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Cricket Witness

Class Peace is the first volume in a brand new series for the Association called *Cricket Witness*. The aim of the series is to explore, largely through primary and secondary sources, a number of important themes in cricket history. During the course of the coming months, further volumes will cover a diverse range of topics including cricket during the Crimean War, the rise of Glamorgan CCC to their first County Championship in 1948, and women's cricket in inter-war England.

We are delighted that Eric Midwinter, an eminent cricket historian and a former President of the Association, should launch this series with a typically erudite and scholarly analysis of a pivotal theme in cricket history: the players' social status. I would be delighted to hear from other authors who would like to contribute to what we anticipate will become a major series by the Association, and an outlet for members' research, building on the excellent reputation of the *Lives in Cricket* series. Anyone who wishes to contribute should send an email to: higgers2015@outlook.com

Andrew Hignell

Special Offer from ACS Sales

Following the success of our first quarterly sale, in which 13 titles sold out, we are pleased to offer a further selection of 25 books for the last time at discounted prices. Postage costs are included in the listed prices for the Special Offer items, for both UK and overseas destinations. Therefore, postage does not need to be added again when calculating the total cost for these items. If you order from the ACS Online Shop, all these calculations will be made automatically.

This offer will last until 31 October 2017, after which date we will dispose of the remaining stock. Details are in the publications flyer, which accompanies this Bulletin.

Overseas Postage Rates on Books with Special Offer Prices

From time to time the ACS initiates campaigns offering heavily discounted prices to try and encourage members to purchase old stock. Since the UK postal authority applies the full postage rate on these shipments, the ACS will in future calculate the overseas postal surcharge (currently 20%) on such discounted prices based on the **original cover prices** of the publications. The Committee are confident that even with this change the resultant prices will remain highly attractive for overseas members.

To ensure maximum transparency for overseas members and customers, the above approach will be incorporated into the ACS Online Shop pricing formula and the sales flyer will quote specific overseas prices for discounted items.

Website News

Some of you who have visited the Members Area at acscricket.com have encountered an alarming problem: certain Microsoft web browsers flash up red warning signs claiming the site might take your personal or financial information. We have raised this problem several times with CricketArchive, who host the website. They say it is an extremely annoying issue at the Microsoft end, and they have repeatedly tried to get MS to do something to stop it, but without success so far. We do not know why MS takes such exception to the Members Area, where you should never be asked for any personal or financial information. Other browsers such as Firefox and Chrome seem to handle the Members Area without problems, so we recommend using those if you're trying to look up the details of the CricketArchive discount, read up on past committee meetings, study the Association Rules, check the ACS Style Guide, etc. If you have forgotten the password, please contact membership@acscricket.com

The current design of our website is seven years old, and we are considering a change. We have some possible contacts in mind, but if you are a website designer or know one who would like to tender for the job, do get in touch with webmaster@acscricket.com

Harriet Monkhouse

Committee Meeting Report

The second meeting of 2017/18 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 3 June. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay and Garry Wallace.

Chairman John Bryant reported on a meeting with Jim Hindson and Guy Evans-Tipping to discuss the relationship between the ACS and CricketArchive. This had resulted in the offer of a new contract, which would confirm the supply of scorecards and statistics for ACS publications.

The transfer of ACS Sales ordering from Mick Pope to John Anderson at City Press Leeds had gone smoothly; orders were being despatched promptly, and the Treasurer was receiving regular sales reports.

The committee were pleased to hear of significant progress during April and May in shifting members towards paying for books by PayPal and electronic funds transfer rather than by cheque.

The new Cricket Witness series was to launch in August with Eric Midwinter's *Class Peace*.

The dates for the forthcoming committee meetings are 30 September, 25 November, 20 January and 24 March. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

The next AGM will be on 17 March 2018 in Derby.

Annual Subscription Reminder

The AGM approved a £2 increase (to £22) for UK subscriptions and £3 (to £29) for overseas subscriptions from 1 December 2017, with junior subscriptions remaining at £10. There will be a £2 discount for all adult members paying by direct debit.

Membership Update

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mr David Allan of Dunfermline, Fife
Mr Ben Damiano of Wright, Australia
Mr John Evans of Curdworth, Warwickshire
Mr Michael Morton of Surbiton, Surrey
Mr James Reade of Reading, Berkshire
Prof Keith Tester of Worthing, West Sussex
Mr Zane Whitehorn of Darwin, Australia

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

Mr David Baggett, lately of Duffield, Derbyshire
Mr Edmund Goodwin, lately of Bicester, Oxfordshire
Mr Nicholas Perry, lately of Alresford, Hampshire
Mr John Riddy, lately of Wilberfoss, North Yorkshire
Mr Michael Sheridan, lately of Congresbury, Somerset
Mr Ken Thomas, lately of Stockport, Greater Manchester

Members' Ties

Members' ties are now available by post from ACS Sales at £13.

Postage and packing are included in the cover price for UK members; overseas orders add 20% to the price.

Please contact John Anderson either by email at sales@acscricket.com or by post for further details:

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