



ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

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Committee elections

Four committee places are up for election at the 47th AGM in 2020. If any member wishes to stand for election, please note that time is of the essence, as all nominations must be received by 15 November. Please send, either in writing or in a signed scanned letter, any nomination – together with names and signatures of a proposer and seconder (who should also be current ACS members) – to the Secretary Andrew Hignell, c/o Archives Department, Glamorgan CCC, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9XR. Email: secretary@acscricket.com

Annual Subscription reminder

Annual Membership commences on 1 December 2019. UK membership costs £29 per year, overseas membership £34 and junior membership (under 18 with proof of date of birth) £10. There is a £2 discount for all adult members paying by direct debit. You have four options:

1. It is strongly recommended (if you have a UK-based bank account) that you subscribe by Direct Debit, which is a quick, secure and cost-effective service. A £2 discount is applicable to members using this method.
2. Subscribe by PayPal, through the ACS Online Shop on https://acscricket.com/?page_id=294. It is not necessary to have a PayPal account to use this facility; payments can be made by either credit or debit card.
3. Subscribe by Bank Transfer direct to the ACS Membership bank account. The address is: Barclays Bank, Nottingham High Street Branch, 2 High Street, NOTTINGHAM NG1 2EN, England. Bank Sort Code: 20-63-28 Account Number: 23903907 (Overseas members should quote: IBAN GB15BARC20632823903907).
4. Subscribe by Cheque direct to the Membership Secretary Huw Nathan, ACS Membership, 36 Runton Road, POOLE BH12 1HX, England

Kit Bartlett

We were saddened to hear of the death in September of Kit Bartlett, one of the 30 founder members of the ACS in 1973. Kit was a true gentleman who served on the committee for many years, and was a prolific author of books and articles, as well as a greatly valued proof-reader of publications for the Association. A full tribute to him appears on the website – just go to www.acscricket.com, click on 'About the ACS', and then follow the links. Kit's passing leaves just eight of those original 30 in membership of the Association.

Annual Book Discount Scheme for ACS Publications

Following a suggestion made at the AGM in March 2018, the ACS introduced a book discount scheme in May 2019. The scheme gave members the entitlement to a £7 discount on the purchase of an ACS publication of that value or more during the current 'ACS Year' ending on 30 November 2019.

As at the end of September 2019 around 150 members have utilised their discount voucher but many more still have the opportunity to do so. This can be done in one of several ways:

- If you have already purchased an ACS publication during the course of the current 'ACS Year', even if it was before the May 2019 introduction date, but have not claimed the voucher value, you are entitled to claim the £7 voucher value by contacting the ACS Treasurer at treasurer@acscricket.com or by post via ACS Sales c/o City Press Leeds, St Ann's Mill, Commercial Road, Leeds LS5 3AE.
- If you wish to make a new purchase of a title from the ACS catalogue this can be done via the normal channels:
 - If you are ordering online through the ACS Shop then the £7 voucher value will be deducted at point of purchase after you have entered the voucher code
 - If you are ordering by post you can use the space on the order form to enter the voucher code and deduct £7 from your payment

You should note that, as originally announced, the voucher code for the current year will terminate on 30 November 2019 and the voucher entitlement for 2018/19 will expire at that point in time. There will be no opportunity to carry forward the voucher to a future period. Therefore members are urged to use their 2018/19 voucher as soon as possible.

The Committee considers that the scheme brings value to ACS members and has received some favourable comments from those who have used it. **It has therefore been agreed to continue its operation for the full 2019/20 'ACS Year' and with the same £7 discount value.** The voucher code for 2019/20 will be **jim1990**. The voucher may be used for any purchase within the terms stated in the leaflet issued in May 2019. The only exception is that the retrospective claim facility will no longer be available. This is because the scheme will now be available to members for the full 12-month duration of the 'ACS Year'. From 1 December, therefore, members will be able to exercise their voucher entitlement only at the time of purchase.

