

MAY 2026

# Ash Bowling Club News

## Chair's Update.

A warm ABC hello to all members.

The 2026 outdoor season is now up and running. Firstly, a big thank you to Steve and everyone for their hard work during the winter to prepare the green. It is looking superb and is bowling well.

Our Subs and Ploughman's day was a great success and thank you to all who supported the event and to everyone who has re-joined this season and paid their subs promptly. Welcome also to our 7 new playing members and 6 new associate members. Welcome to Dave Harris who hopes to be returning to playing again this season.

The outdoor season has got off to a good start with the opening of the green on the 18th April which started with the spider competition with Bob Smith winning a bottle of whiskey. This was followed by the yard stick competition and wonderful tea and cakes which were kindly donated by Shirley Harris.

Our first home game has taken place in glorious sunshine. The new equipment score boards, mats and the tidied up store room is setting us up nicely for a great outdoor season. Please do remember to check the start time for home games and arrive in plenty of time to set up the rink and tables for tea ready for a prompt start.

There are plenty of opportunities for you to play organised roll-ups on Monday afternoons and Friday evenings along with all the friendly games against other clubs. Coaching also takes place on Friday evening for all. Just speak to one of our three coaches Judy Martin, John Kirtley and our newly qualified coach Shirley Taylor.

Don't forget that indoor short mat is continuing throughout the summer and it is hoped to continue with short mat games against local clubs.

The Monday coffee mornings which have proved popular and again assisted in raising the profile of the club in the village will be continuing during the summer months. Please do come along and join us.

Regards,  
Sarah



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# Opening of the Green Saturday 18th April



Club Photo 2026



President's first bowl

What a fantastic day!

Congratulations to Kurtis,  
Judy & Rhys who won the  
yardstick competition.



# 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 2-4pm**  
**Wednesday 2-4pm**  
**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



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[secretary.ashbowlsclub@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ashbowlsclub@gmail.com)

Promote our Club website and Facebook to your family/friends.

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

[www.ashbowlsclub.org.uk](http://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](http://www.ashbowlsclub.org.uk)

## WHAT'S ON

### MAY 2026

Day	Date	Outdoor	Indoor Short-Mat
Fri	01-May	<b>Broadstairs (Home game) 2pm</b> Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sat	02-May	<b>ASH VILLAGE COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING</b>	
Mon	04-May	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Tue	05-May	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Wed	06-May	<b>Faversham (Home game) 2pm</b>	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Thur	07-May	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm	
Fri	08-May	Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sun	10-May	<b>Minster (Home game) 2pm</b>	
Mon	11-May	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Tue	12-May	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Wed	13-May	<b>Dover (Home game) 2pm</b>	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Thur	14-May	<b>Men's Dover League - Betteshanger 6pm</b>	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	15-May	Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sat	16-May	<b>St. Margarets (Away game) 2pm</b>	
Mon	18-May	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Tue	19-May	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Wed	20-May	<b>Boughton (Home game) 2pm</b>	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Thur	21-May	<b>Men's Dover League - Sandwich 6pm</b>	
Fri	22-May	Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sun	24-May	<b>VILLAGE SOCIETIES OPEN COMPETITION AND BBQ</b>	
Mon	25-May	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Tue	26-May	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Wed	27-May	<b>Eastry (Away game) 2pm</b>	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Thur	28-May	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm	
Fri	29-May	Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sun	31-May	<b>Tilmanstone (Home game) 2pm</b>	

Contact us for further details or to book your place.

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# Payment of Lockers and Outdoor Competition Fees.

## LOCKERS

Lockers - if you haven't already done so, can you please promptly pay for your locker - £5 for the year.

## OUTDOOR COMPETITION FEES

Fees have been set at £3 for each competition. Before entering these competitions, please ensure you are free to attend Finals Days on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Competition fees must be paid promptly and without exception prior to the commencement of the competitions. The draws will take place very soon. Best of luck to all.

We will accept cash, cheque (payable to Ash Bowling Club) or BACS Bank Transfer.

To pay by BACS Bank Transfer:

**Sort Code: 601834**

**Account No: 97209082**

(Please provide your name as a reference when paying by BACS so that we are aware of the originator).

BACS is our preferred payment method.

Please note we will not accept card payments for membership fees.

Thank you.



A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated or supported the Ash Bowling Club - Village Hall Coffee Morning.

**We raised an absolutely staggering £721.60**



# Dress Code & Home Game Duties

A dress code promotes a sense of unity and professionalism among members, creating a more welcoming and respectful environment. It helps maintain a standard of appearance that reflects the club's values and traditions, ensuring players feel part of a community. Additionally, it will enhance the overall experience by fostering an atmosphere of fairness and equality, allowing everyone to focus on the game rather than distractions related to clothing.

All clothing must be free from both any Health & Safety concerns and inappropriate or offensive language. Swimming shorts are NOT acceptable.

- Roll up, coaching & practice - Casual dress. Shorts may be worn.
- Friendly Matches - Club shirt with white trousers or shorts.
- Dover League - Club shirt with grey trousers or shorts.
- Internal Club Competitions - Casual dress. Shorts may be worn. Club shirts are entirely optional.
- Club Cup Events - Club shirt with white trousers or shorts.
- 'Open' Tournament Events - As stated on their promotional material.
- Around the Pavilion - Casual dress. Shorts may be worn.



## Home Game Duties

Please arrive at least 30mins before the game is scheduled to start so as to be able to greet and welcome our visiting team.

**Leads** - will lay their rink table with rink number, 6 cups, tea pot mat, sugar, teaspoons and plate of biscuits (6 packs).

**Number 2's** - Set out a jack, 2 mats, 2 trollies, 2-yard sticks, score board and jack/bowl markers.

**Skips** - Put out 3 chairs for opponents and take the equipment to the far end of the green. After tea, take the tea trays back to the kitchen and stack neatly (ready for washing).

After play - put away all bowling equipment, washup tea things, collect and serve visitors drinks.

*Thank you*



**Big Bowls Bash - Village Open Competition**  
**Sunday 24th May 1.30pm**

Help needed to support the teams and generally to assist on the day.

This event is another great opportunity to engage with our village community and attract potential new members.

**Doreen Underhill Trophy**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

Help needed to assist on the day. A poster is on display at the club.

If you could volunteer to assist for part of the day that would be very much appreciated.





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](mailto:secretary.ashbowlsclub@gmail.com)

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT