



## ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

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### Digitisation of *Cricket*

Members will be aware from the announcement in the last bulletin that the digitised version of the magazine *Cricket* should have been available on the website by now. Sadly, this was over-optimistic as we encountered a number of technical problems. Work is proceeding and the magazine will definitely appear on the website in the near future, though we cannot put a precise date on it for the moment.

When it does appear the files will be fully searchable and an absolute boon to researchers who have previously probably needed to visit Lord's for this information; indeed, the search facility will actually mean the online version is easier to use than a hard copy.

### ACS Treasurer - Forthcoming Vacancy

The ACS Treasurer, Keith Gerrish, has advised the Committee that, for family reasons, he will not be seeking re-election when his current term comes to an end in March 2016. The Committee is very grateful to Keith for his work as Treasurer, but entirely understands his reasons for wishing to step down. Accordingly, the Association will need a new Treasurer.

The position involves general oversight of the Association's finances. However, for the last few years the Association has engaged the services of an accountant, Judy Leng, who carries out much of the routine work, and this appointment has greatly reduced the burden on the elected Treasurer. Any member interested in the position of Treasurer is encouraged to put his or her name forward, and Andrew Hignell, the Secretary, will be happy to discuss, in confidence, what the post entails (contact at [secretary@acscricket.com](mailto:secretary@acscricket.com)).

### Cricket Witness

The committee are delighted to have received some extremely interesting proposals for volumes in the above series, and if anyone would like to offer another title – or manuscript – or has ideas for a possible theme, please contact the Secretary on [secretary@acscricket.com](mailto:secretary@acscricket.com)

## Members' Questionnaire

A full report on the questionnaire will appear in the spring 2016 edition of the Journal, but this is a preliminary look at the results. These are being considered by the Committee to make sure that our printing programme gives you- the members- what you want. To date 103 completed questionnaires have been received.

### GREENS

There is strong support for the "Greens" to carry on – 63% say yes, while only 21% say no. As to the form they should take there are mixed views as to whether they should continue to aim for completeness – 34% would like to see them continue as all-inclusive, 22% would prefer overseas only and 28% would concentrate on scores unavailable in print.

### LIST A

40% would like to see books of List A matches. While the majority would not, this is of course a question about being able to sell enough copies to cover costs and also of having the necessary compilers and editors available.

### JOURNAL

When it comes to the Journal, 76% read it all and the rest read "some". There is substantial agreement (82%) that the balance between statistics and history is about right, possibly confirmed by the fact that similar numbers think there is too much history and too much statistical material. There is a clear majority in favour of "specials" and 97% say they find the book reviews useful.

### OTHER POINTS

35% are interested in deluxe editions of some books; 31% would buy a women's cricket annual.

All of these points will be fully considered by the committee, and members will be made aware of all future publication decisions in due course.

## Members' email Addresses:

A large majority of our members have one or more email account, and they have been kind enough to provide details of their addresses. Increasingly, we may wish to contact the membership by email, especially if information needs to be given out with some urgency, and therefore we would be very grateful if any members who have not already done so could send their email details to the Membership Secretary on [membership@acscricket.com](mailto:membership@acscricket.com)

## Requests for Members' Contact Details

From time to time we receive requests for the contact details of other members. Unfortunately, as with all other members' organisations, under the Data Protection Act we are not able to give out that kind of information without first obtaining the consent of the relevant party. Therefore, if a member wishes to find out such details, could they please initially get in touch with the Membership Secretary, who will then seek to obtain the necessary permission.

## Committee Meeting Report (excluding items mentioned elsewhere):

The third meeting of 2015-16 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 26 September. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay, Keith Gerrish and Roger Moulton.

Guidelines for how to record a batting partnership involving more than two batsmen were discussed; it was agreed that the key thing was to make it clear which policy was being followed and to footnote the alternative figures.

The various awards made by the ACS were reviewed, in particular Statistician of the Year and Honorary Life Membership, and guidelines were approved.

It was agreed that, if there was clear evidence that a cricketer consistently used a different name in a formal context, that should override details on the birth certificate.

The dates for the next committee meetings are 5 December, 16 January and 2 April. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

## Membership Update:

### We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mr G.Bishop of Noble Park, Australia  
Mr R.D.E.Brown of London, England  
Mr R.English of Brighton, East Sussex  
Mr M.Ghosh of Indiranagar, India  
Mr R.Hanna of Scarborough, North Yorkshire  
Mr D.E.Harper of Hassocks, West Sussex  
Mr N.C.McCrery of Gedling, Nottinghamshire  
Mr A.Melville-Brown of Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex  
Mr D.R.Morton of Horsham, West Sussex  
Mr C.M.Rampling of Brussels, Belgium  
Mr K.Reid of Hallett Cove, Australia  
Mr A.E.Rothman of Louisville, U.S.A.  
Master D.W.Smith of London, England  
Mr C.J.Taylor of Guildford, Surrey

### We require a change of address from the following member:

Mr D.G.Wayte, formerly of Hornsey, London

### We regret to announce the death of the following members for whom we offer our condolences to their family and friends:

Mr M.H.Coulson, late of Johannesburg, South Africa  
Mr P.L.Jones, late of Linby, Nottinghamshire  
Mr M.R.Moseling, late of Teddington, Gloucestershire  
Mr Paul A.Smith, late of Exeter, Devon