

APRIL 2026

Ash Bowling Club News

Chair's Update.

A warm ABC hello to all members.

Firstly, a big thank you and welcome to Mike Knaggs who has joined the committee as Club Development Officer and to Lorna Goldwin who has volunteered to support the committee with some admin work.

We are still seeking an Events co-ordinator and volunteers to join our events and catering team. If you are interested in the role and can give us just a little of your time, or would like further information, please speak to Roy or myself for more details.

It has been a busy month for the short mat bowlers culminating with the finals of our internal competitions. The finals were exciting to watch and well done to all the winners and everyone who entered and supported the competitions. Also, Bill has arranged friendly matches against Wingham and Preston and it is hoped that further matches against local short mat teams will be arranged. Again, these have been thrilling to watch, so, do come along and support the matches.

Ash Village Hall had an open day on 22nd March. We had a stall to promote the bowls club within the village and hopefully recruit some new members. Early indications are that a number of potential new members have been identified and will hopefully join.

Over the winter the Monday coffee mornings have proved popular and again assisted in raising the profile of the club in the village. A successful quiz night was held on 14th March. Thank you to Brenda and Mervyn for running the quiz and for all those who attended. A great night was had by all.

We have a number of great events lined up for the coming year starting with subs day and Ploughman's on the 11th April followed by opening of the green on the 18th. I look forward to seeing you at these events which will herald the start of the new outdoor season. Please sign up at the club house. Judy has also put up the first few friendly fixtures, so again, please sign up for these matches. Don't forget short mat will continue throughout the year.

Regards

Sarah



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SHORT MAT



Many congratulations to all our winning Short Mat Finalists



Ladies Singles
Sandra Matthews



Mens Pairs
Bill King & Mike Knaggs



Ladies Pairs
Brenda Baker & Bryony Anstey



Mens Singles
Dave Mawson

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



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

APRIL 2026

Day	Date	Outdoor	Indoor Short-Mat
Mon	6-Apr	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
Sat	11-Apr	Subs Paying Day with Ploughman's Lunch - Book your place!	
Mon	13-Apr	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
Sat	18-Apr	Opening of the Green & fun competition - Tea & Cake	
Sun	19-Apr	Victoria Park (Away game) 2.30	
Mon	20-Apr	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Tue	21-Apr	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Wed	22-Apr	Kearsney (Away game) 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Thurs	23-Apr	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm	
Fri	24-Apr	Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sat	25-Apr	Cliftonville (Away game) 2.00 pm	
Mon	27-Apr	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Aylesham (Home game) 2.00pm	Short Mat Roll-up 2-4pm
Tue	28-Apr	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	

Contact us for further details or to book your place.

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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**



Payment of Membership fees.

Membership fees are due from April 2026 and we would be grateful if these could be paid promptly.

Full Membership - £125
Associate Membership - £20

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.

As we approach the start of the new outdoor season, here is a gentle reminder of our Home Game Duties and dress code to be followed,



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

Dress Code

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.

**Opening of the Green
Saturday 18th
April**



Fun Competition

Tea & Cake

Please do remember to put your name down at the club!

Club Shirt & Whites to be worn for photographs.



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

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