club house and there is more to come.

Thanks to all those involved.

Regards,

Sarah



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Your Committee

Doreen Underhill Ladies Triples 2026



What a fantastic day!
There were 22 teams entered and our own
Ash Team came a very respectable 13th.

Doreen Underhill Ladies Triples 2026



Congratulations to the
Winners!



Winners:

Janette Plummer
Sue Sear
Sue Ansell
Walpole Bay



Runners Up:

Carla Chown
Mandy Moses
Michelle Bosson
Aylesham



3rd place:

Lynn Tyler
Jan Patis
Hazel Davey
Civil Service



Jack Fogg Trophy 2026



Congratulations to Shirley Chidley and Mike Knaggs who played some excellent bowls to win this years Jack Fogg Trophy.



VISITORS SIGNING IN BOOK

We now have a visitors book for signing in. It is a requirement for all visitors to be signed in by a member so we have procured a book to help us with that.

Without exception, all visitors to the club (not visiting players) must be signed in.



WELCOME OUR VISITORS

Welcoming every guest with warmth, kindness, and respect creates a lasting first impression and reflects the values of our club community. Taking the time to make visitors feel genuinely welcomed and included helps foster a sense of belonging from the moment they arrive. Every guest is a potential future member, and the care, hospitality, and friendliness we show today can inspire them to return, become involved, and ultimately choose to join us.



If you have any equipment/clothing in the Locker Rooms, can you please put it into your locker or remove it.

This includes the areas on top of the lockers and on the window sills and coat hooks.

We will be clearing space to make the locker rooms more appropriate for use and that means anything left lying around unclaimed will become the property of the club and either sold or disposed of.

PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR URGENT ATTENTION - THANK YOU.

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).



Full members are free to play when they wish.
Organised games are held:

Monday 1.30-3.30pm
Wednesday 1.30-3.30pm
Thursday 7-9pm





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!

Executive Committee

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 – Mike Knaggs

(All contact numbers are published in the fixtures book)

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.

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WHAT'S ON July 2026

Day	Date	Outdoor	Indoor Short-Mat
Weds	01-July	Sandwich (Home game) 2.30pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
Thurs	02-July	Men's Dover League - Victoria Pk	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	03-July	Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sun	05-July	Minster (Away game) 2pm	
Mon	06-July	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
		Ladies Dover League - Gateway (A)	Preston (Home Game) 7pm
Tues	07-July	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Weds	08-July	Walpole Bay (Home game) 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
Thurs	09-July	Men's Dover League - Gateway	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	10-July	Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sat	11-July	Cliftonville (Home game) 2.30pm	
		Club BBQ (6.30pm after Home game)	
Sun	12-July	Birchington (Home game) 2.30pm	
Mon	13-July	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
		Ladies Dover League - Aylesham (H)	Preston (Away Game) 7.30pm
Tues	14-July	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Weds	15-July	Boughton (Away game) 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
Thurs	16-July	Men's Dover League - River	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	17-July	Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sat	18-July	Tilmanstone (Away game) 2pm	
Mon	20-July	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		River (Away game) 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
		Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Tues	21-July	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Weds	22-July	Betteshanger (Away game) 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
Thurs	23-July		Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	24-July	Herne Bay (Away game) 2pm	
		Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Mon	27-July	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
		Ladies Dover League - Deal (A)	
Tues	28-July	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Weds	29-July	INDOOR / OUTDOOR CHALLENGE	
Thurs	30-July	Men's Dover League - Canterbury	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
		Thanet (Home game) 2pm	
Fri	31-July	Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	

Contact us for further details or to book your place.

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More Than a Bowling Club – It's Our Club

Our club has always been about much more than delivering a perfect bowl. It's about friendship, laughter, competition, support, and being part of something that brings people together. Every thriving club depends on its members—not just those who play, but those who help create the welcoming, vibrant atmosphere that makes people want to return week after week. Whether you're a long-standing member or you've only recently joined, you have something valuable to offer.

Our club exists today because generations of members believed in something bigger than themselves. They rolled up their sleeves, organised events, welcomed newcomers, tended the greens, raised funds, and quietly gave their time so that others could enjoy everything the club has to offer. Their legacy is the club we are privileged to enjoy today. Now it is our turn.

The future of our club will not be decided by chance. It will be shaped by the choices we make, the ideas we share, and the willingness of each of us to play our part.

Imagine what we could achieve if every member gave just a little. More laughter. More friendships. More opportunities. More successful events. More new members discovering the joy of our sport. A stronger club, built not by a handful of volunteers, but by a community united by a common purpose.

Getting involved doesn't have to mean taking on a major commitment. Every contribution, however big or small, makes a real difference. The more people who share the workload, the lighter it becomes for everyone. Fresh ideas, new faces, and different skills help keep our club moving forward and ensure we continue to grow and prosper for years to come.

Our social events, competitions, coaching sessions, fundraising activities, and volunteer efforts are what transform our club from simply being a place to play bowls into a community we're all proud to belong to. Every smile, every helping hand, every new idea, and every hour volunteered helps shape the future of our club.

So, if you're wondering how you get involved, please ask. We really need your help and we are interested in hearing your ideas, welcoming your talents, and working alongside you.

Step Up - this is our club. Let's all play our part in making it the very best it can be.



- Signing in book - all visitors must be signed in.
- Monday's & Wednesday's short mat times have changed to 1.30 - 3.30pm.
- Be mindful of our water usage - our costs have gone up.
- Tidy up after yourselves - if there is rubbish, please take it away. Cups and glasses need to be washed and put away.





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. Please also help by ensuring all rubbish bags have been removed and any wet tea towels are taken home for a wash before being returned.

It helps us keep our utility costs and housekeeping 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