

ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN NO 3 - JUNE 2009



ACS Webmaster

Some months ago, I appealed via the membership bulletin for someone to help us redesign and maintain our website. One person came forward, but then withdrew some months later without having made any progress. So much of what the ACS wants to do is built upon us having a proper functioning website, including allowing members to join and renew online, enabling members and indeed anyone to buy our publications online and creating a new class of overseas members who would receive our journal electronically.

Having had no success in finding a member willing to take on a webmaster role in an honorary capacity, your committee has concluded that this is a service for which the Association will have to pay. Ideally, we would still find a suitably-skilled member, or at least someone who has some love or understanding of cricket and sees being a webmaster as a remunerative sideline.

So my updated request is as follows. Do you have the skills to look after our website on a paid basis? If not, do you know someone who does this sort of work, maybe for other clubs or societies, or for a charity or small business? Please ask around and pass any suggestions to the Secretary (secretary@acscricket.com).

*David Kendix
(Chairman)*

AGM Reflections

The AGM of the Association, held on 28 March at Cardiff, was a great success. Despite the enhanced security at the SWALEC Stadium as a result of the presence of David Cameron at the Welsh Conservative Conference, the 50 or so members who attended the meeting were able to have an interesting tour around Glamorgan's redeveloped headquarters during the afternoon session following the completion of the AGM in the morning. The annual lunch, held in

the restaurant in the Institute of Sport at Sophia Gardens, gave members a chance to chat and catch up on a number of matters, whilst the 25 members who attended the informal gathering in the Mochyn Du pub on the Friday also had an opportunity to mingle and unwind after their travels to the Principality.

It was very gratifying to receive a number of warm and favourable comments about these various venues adjacent to the Cardiff ground, especially as it indicated the popularity of holding meetings at different locations around the country. The committee, as always, would be delighted to hear of suggestions for similar gatherings in the future.

At the AGM itself, the Chairman gave an optimistic presentation covering the growth in membership (as evidenced later in this bulletin) and the range and quality of our publications. However he warned that the committee remained short of the people and expertise it needs to achieve its goals. In particular, the lack of sales and marketing skills prevents our books reaching a broader public. The Treasurer then presented the accounts and confirmed that the ACS remains financially strong and well able to withstand any economic downturn.

Two awards were made. Don Ambrose was appointed an Honorary Life Member of the Association for his outstanding work on 18th and 19th century cricket which will be a lasting legacy for future researchers and members of the Association.

The 22nd winner of the ACS Statistician of the Year award was Peter Griffiths for the creation and development of CricketArchive, the world's most complete and authoritative source of cricket scores and player records. In accepting the award, Peter stressed that CricketArchive was the result of a team effort, including a number of ACS members and other volunteers worldwide.

*Andrew Hignell
(Secretary)*

The full minutes of the AGM should have appeared in the Summer edition of the Journal. However, following an oversight, it has been necessary to hold them over until the Autumn edition. If any member wishes to see them before that, please contact the Editor for an emailed copy (editor@acscricket.com).

Committee Meetings

The sixth meeting of 2008-09 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday, 31 January. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay, Harriet Monkhouse and Huw Nathan. The committee sent best wishes to Mr Nathan, who was in hospital.

The Secretary, Andrew Hignell, reported that Glamorgan had withdrawn the SWALEC Stadium as the AGM venue because of a political conference. It was agreed that he should book the nearby Welsh Institute of Sport instead. As there were two vacancies on the committee, the Chairman should appeal for volunteers to be co-opted. Don Ambrose would be recommended for honorary life membership.

Leading ACS members were to speak at an ICC conference on cricket history at Oxford in July; the committee hoped to run a stall and advertise the Association, and would encourage members to attend.

Douglas Miller reported that the Christmas sale of old stock had brought in about £3,500. In his final committee meeting before retirement, Mr Miller was warmly thanked for his years of service.

The committee noted with deep regret the death of Bill Frindall the previous day.

The first meeting of 2009-10 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday, 4 April. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay and Simon Sweetman.

David Kendix was re-elected Chairman for the coming year, and it was decided to invite Roger Moulton to be co-opted to one of the two vacancies on the General Committee.

John Bryant announced that the new Overseas Annual would be longer than expected, because of the greater number of first-class matches in 2008-09. He suggested including a list of "founder subscribers" paying for the annual in advance. Mr Bryant was also forming a group to discuss the ACS list of major 18th century matches.

