

MAY 2025

Ash Bowling Club News



EDITION 9

Promote our website to your family/friends.

Find us at (just click on the link 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.

Short Mat Summer Season

A reminder to all members that the 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. The only extra to pay is 50p tea money per week (for however many sessions you play).

Come and give it a go - all are welcome!

Monday 2-4pm
Wednesday 2-4pm
Thursday 7-9pm

We are on Facebook - find us by clicking on the link below, like and share our posts with your family and friends to keep updated.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Big Bowls Weekend

- 23 May - Club Open Day 2-7pm
- 24 May - Alan Norris Trophy (Internal Club Competition)
- 25 May - Village Societies open competition with BBQ & Bar
- 7 June - Doreen Underhill Ladies Tournament
- 14 June - Jack Fogg (Internal Club Competition)
- 20 June - Pop-Up Café

We are always in need of volunteers to give up just a few minutes of their time to come and help us set up and clear up following our events. These events are the lifeblood of the club and help greatly to swell our funds. Despite repeated requests for help, generally we get a very poor response and it is left to the same very small group to do almost everything.

Please look out for our requests and help when you can - even just a few minutes goes a long way.

We are also planning for other events throughout the season. If you can help run an event, or have any ideas please speak to Sarah Stephenson.

Further details on individual events will follow...

URGENT - SPRING CLEAN

Now that everyone has had ample time to remove any personal items and property from the locker rooms will soon be being cleared.

Items of clothing (shoes, hats, coats etc) and bowls equipment will now be retained by the club and put up for sale.

We will also be in contact to appoint leads for our working groups to start to plan and complete areas of work that will enhance and maintain our facilities.

SPONSORSHIP

We are so pleased to inform members that we are engaged in discussions to bring businesses on board to sponsor the club.

To date we have been sponsored by - Dover District Council, Gilton Garage and In Action Bowls wear.

If you know of any potential sponsorship opportunities, please let us know and Stuart will follow them up.



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.



NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT



Growing our membership is the only way for us to permanently secure the future of our club.

It's down to us - every single one of us has to play a part.

Here's what you can do....

- Please follow and like our Facebook posts and encourage your family & friends to do so as well - this will increase our online presence.
- All our events and recruitment activities are publicised on Facebook in order to reach more people in Ash and all the surrounding villages.
- We will have flyers printed and these will be available in the Club. Take some and talk to your family, friends and neighbours.
- When you are in the villages and talking with your friends, please do mention our club and extoll the virtues of playing bowls and our wider social activities.
- If you see a new face at the club, please do introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. First impressions last the longest!

The greatest advertising of all is word of mouth - and it's free!



**We do have a very small number of members who have not yet renewed their membership.
If you still have to renew, please get in contact swiftly.**

Understanding our membership numbers aids our financial planning for the year ahead.

Many thanks.



What a fantastic afternoon we had in the sun.

Great to see club members and the community come together and support our VE Day Celebrations along with an opportunity to try bowling.



On the day before V.E. day—let's
pat ourselves on the back for all
the stooping we have done, and
hope that I may not be sent
back to you as a steward!!
With love
M.G.C.

A page from the autograph book of Josephine Minna
Emilie Hatter (nee Lewington), a Wren based at Eastcote
and Gayhurst Manor outstations from November 1943 until
May 1945. She was then moved to Bletchley Park itself from
June to October 1945, working on indexing and filing. This
page states 'on the day before V.E. day – let's pat ourselves
on the back', a fitting way to reflect on the significant work
achieved in World War Two.



FIXTURES



FRIENDLY/ LEAGUE FIXTURES MAY & JUNE 2025

Wed 14-May Dover (H) 2.30
Sat 17-May St. Margarets (A) 2.30
Wed 21-May Boughton (H) 2.30
Thur 22-May Men's Dover League - Sandwich
Wed 28-May Eastry (A) 2.30
Thur 29-May Men's Dover League - Kearsney
Sat 31-May Minster (H) 2.30
02-Jun Monday rollup Ladies Dover League - Aylesham home
03-Jun Sandwich (A) 2.30
05-Jun Men's Dover League - Victoria Park
07-Jun DOREEN UNDERHILL TOURNAMENT
09-Jun Ladies Dover League 2.00 - Gateway away
10-Jun Broadstairs (H) 2.30
12-Jun Men's Dover League - Aylesham
13-Jun Chislet (H) 2.30
14-Jun JACK FOGG TROPHY
16-Jun Monday Ladies Dover League - Betteshanger home
17-Jun Gateway (H) 2.30
19-Jun Men's Dover League - River
20-Jun Betteshanger (H) 2.30
22-Jun River (A) 2.30
25-Jun Boughton (A) 2.30
26-Jun Men's Dover League - Betteshanger
29-Jun St. Margarets (H) 2.30
30-Jun Monday Ladies Dover League - Kearsney away

Signing up sheets will be on display at the club.



ASH VILLAGE COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING
3rd May
Hosted by Ash Bowling Club

A huge thank you to all who organised, donated, ran a stall or came along to support this event. It was fantastic to see so many people.

We raised a staggering £673.40

THANK YOU



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