

JUNE 2026

Ash Bowling Club News

Chair's Update.

A warm ABC Hello to all members.

I hope you find the monthly newsletter an enjoyable read and a lovely way to catch up with all that's happening at our club.

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

The community coffee morning took place on 2nd May and was a great fund raising morning for the club. Thank you to everyone who came along to help, made donations and everyone who came along to support the event. We raised over £700.

The annual Ash Village Societies event took place on 24th May with 8 teams from the village taking part. The Knit and Natter team from the pub won for the second year running. Thanks to everyone who helped on the day and continued raising our profile within the village. We also raised over £500.

The committee has decided to fund any green fees at away friendly matches that are over £3.00 meaning that players will only pay £3.00.

Upcoming events....

Doreen Underhill on 6th June. Come along and support our ladies team. As this is a large scale event, help is always welcome. Please contact Judy or sign up at the club house if you can assist on the day. We will be preparing the clubhouse at 2PM on Friday - do come along if you can.

The **Jack Fogg competition** on 13th June. Sign up at the club house.

Pop-up café on 19th June following the home game against Betteshanger with Chilli or Beans and jacket potatoes.

Club BBQ on 11th July.

The draw for the club competitions has taken place. Good luck to all those that have entered. We look forward to watching some good games.

We'll be sharing more events throughout the year and in future newsletters and we do hope that you'll be able to come along and support them – it's always nice to see everyone down at the club house.

Regards,
Sarah



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We Need You!

Don't Forget!

Our Charities

Your Committee

Ash Community Village Societies Event 2026



**What a fantastic day!
Congratulations to
Lorna, Janice & Sheila
(Knit & Natter) who won.**



SIGNING IN BOOK

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

All visitors to the club (not visiting players) must be signed in.



Since our last update we have been doing well on the friendly front, 3 wins and 2 losses, Sorry for the wait to start playing at some games, we have experienced a few teething problems with some clubs so thank you for your patience. The good thing about this is the bar is open and the green is ready for play.

Our friendly game sheets are up, so do feel free to add your name to be considered to play. It's great to see so many playing members putting their names down to come and play.

Coaching has been doing well also with Paul, Jutta and James completing the course and now able to come down and safely play with others or simply have a roll-up. Well done to you all and we all look forward to seeing you on the green. We have a very good group coming down on a Friday evening to play and socialise - this is also an opportunity for some coaching if there is something you'd like some help with - do ask, the coaches are here to help.

The Village Societies event, assisted by my 'Rinkmasters', went really well, can I thank each and every one of you who took to the green not only taking care of our visitors but the green on such a hot day.

Men's Dover League two games in and we have not shone but held our own. It is still early in the season, and now we are on a four week rest period, so the league table will not show a true recording of our position. Again thank you to the players and reserves who have showed their support to our club.

Ladies Dover League has started positively and they are 3rd in the league so far. Thankyou to our small band of dedicated Ladies for your support.

John Kirtley Captain.

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



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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.



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Moat Lane, Ash.

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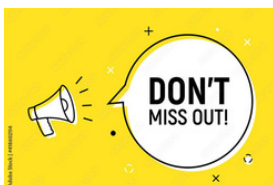
WHAT'S ON

June 2026

Day	Date	Outdoor	Indoor Short-Mat
Mon	01-June	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
		Ladies Dover League - Kearsney - Away	
Tues	02-June	Sandwich (Away game) 2.30pm	
Weds	03-June		Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
Thurs	04-June	Barham (Home game) 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	05-June	GREEN CLOSED	
Sat	06-June	DOREEN UNDERHILL TOURNAMENT	
Mon	08-June	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
		Ladies Dover League - Vic Pk - Home	
Tues	09-June	Broadstairs (Away game) 2pm	
		Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Weds	10-June		Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
Thurs	11-June		Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	12-June	Chislet (Home game) 2pm	
		Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sat	13-June	JACK FOGG TROPHY	
Mon	15-June	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
		Dover League - St Margarets - Away	
Tues	16-June	Gateway (Home game) 2pm	
Weds	17-June		Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
Thurs	18-June	Men's Dover League - Aylesham	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	19-June	Betteshanger (Home game) 2pm	
		Pop Up Café - 6pm	
Sun	21-June	River (Away game) 2pm	
Mon	22-June	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
Tues	23-June	Tuesday Roll-up 6pm	
Weds	24-June	Boughton (Away game) 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
Thurs	25-June	Men's Dover League - Kearsney	Short Mat Roll-up 7-9pm
Fri	26-June	Social Bowling & Coaching 6pm	
Sat	27-June	Thanet (Away game) 2pm	
Sun	28-June	Margarets (Home game) 2pm	
Mon	29-June	Community Coffee Morning 10-12	
		Monday Roll-up 2pm	Short Mat Roll-up 1.30-3.30pm
		Ladies Dover League - Canterbury - Home	
Tues	30-June		

Contact us for further details or to book your place.

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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



Doreen Underhill Trophy
Saturday 6th June.

We are preparing the clubhouse on Friday 5th June from 2pm.

Donations of Raffle Prizes will be very welcome.

Help needed to assist on the day. If you could volunteer to assist for part of the day that would be very much appreciated. A poster is on display at the club.

Spectators are very welcome - come and enjoy the day.

Don't forget - the green will be CLOSED on Friday
5th June.





- Don't forget - the green will be CLOSED on Friday 5th June.
- 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.
- Members Forum - 3rd June (hosted by Bill King) 11 to 12.
- The next Catering/Events Group Meeting will be at 10:30 on 30th June. All catering / events volunteers please do attend.



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