After a discussion at the AGM, a new feedback system for Journal articles was set up, whereby readers would submit corrections directly to authors, who could accept the amendments or explain why they did not agree; the reader's letter would be printed if the author did not respond.

The dates for the next committee meetings are 20 June and 19 September. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

Lives in Cricket

This series has been running for two years and we have now published ten titles under its banner. The subjects are of course diverse. John Shepherd, the most recent, is no doubt remembered for his enthusiasm on the pitch by many

members. Others – Ernie Jones, the great Australian quickie, and Richard Daft, who died in 1900 – are well beyond the ken of even the greyest of our greybeards.

Such variety – we are a broad church – precludes the making of too many fixed rules about their content, so in a way each book is one-off. Even so, the series continues to improve (we hope) including the readability, originality, pictures and statistics. In the national press they have received favourable reference – one reviewer even said ‘every one a gem’. And one, Martin Howe’s Rockley Wilson, was short-listed for Cricket Book of the Year.

We are trying to produce books which are of a standard similar to that of a commercial publishing house: we think we fall only just short of this goal. Quality, though, is not achieved solely by the collaboration of author and editor: quite a few people – some paid, some generously amateur – have a hand in each issue. Perhaps we should make special reference to the contributions of Zahra Ridge’s cover design, Roger Mann’s photographs, the proofreading efforts of Gerald Hudd and John Ward, Peter Wynne-Thomas’s ‘wisdom’, and Pete Griffiths’ co-ordination, intended to ensure that books come out on time and to a price. There are others, of course, whose efforts are noted in each book. We still need help, though, with marketing to ensure that those team efforts can be appreciated by a wider public.

We intend to continue publishing four, maybe five books a year in the series – and those for September and December this year, with Welsh and Australian subjects, are being finalised even now. For 2010, books on Bunny Lucas, Joe Hardstaff and Jack Bond are in preparation: beyond them are biographies of Fuller Pilch, Frank Sugg and F.R.Foster. There is a longer list of at least a dozen further authors – some well-known, others less so – researching a variety of subjects whose names will surprise and even entertain a future readership.

David Jeater
(Series Editor)

Membership Update

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members

T.R.Arthur of Staple Hill, Gloucestershire
E.G.Auger of Bishop’s Stortford, Hertfordshire
D.J.Ballance of Hammersmith, London
Derek R.Barnard of Fakenham, Norfolk
P.Bebbington of Wrenbury, Cheshire
G.H.Bennett of Timperley, Cheshire
C.Birkett of Oxshott, Surrey

N.Birkett of Oxshott, Surrey
R.C.Boddie of Sheffield, South Yorkshire
R.K.Boothman of Richmond upon Thames
T.Bowtell of Wokingham, Berkshire
G.J.Boyes of Old Hutton, Cumbria
M.A.Brecknell of London E1
G.J.Bromage of Offerton, Cheshire

A.A.Brookes of Godley, Cheshire
K.Brooking of West End, Surrey
B.A.Burfoot of Alton, Hampshire
J.G.Butler of Morecambe, Lancashire
A.Carson of Benhall, Gloucestershire
M.J.Chandler of Reading, Berkshire
P.T.Clare of Evesham, Worcestershire
M.J.Clark of Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire
P.Clarke of Newhall, Derbyshire
W.P.Colebourne of Wallasey, Cheshire
L.A.Collins of Worthing, West Sussex
A.Cooke of Worsley, Lancashire
S.T.Cooper of Tunbridge Wells, Kent
J.V.Cowie of Harrow, Middlesex
M.J.Cremin of Kenilworth, Warwickshire
P.A.Crook of Shenfield, Essex
G.Crosby of Hitchin, Hertfordshire
E.Dabbs of Blackpool, Lancashire
P.E.H.Davies of Putney, London
R.D.Derricott of Formby, Merseyside
S.Dewhurst of Sheering, Hertfordshire
J.E.Douglas of London SE27
M.Duckworth of Chevy Chase, Maryland, USA
C.Dunn of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire
S.M.Dyson of Chiswick, London W4
J.Eddowes of London SW11
R.A.Ellis of Shirley, Surrey
R.F.Evans of London W1
J.Farley of Bemerton, Wiltshire
D.J.Farman of Ealing, London
B.D.Fearn of Littleover, Derbyshire
K.R.Feaver of Harlow, Essex
M.Fey of Bideford, Devon
A.C.Fisken of London SW7
B.Ford of Borough Green, Kent
P.J.Fox of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands
M.Fryer of Twickenham, Middlesex
S.D.Goodley of London E3
S.D.Greig of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands
T.A.Griffiths of Dorking, Surrey
C.Groves of Blackpool, Lancashire
J.Guest of Westthoughton, Lancashire
W.R.Hadley of Chilwell, Nottinghamshire
G.Haines of West Bromwich, West Midlands
M.C.Hannam of Wakefield, West Yorkshire
E.Harrison of Cheadle, Cheshire
C.D.C.Hatt of Bradiford, Devon
E.J.Hetherington of Old Amersham, Bucks
P.Higginson of Leyland, Lancashire
C.A.Hill of East Sheen, London SW14
D.Hill of Kington, Herefordshire
R.J.Hoare of East Lavant, West Sussex
R.Howlett of Farndon, Nottinghamshire
R.A.Hughes of Bristol, Gloucestershire

