



ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

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Committee Matters

From Giles Phillips:

At the end of March 2017, after three years on the committee, I will be standing down to devote more time to other interests. Therefore there will be a vacancy at that time. Whilst this may seem a long way off, I thought it fair to give the membership plenty of opportunity to consider whether serving on the committee was something they would want to try out. Being on the committee is the best way of finding out what is going on within the ACS, and, most importantly, of influencing future policy. So, if anyone would like to help make that happen, please register your interest at secretary@acscricket.com.

Digitisation of *Cricket*

It is to be hoped that many people have derived benefit from the free trial for on-line access to *Cricket*. This has now lasted several months, and members will probably find that, by the time they read this, a subscription service will have started. Details of this will be found on the website.

Publications

Occasionally it happens that there are no new publications in a particular quarter, as has happened this time. However, please do refer to the flyer containing details of many special offers on existing publications. Meanwhile, a bumper crop of new titles is expected in August.

Richie Benaud

Enclosed with this mailing is a flyer advertising *Richie Benaud: The Man Behind the Legend*, edited by Norman Tasker and Ian Heads and published by Stoke Hill Press. The ACS has

obtained 20 copies for sale to members. The book is highly recommended and, of course, the late Richie Benaud was a long-standing member of the ACS.

Cricket Witness

Cricket Witness is a new series which will look at a variety of historical themes – both ancient and modern. A number of topics have been suggested: outstanding/successful county teams; decades; prolific opening partnerships; great wicket-keepers, short-legs or cover fielders; opening bowling partnerships; spin pairings; a series of outstanding or dramatic matches at a particular ground (e.g. a festival ground) or a selection of great players (from a club, a League, a decade, or those born at a particular place). The above list is far from comprehensive, and all ideas will be considered on their merits. Several titles are already in the pipeline. If anyone would like to offer another title – or manuscript – for this series, or has ideas for a possible theme, please contact the Secretary on secretary@acscricket.com

Members' Advertising Flyers

A reminder that the arrangements for including members' advertising flyers in the quarterly mailings have been changed. Members are asked to contact the Hon. Treasurer, who will issue an invoice. Once payment has been received, the member will be asked to forward the flyers to the mailing firm. Mailings are despatched in the first full week of February, May, August and November, so flyers need to be in the hands of the mailing firm by the end of the preceding week.

Committee Meeting Reports (excluding items mentioned elsewhere):

The fourth meeting of 2015/16 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 5 December. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay and Mark Rowe.

Sales officer Neil Beck reported on his first ten months in the job, and made some detailed suggestions about how the service could be improved, which the committee would consider in January.

The digitised version of the magazine *Cricket* on the ACS website had gone live in November. The committee thanked Simon Sweetman and Peter Griffiths for all their work on this project. It was agreed to extend the free trial until the end of March (after the AGM).

Keith Walmsley and Peter Griffiths had devised a method of submitting amendments to biographical data on CricketArchive, to go live in February.

It was decided to remain in Derby for the 2016 AGM, on condition that Derbyshire guaranteed use of the 3aaa Pavilion, whose facilities had been significantly upgraded.

Derbyshire had apologised for the poor service in 2015, and possible alternatives which had been explored had significant drawbacks.

The committee considered future series of publications, including Cricket Witness and a dozen volumes of 'Hard-to-Get' scores.

The fifth meeting of 2015/16 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 16 January. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay, Keith Gerrish, Harriet Monkhouse and Mark Rowe.

David Kendix joined the meeting for a discussion of several matters relating to his role as ICC/ECB liaison officer. These included the status of the Glamorgan v Hampshire Royal London One-Day Cup fixture in 2015, and that of matches which lost their first-class status during the game.

The Cricket Paper had already published two articles by Simon Sweetman as part of the Association's weekly column. More material was required to keep this series going.

The committee discussed possible solutions to the problem of storage of members' papers (for example, Tony Webb's Minor Counties research).

New guidelines for authors were agreed in principle.

The clearing house for new biographical information was to launch on the website on 1 February 2016.

The first meeting of 2016/17 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 2 April. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay, Andrew Hignell, Mark Rowe and Simon Sweetman.

John Bryant was re-elected Chairman, and other committee duties and non-committee roles were assigned for the coming year.

The new Treasurer, Garry Wallace, presented a comprehensive report on the ACS's financial affairs, including recommendations for corporate governance, financial planning and the Treasurer's own role, which were accepted in principle by the committee.

There was further discussion of how members' papers could be stored for future researchers.

It was agreed that the facilities provided by Derbyshire CCC for the recent AGM had been far more satisfactory than those offered the previous year.

The research student at Royal Holloway sponsored by the ACS, Adam McKie, had made a presentation on his research into women's cricket between the wars at the AGM, and was expected to start writing up his MA thesis shortly.

A series of unrelated hold-ups meant that none of the books scheduled for publication in the next quarter would be ready, though plenty were expected in August.

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

Membership Update:

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mr M.Abbott of Sharlston Common, West Yorkshire

Mr G.J.Agius of Northwood, Middlesex

Mr G.Ashfield of Chatteris, Cambridgeshire

Mr C.Barr of Norwich, Norfolk

Mr R.Case of Radcliffe upon Trent, Nottinghamshire

Mr M.Dixon of Crosby, Merseyside

Mr M.J.Fox of Watford, Hertfordshire

Mr K.N.Hodgson of Finchampstead, Berkshire

Mr A.Houghton of Sutton, Surrey

Dr C.O.Jones of Abergwyngregyn, Gwynedd

Dr J.Kirkland OBE of Harrow, Middlesex

Mr C.Kneale of Crowthorne, Berkshire

Mr M.Littler of Desborough, Northamptonshire

Mr A.J.S.Noakes of Stapenhill, Staffordshire

Mr A.Oakley of Chaddesden, Derbyshire

Mr I.Plenderleith CBE of River, West Sussex

Mr V.Raw of Mapperley, Nottinghamshire

Mr K.Sandell of Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria

Mr M.L.Sheridan of Congresbury, Somerset

Mr M.T.Smith of Legbourne, Lincolnshire

Mr A.Thomas of Malvern, Worcestershire

Mr R.Wilson of Guilden Morden, Hertfordshire

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 member for whom we offer our condolences to his family and friends:

Mr R.J.Harragan, late of Llanelli, Carmarthenshire