



SECRETARIES NEWSLETTER

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Ashford Railway Club – Quarterly Newsletter

Autumn/Winter Edition

By Stuart Fraser, Club Secretary



In Memory of Cath Owen

We begin with the incredibly sad news of the passing of **Cath Owen**.

Cath was a cornerstone of the club's day-to-day running for over **25 years**.

Even as her illness took hold, she remained an active member of the Management Committee and continued supporting Sam with weekly duties.

We're sure all members will join us in sending our **sincere condolences** to **Gary, Sam, and Jaden** during this difficult time.

🍂 Reflections on Summer & Looking Ahead

As the nights draw in and the leaves begin to fall, it's time to reflect on our summer and share what's coming up this autumn and winter.

🔧 Committee Update

The committee continues to meet monthly, working diligently behind the scenes to keep the club running smoothly for members and guests

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to the entire Management Committee and to Heather, who have stepped in to help cover shifts and keep the club running while Sam and Gary take some time out.

The committee members and Heather have generously given up their own time—often at short notice—to support the club.

Thanks also to Lucy Blandford, who has kindly stepped into the role of **Club Steward** during Sam's absence.

🍺 Bar Price Adjustment

There has been **no increase in bar prices** since the last newsletter. However, we're keeping a close eye on the **Autumn Budget from Rachel Reeves**, which may impact our costs.

🍹 Refreshments & Bar Update

- **Courage Bitter** was discontinued over the summer and replaced with **Thwaites Bitter**, which has been well received.
- In the function room, we trialled selling **shots**, and **Tequila Rose** has proven especially popular.
- New snacks added: **Scampi Fries** and **Steak Peanuts** – both are flying off the shelves!



⑧ Free Pool Sundays

With darker evenings upon us, **Free Pool is now** every **Sunday** and **all day**.

We're also starting **Killer Pool sessions** the first session will be on **Sunday 2nd November** – come give it a go!



Crib League – New Players Wanted

We're looking for more members to join our **Monday Crib League**.

Interested in learning or playing? Speak to **Club President Brian Saxon**, who's at the club every Monday evening with the crib teams.

🎯 Junior Darts Academy – Volunteers Needed

Sadly, Mick and Jackie Apps are unable to continue running the academy. If anyone is interested in taking it on, it would be greatly appreciated. Jackie is happy to advise and support the transition.

Please contact info@ashfordrailwayclub.co.uk if you'd be interested in helping run the darts academy.

Sports, Social & Fundraising Events

Our **Sports & Social Secretaries, Charlotte and Yannika**, are working hard to keep the club lively and fun: Upcoming events.

- 🎵 **Disco Bingo** – A first-time event combining party classics with prize bingo. Expect singing, dancing, and laughter!
- 🎲 **Hoy Bingo** – 29th November in the Lounge Bar.
- 🎤 **Christmas Karaoke** – 13th December in the Lounge Bar. Festive tunes guaranteed!
- 🎄 **Kids Christmas Party** – 14th December in the Dance Hall. Watch for posters to sign up.
- ❓ **Family Christmas Quiz** – 20th December in the Lounge Bar. A festive evening of fun for all ages!
- 🎤 **Christmas Eve Singer** – Live music in the Lounge Bar to celebrate the season.
- 🥊 **Boxing Day Disco** – 26th December, 12:00–16:00 in the Dance Hall.
- 🌟 **New Year's Eve Disco** – Tickets go on sale 1st December. These typically sell out early, so don't miss out!

Parking Update

The **ANPR cameras** are now fully operational to control unauthorised parking.

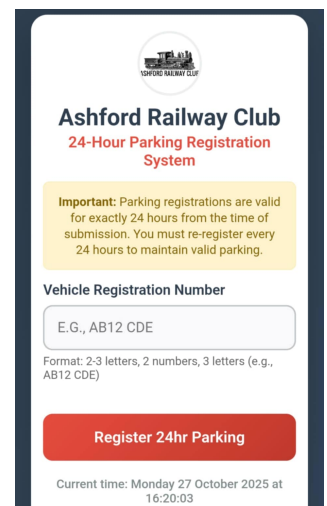
Please **enter your car registration** when visiting the club.

You can also use the **QR codes** on the table talkers.

If you have a **permit**, renew it at the bar and display it clearly in your windscreen.

Note: Staff and committee members **cannot assist** with fines resulting from failure to register your vehicle.

The system will be issuing fines to unvalidated cars parked from **3rd November**.



Ashford Railway Club
24-Hour Parking Registration System

Important: Parking registrations are valid for exactly 24 hours from the time of submission. You must re-register every 24 hours to maintain valid parking.

Vehicle Registration Number

E.G., AB12 CDE

Format: 2-3 letters, 2 numbers, 3 letters (e.g., AB12 CDE)

Register 24hr Parking

Current time: Monday 27 October 2025 at 16:20:03

Memberships

- Memberships for **2025 are now closed**. We welcomed **65 new members** this year!
- **Renewals** open **1st December** and must be completed by **31st January 2026**. *A **£5 surcharge** will be applied to **each card** for renewals submitted after the deadline.*
- This year, members will receive a **plastic membership card** offering a better bar tariff than non-members.
- Due to rising costs, subscriptions will increase to:
 - **£25** for a single membership
 - **£40** for a couple*(This is the first increase in over 5 years – less than 50p per month.)*
- **New membership applications** will be accepted from **1st February 2026**.

Christmas Decorations – Help from Mr Christmas!

And finally, our very **own Mr Christmas – Adam Samson** – will be taking charge of making the club look festive this year.

If you have any **unwanted Christmas decorations** that you'd be happy to donate, please bring them to the club **before 15th November**.

That's when **Adam and his elves** will begin transforming the club into a winter wonderland!

WHAT'S ON AT ASHFORD RAILWAY CLUB

UP AND COMING FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Sat 1st	DISCO BINGO (doors open 7pm)	DANCE HALL	8PM
Sun 2nd	SUNDAY BRUNCH	LOUNGE BAR	10AM
Mon 3rd	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Tue 4th	ASHFORD ANGLING	ANNEX	8PM
Wed 5th	GUARDS REUNION	LOUNGE BAR	11AM
Wed 5th	SLIMMING WORLD	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Fri 7th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Sun 9th	BINGO	DANCE HALL	8PM
Mon 10th	UPA	DANCE HALL	11AM
Mon 10th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Wed 12th	SLIMMING WORLD	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Fri 14th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Sun 16th	ORCHIDS	DANCE HALL	2PM
Mon 17th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Wed 19th	SLIMMING WORLD	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Fri 21st	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Sun 23rd	BINGO	DANCE HALL	8PM
Mon 24th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Tue 25th	METAL DETECTORS	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Wed 26th	SLIMMING WORLD	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Fri 28th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Fri 28th	LINE DANCING	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Sat 29th	MUGS CLUB HOY BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	8PM

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Mon 1st	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Tue 2nd	ASHFORD ANGLING	ANNEX	8PM
Wed 3rd	SLIMMING WORLD	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Fri 5th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Sun 7th	SUNDAY BRUNCH	LOUNGE BAR	10AM
Sun 7th	ORCHIDS	DANCE HALL	1PM
Sun 7th	BINGO	DANCE HALL	8PM
Mon 8th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Wed 10th	SLIMMING WORLD	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Thurs 11th	UPA	DANCE HALL	9:30PM
Fri 12th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Sat 13th	CHRISTMAS KARAOKE	LOUNGE BAR	8PM
Sun 14th	CLUB CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY	DANCE HALL	12-4PM
Mon 15th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Wed 17th	SLIMMING WORLD	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Fri 19th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Fri 19th	LINE DANCING	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Sat 20th	CHRISTMAS FAMILY QUIZ	DANCE HALL	8PM
Sun 21st	BINGO	DANCE HALL	8PM
Mon 22nd	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Tue 23rd	SLIMMING WORLD	DANCE HALL	7:30PM
Wed 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE - LOUNGE BAR SINGER - CIARAN O'CONNOR	LOUNGE BAR	7:30PM
Thurs 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY OPEN	LOUNGE BAR	12-2PM
Fri 26th	BOXING DAY OPEN WITH DISCO (Disco 12-4pm in dance hall)	ALL CLUB	10-4PM
Mon 29th	LOUNGE BAR BINGO	LOUNGE BAR	1PM
Wed 31st	NEW YEARS EVE DISCO - TICKET ONLY EVENT	DANCE HALL	8PM
Thurs 1st Jan	NEW YEARS DAY ** CLOSED **	CLOSED	CLOSED

