



## ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

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### Annual General Meeting – 19 March 2022

The committee are starting to plan the arrangements for the AGM on Saturday 19 March 2022. They are hoping that the meeting, plus the Annual Lunch, can take place once again at the County Ground in Derby – a location which has proved popular with members – plus an informal get-together the night before in the Travelodge Hotel adjacent to the ground.

The Secretary is currently in discussions with Derbyshire CCC regarding their conference facilities and infrastructure, especially the possibility of holding the AGM as a hybrid meeting i.e. both in person, face-to-face, plus a facility for remote access via Zoom for those unable to travel to Derby. Further details will be provided in due course.

### Cricket Archive matters

A small number of members of the ACS are currently authorised to update some parts of the vast database that underpins Cricket Archive – for example, by adding new or corrected details to scorecards, or by updating or adding to players' biographies. At a meeting with representatives of Cricket Archive (CA) in September, CA agreed that it would be helpful if a few more ACS members could be authorised to amend their database in these and similar ways. Among other things, this would help to ensure that necessary changes to the database that are identified by ACS members could be incorporated into the database more rapidly than is possible at present.

Any ACS member who is interested in being considered for such authorisation is asked to contact the Secretary ([secretary@acscricket.com](mailto:secretary@acscricket.com)) as soon as possible. Suitable training will be available for those who are granted this new responsibility.

Cricket Archive also said that they would welcome feedback from users of their database on any concerns that they may have about its operation, or any ways in which they might like to see its operation improved. Members who have such comments are invited to send them to the Secretary, please, so that we can prepare a consolidated response to send to Cricket Archive.

In addition, ACS members who are already authorised to upload information to the Cricket Archive database are invited to let the Secretary know of any areas of the database, over and above those that they are already authorised to amend or add to, that they would find it helpful to be able to amend themselves. CA cannot guarantee to agree to all such requests, but have confirmed that they are willing to consider making some extensions to existing authorisations.

### Discount Voucher Scheme

So far during the 2020-21 membership year around 200 members have availed themselves of the £8 'discount voucher' for the purchase of an ACS publication. We hope that many more members will consider taking advantage of this year's scheme before it expires at the end of November 2021. Members who place orders by mail are requested to ensure that their orders reach ACS Sales well before the end of November.

For 2021-22, the committee has approved a slight change in the operation of the scheme. The ACS membership year commences on 1 December 2021 but members are granted a grace period to 31 January 2022 to complete payment of their subscriptions. In order that it is only available to paid-up ACS members, the voucher scheme will commence on 1 February 2022 and last for 10 months until 30 November 2022. Since this period embraces all four quarterly sales windows (February, May, August and November), the committee considers that members should not be inconvenienced by this change. The new voucher code will be announced to members on 1 February 2022 – digital members will receive the code electronically and other members will receive the code via the Spring 2022 mailing which will be sent to members in the first few days of February.

Members should note that as a result of this change, **no discount voucher can be used for any order received between 1 December 2021 and 31 January 2022.**

### Committee elections

Nominations from members who wish to stand for election to the ACS General Committee must be received no later than 15 November 2021. Four committee places will be up for election at the 2022 AGM, and a ballot will be held if more than four people put themselves forward.

The committee now meets regularly via Zoom, enabling those from outside the UK to participate fully in its meetings. So please do not let distance discourage you from putting yourself forward.

Nominations should be sent, either in writing or in a signed scanned letter, to the Secretary, Andrew Hignell, at 41 Ramsons Way, St Fagan's, Cardiff CF5 4QY, UK, or by email to [secretary@acscricket.com](mailto:secretary@acscricket.com). They must include the names and signatures of a proposer and seconder, who must also be current members of the ACS.

### Committee Meeting Reports

The **fifth General Committee meeting of 2021/22** took place on a virtual basis on Tuesday 10 August. The committee discussed issues arising from the recent sad death of Peter Wynne-Thomas. Mr Hignell reported that he would represent the Association at Mr Wynne-Thomas's wake later in the week, and noted that several substantial obituaries had been published. The format of the tribute event on 25 September was discussed, at which members and others would have the chance to pay their respects. A special edition of *The Cricket Statistician* will include tributes, as well as a complete list of Mr Wynne-Thomas's books and articles for the journal.

Matters arising from the recent discussion on the ACS Forum about book printing costs and print runs were considered. Although the Chair reported that he had responded on points of details, where there had been inaccuracies, the committee welcomed the contributions posted to the Forum. It considered whether they might be followed up with an online meeting with those who had raised points or as a topic at a future members' meeting. The committee agreed to obtain quotes from different printers for the next ACS book, to test the competitiveness of the costs of ACS's current suppliers.

The Treasurer reported that the Association had made a net profit of over £3,200 from the sale of books, scorecards and other items under the Peter Wilkinson bequest. A policy statement on how the Association deals with gifts and bequests will be placed in the Members' area of the Association's website.

A wide-ranging discussion took place about the most useful format for the committee's annual strategy meeting, to be held in September. The committee decided that it will now take the form of a thorough examination of the Association's objectives and activities, based in part on an analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

The various sub-groups provided further updates on progress. Mr Hignell thanked colleagues on the Statistics Logistics sub-group for all the work that had gone into the treatment of statistics for the Hundred, which had been well received. It was decided to circulate a further request for member assistance with the Association's website.

**The sixth General Committee meeting of 2021/22** took place on a virtual basis on Friday 10 September 2021. Prior to the meeting the Chair announced that Adam McKie was reluctantly resigning from the committee due to increasing work commitments. Mr McKie stated that he would continue in several functions that supported the committee, and the committee thanked him for his service and continued support.

The committee was updated on plans to dedicate a special edition of the Journal to Peter Wynne-Thomas. It discussed various arrangements for the virtual EGM and tribute event, due to be held on 25 September, including the use of live voting and the order of speakers. The possibility of hosting an in-person or hybrid AGM in 2022 was also discussed, although no firm decision was reached on the matter.

The Treasurer circulated a financial analysis for the month of August and a breakdown of Journal sales to non-members in recent years. The committee agreed to explore the possibility of starting an online 'Exchange and Mart' on the website for members, possibly launching the service later in the year. Due to the recent concerns raised by some members regarding publications, it was agreed to form a publications sub-group chaired by Jeremy Lonsdale.

As was customary, the committee heard reports from its various other sub-groups, and made decisions on a range of upcoming publications. Upon the suggestion of Keith Walmsley, it also agreed to introduce a new ad hoc award, to be presented at AGMs when appropriate, to recognise the committee's appreciation of members that had contributed an exceptional amount to the Association, but who may fall short of qualifying as candidates for the Brooke-Lambert Trophy.

The next meetings will take place on 16 October, 20 November, 18 December, 15 January and 12 February.

## Membership Update

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

- Shivam Chawla, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, U.S.A.
- Peter Hart, of Beckenham, Kent
- Abhinav Khare, of Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, India
- Michael Latham, of Adlington, Lancashire
- Graeme Law, of Reigate, Surrey
- Tim Lockwood, of Magalas, France
- Alex Picker, of Worthing, West Sussex
- Patrick Rodgers, of Gladesville, New South Wales, Australia
- Isaac Sutcliffe, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire

The Association extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved families of the recently deceased members:

- Colin Crane, lately of Exmouth, Devon
- Richard Lloyd, lately of Lucton, Herefordshire
- Bill Rowland, lately of Bradwell, Derbyshire
- Rev Andrew M Taylor, lately of Leyburn, North Yorkshire