The Committee plans to review the terms and conditions of the scheme from time to time. We would welcome views from members concerning any aspect of how the scheme currently operates and any ideas or suggestions for further improvement.

Website news

We have now completed the revamp of the appearance of the whole website, as referred to in the previous Membership Bulletin. All pages on the site now appear in the 'new look' first introduced in the ACS Shop last year.

We have also recently taken the opportunity to improve the security of the website. As a result, all our full website addresses now begin with the letters https, rather than the former http. This should not affect the way you access the site, as it is normally sufficient just to click on www.acscricket.com

Members who use the website to view the magazine *Cricket*, or to look at past editions of the Journal or at our Famous Cricketers series, may have received an on-screen message saying that the 'Flash' software that lies behind these parts of the site is being phased out. Fear not! By the time this Bulletin reaches you, replacement software should already be in place for *Cricket*, and it will be extended to the Journal and Famous Cricketers in the coming months. There may be some small changes in the layout of the screen as a result, but members may rest assured that you will continue to be able to look at and use these documents just as before.

We will shortly be adding new pages to the website, in which we will reprint the answers to statistical queries that have been posed, and answered, either in messages to the email forum over the years, or in tweets sent to our Twitter address. The queries concerned are generally more specialised (do we mean 'quirkier?') than the items in the main Online Records site, but we think that the responses to them are still worth preserving on the website, rather than being hidden away in the archives of the forum or on Twitter.

You can find these new pages by clicking on 'Ask the ACS' on the home page.

ACS Journal frequency

The committee is still considering the question of whether to reduce the frequency of the Journal from four issues per year to three. We are very grateful to those who have already let us know their thoughts on this subject. Opinions received so far are fairly evenly divided between those who favour the reduction, not least on grounds of cost, and those who would prefer to stay as we are, some of whom have expressed concern about the reduction in contact with members that would result from any change to the present frequency.

There is still time for you to let the committee know your thoughts on this. Please send them to secretary@acscricket.com or by post to Andrew Hignell, c/o Archives Department, Glamorgan CCC, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9XR, to arrive by 25 November if possible, please.

Committee Meeting Reports

The third meeting of 2019/20 was held at the Space Centre, St Pancras, London on Saturday 28 September.

Apologies were received from Ric Finlay, Andrew Hignell, Mark Rowe and Simon Sweetman.

The Committee noted that the ACS website became once more fully operational on 24 June, having been largely out of action since 3 June.

The Treasurer reported on the profitability (or not) of recent ACS publications. He noted that the position was somewhat improved, largely because of lower production costs achieved by a more disciplined approach to print runs and (for statistical publications) lower typesetting costs. It remained the case, however, that most publications made a loss, albeit not on the scale of some previous years.

The Treasurer also noted that all historic commitments to pay authors' royalties have now been completely discharged so the Association will no longer incur this cost.

The Committee reviewed the operation of the voucher scheme. 16.8% of members had made use of the scheme so far, at a cost to the Association of just over £1000. This, however, compared very favourably with the free book scheme, which had cost nearly £2500 in its final year of operation.

The Committee decided to continue the scheme for a further year, with the value of the voucher unchanged at £7.

At the request of the President, the Committee agreed a clearer and more consistent treatment of officials who replace the designated umpire for part of a match.

It was confirmed that the first ACS publications made available on Google Books and Google Play will be Jeremy Lonsdale's *A Game Taken Seriously* and *A Game Sustained*.

The dates for forthcoming Committee meetings are 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:

David Anderson, Howard Broderick, John Brown, John Gale, Neil Millard, David South and Nathan Ware.

We also wish to announce the deaths of the members Kit Bartlett and Terry Needham for whom we extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

How to contact the ACS

Enquiries about the **Journal** should be sent to the Journal Editor Simon Sweetman

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If you want to contact any other committee member/s, please use the new address of **contact@acscricket.com**

The addresses for **contacting certain other non-committee members** are as follows:

Publications and Sales enquiries should be sent to the Sales Officer John Anderson

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Website enquiries should be sent to the Webmaster Harriet Monkhouse

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