



## ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN No. 34 – August 2019

### Website revamp

As most members probably know, the main parts of our website were out of action for much of June, following the crash of a server at Cricket Archive. This was nobody's fault – it was just one of those things that happens. Members who have given us their email addresses were kept informed of progress on the revival of the site, and on 26 June we were finally able to confirm that the whole site was once again up and running.

We are of course very sorry for any inconvenience that this caused to members. However, it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good, and as part of the restoration of the site we took the opportunity to revamp most of it into the 'new look' already introduced in the ACS Shop, and to update the text on some pages that were showing their age. This is something that we had wanted to do for some time, and although we regret the circumstances that gave us the opportunity to make these changes, we hope that members will be pleased with the results.

A few areas of the site, notably the Online Records site and the digitised copies of the magazine *Cricket*, are still in the old format, but we expect them to be updated to the new look before too long.

The revamped website can be found at the usual address of <http://acscricket.com/>

Our grateful thanks go to Jeff Green (for Cricket Archive), to Peter Griffiths, and to our webmaster Harriet Monkhouse for their extremely hard work in getting the site back in action. The committee would also like to thank all members for their patience in enduring the loss of our normal service.

*Keith Walmsley*

### ACS membership discount voucher scheme

The £7 discount voucher scheme was successfully launched on 1 May and the committee is pleased to note that over 100 ACS members have already exercised their voucher entitlement. Members are reminded that the current year's entitlement will expire on 30 November 2019 and will not carry forward to future periods. Therefore, you are encouraged to make use of your voucher either by purchasing one or more publications to the value of at least £7 or by claiming this amount for a previous purchase made since 30 November 2018.

### Discount sales

In addition to the newly-announced publication in the 'Hard to Get Scores' series, two earlier titles are currently being offered to members with substantial discounts.

These are *Lives in Cricket – John Jackson* and *First-Class Counties Second Eleven Annual 2016*. In addition we are extending the sale of *First-Class Scores 1951* and *Minor Counties 1910* for a further three-month period. These titles would offer members an immediate opportunity to exercise their voucher entitlement.

### ACS Journal frequency

In the last Bulletin, we mentioned the possibility of reducing the frequency of the Journal to three issues annually instead of four, and increasing the number of pages in each issue. This would maintain the overall value to members, whilst at the same time achieving a cost saving of about £2000. Some support for this idea has been received from members but so far, the number of responses received has been very small. The committee plans to make a decision on this matter in the autumn but before doing so we would welcome additional feedback from members.

## Committee Meeting Reports

The second meeting of 2019/20 was held at the Space Centre, St Pancras, London on Saturday 22 June.

Apologies were received from Ric Finlay.

The Committee addressed the crash of most of the ACS website, which had occurred on 3 June and was still in the process of being resolved; it was hoped the site would again be fully operational on 24 June. The Committee had taken the opportunity to update and improve the appearance of the website, and agreed on issues to be taken up with Cricket Archive (as website hosts) arising from the outage.

The Committee agreed to set up a new 'Contact ACS' email address to provide a more direct means of communication for members and others; this will be overseen by the Secretary, who will redirect messages to other Committee members as appropriate.

The Treasurer reported that although a small loss had been incurred in the first half of the financial year, the Association was on course to return a surplus across the year as a whole. This would be the first for some years; he attributed the improvement chiefly to the sharp increase in subscriptions, although a more robust approach to publishing decisions had also helped. The possibility of reducing the Journal (and member mailings) to three per year, instead of four, was again discussed and it was agreed to use the August Bulletin to seek further input from members with a view to a final decision in November. If the frequency of the Journal were reduced, the size of each edition would be increased so that members received the same value for money as now.

The Committee noted that an exhibition on women's cricket is to be launched for Lord's on 7 March 2020. It was agreed to seek a bookstall at the event, and the Committee discussed other ways in which ACS might support it.

It was agreed to make selected ACS publications available on a trial basis on Google Books and Google Play.

The Secretary reported that Paul Parkinson has taken over as editor of the ACS Second Eleven Annual.

The dates for forthcoming Committee meetings are 28 September, 30 November, 25 January and 28 March. **The 2020 AGM will be on 21 March.** Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

## Membership Update

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Brian Coultas, of Balham, London  
Thomas Melia, of Loughborough, Leicestershire  
Scott Power, of Oakview, Victoria, Australia  
Callum Richards, of Moseley, West Midlands  
Richard Schneider, of Northwood, Middlesex  
Gary Sutton, of Walworth, London

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