P.E.Hulme of Heaton Mersey, Cheshire
P.L.Humphreys of St. Leonard's-on-Sea,
Sussex
D.C.Hurd of Welwyn, Hertfordshire
A.P.Hutton of Adel, West Yorkshire
C.Illsley of Tickhill, South Yorkshire
D.James of Wadhurst, East Sussex
E.Johnston of Cranleigh, Surrey
J.E.Keep of Thatcham, Berkshire
G.E.Kent of London SE22
M.J.Keogh of East Horsley, Surrey
D.J.Kilby of Northwood, Middlesex
D.Kinder of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire
I.C.A.King-Holford of Uckfield, West Sussex
M.Knell of Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset
T.Land of Cranford, Middlesex
J.E.Lane of Lichfield, Staffordshire
P.B.Laurier of Corton, Suffolk
P.N.Lay of London N5
G.Leff of Strensall, North Yorkshire
B.C.Legg of London SW1
J.C.Leston of Haslemere, Surrey
T.I.P.Loughran of Keynsham, Bristol
A.W.MacDonald-Barker of Chingford, London
P.Mackle of Salford, Manchester
S.W.Maddock of Ruislip, Middlesex
K.H.Makin of Chipstead, Kent
M.J.Marshall of Rainow, Cheshire
L.T.Martin of East Croydon, Surrey
P.Mears of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
R.J.Merricks of Udimore, East Sussex
H.M.Mistry of Stratford, London
R.E.Moon of Oxford
C.L.Moor of Goff's Oak, Hertfordshire
J.M.Morgan of Hitchin, Hertfordshire
T.Mulholland of Chadderton, Lancashire
S.Nair of Bangalore, Karnataka, India
P.Navin of Episkopi Garrison, BFPO 53
W.O'Connell of Wembley, Middlesex
D.Oldman of Dronfield, Derbyshire
A.E.Osborne of Streethay, Staffs
A.T.Payne of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset
P.A.Pope of Stockbridge, Edinburgh
R.W.Powell of Fishponds, Bristol
G.K.Ramaswamy of Hirisave Bangalore, India
P.Ranken of Hither Green, London SE13
J.S.Richards of Pembroke
W.J.H.Richards of London E1
J.Richardson of Croxley Green, Herts
J.P.Richardson of West Malling, Kent
M.G.Richardson of Little Chalfont, Bucks
E.R.Roberts of Lutterworth, Leics
S.V.Roberts of Bradley Stoke, Bristol
R.A.Roe of Hevingham, Norfolk

A.J.Rogers of Kings Norton, Birmingham
 W.A.Rowland of Bradwell, Yorkshire
 M.R.Sanders of Stoke Newington, N16
 I.R.Shaw of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex
 H.B.Shearman of Ford Village, Bucks
 M.Short of Wallington, Surrey
 R.G.Simmons of Pinner, Middlesex
 A.L.Simons of Penarth, Glamorgan
 S.E.Smethurst of Godley, Cheshire
 A.C.Smith of Clifton, Bristol
 R.G.Spaight of Langworth, Lincolnshire
 W.W.Spencer of Kings Norton, Birmingham
 M.Sproules of Skipton, Victoria, Australia
 P.T.Sproules of Richmond upon Thames
 D.Stapley of Ferring, West Sussex
 B.C.Stephenson of Hertford
 J.K.Sumeray of Mill Hill, London N7
 W.R.N.Tapp of Biddenden, Kent
 S.C.Taylor of Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex
 K.A.Thomas of Stockport, Cheshire

P.A.F.Thomas of London W12
 S.G.Thomas of Windermere, Cumbria
 R.E.Thompson of London W2
 A.B.Thomson of Linton, Cambridgeshire
 A.J.Toyn of Uttoxeter, Staffordshire
 M.Trevisiol of Rowville, Victoria, Australia
 G.K.Turner of Sinfen, Derbyshire
 R.B.Wakelam of Earlsdon, West Midlands
 E.Walker of Bottesford, Nottinghamshire
 G.A.Walker of Denton, Manchester
 D.Walton of Dursley, Gloucestershire
 P.J.K.Warwick of Eastbourne, Sussex
 P.Waters of Frimley Green, Surrey
 A.J.Weston of Kingstanding, Birmingham
 J.Williams of St. George, Bristol
 H.G.Wilson of Chelford, Cheshire
 P.N.Wiseman of Beckenham, Kent
 D.C.Wood of Clare, Suffolk
 D.E.Wright of Woodley, Berkshire
 A.Young of Dewsbury, West Yorkshire

We extend a warm welcome to the following returning members:

M.B.Alexander of London
 D.H.Allen of Portsmouth, Hampshire
 D.J.Allison of East Putney
 R.J.Amor of Hallen, Bristol
 P.J.A.Ashworth of Glanwydden, Clwyd
 G.J.M.Baker of Alderholt, Hampshire
 J.R.Baker of Christchurch, Dorset
 H.Barrett of Prestwich, Manchester
 T.E.Basevi of Hammersmith, London
 R.M.Bestall of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire
 S.Briggs of Bishop Auckland, Co Durham
 O.Coddington of Whitbourne, Worcester
 D.G.Creeth of Sebastopol, California U.S.A.
 W.E.Downes of Rhos-on-Sea, Clwyd
 P.C.Freeman of Thrandeston, Norfolk
 J.M.Greenfield of Bramhope, West Yorkshire
 R.Gupta of Yamuna Nagar, India
 B.T.G.Hall of Sedlescombe, East Sussex
 M.Jackson of Wallington, Surrey
 N.C.James of Lichfield, Staffordshire
 R.C.James of London N5
 N.A.Johns of Weymouth, Dorset
 Lancashire CCC Library, Old Trafford
 M.G.Lorimer of Sale, Cheshire
 T.G.Lynch-Staunton of Walton-on-Thames
 D.W.Marsh of Astley, Manchester

I.C.Maun of Teignmouth, Devon
 T.J.McCann of Havant, Hampshire
 P.Morton of Portslade-by-Sea, East Sussex
 P.Parkinson of Tovil, Kent
 R.C.Parsley of Ealing, London
 A.J.Pearce of Cople, Bedfordshire
 G.A.Phillips of Ely, Cambridgeshire
 S.J.D.Pierce of Heytesbury, Wiltshire
 J.E.Reeves of Erdington, West Midlands
 J.N.H.Rice of Hythe, Kent
 S.R.Rickett of Chelmsford, Essex
 W.Shirley of St Clair, New Zealand
 G.Siggins of Sandymount, Dublin
 Paul A.Smith of Exeter, Devon
 D.J.Starr of Bramley, Surrey
 J.M.Taylor of Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire
 M.G.Taylor of Brockenhurst, Hampshire
 A.L.Thomas of Aigburth, Merseyside
 D.Thomas of Manchester
 J.A.Townsend of Southsea, Hampshire
 D.W.Walden of Northampton
 J.M.I.West of Childrey, Oxfordshire
 B.Whimpress of Kent Town,
 South Australia, Australia
 C.P.Wickham of Twickenham, Middlesex
 M.Wilson of Evington, Leicestershire

We regret to announce the deaths of the following members:

W.H.Frindall MBE formerly of Urchfont, Wiltshire
M.Lubliner formerly of Richmond upon Thames, Surrey
J.J.McCormick formerly of East Ham, London
R.W.Moxon formerly of Richmond, North Yorkshire

A current address is required for the following member:

J.R.Lodge formerly of Morcombelake, Dorset

Line Ads

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