

ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN NO 5 - DECEMBER 2009



London meeting, 20 February 2010

The Committee is pleased to announce that the Association's next London meeting will take place at the Yorkshire Grey public house in central London on Saturday, 20 February 2010.

The meeting will begin at 12.30pm with a sandwich lunch at 1.00pm, followed by a guest speaker (name to be confirmed). There will also be a chance for Q&As to the committee, and the meeting will conclude with a further opportunity to socialise with fellow members over tea/coffee/biscuits. We expect to finish by about 4.00pm.

The cost of attendance is £10.00, payable on the day. This includes the sandwich lunch and light refreshments. There will be a bar with drinks available at normal pub prices.

If you wish to attend, please contact John Bryant by email at bryantjc@hotmail.com or by telephone to 07940 507642 (there is a message facility on this number) or by post to 20 Wilton Square, London N1 3DL. We need to confirm our numbers in advance for the sandwich lunch, so please advise John no later than Sunday 14 February if you wish to attend. Members are welcome to bring guests provided their attendance is confirmed by the same date.

The Yorkshire Grey stands at the junction of Grays Inn Road and Theobalds Road. The exact address is 2 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8HR, and the meeting will take place in the function room on the first floor. It is regretted that there is no disabled access. Limited on-street parking is available nearby. The nearest tube station is Chancery Lane (Central Line), with Farringdon, Holborn and Kings Cross all within walking distance. In addition, bus routes 17, 19, 38, 45, 46, 55, 243 and 341 all pass directly outside the pub.

Minor County List A Book

As explained in the previous bulletin, the free book on Minor County List A cricketers contained a large number of errors, mainly resulting from a single error in the computer program that transferred players' List A teams from the CricketArchive database. As promised, we are compiling a supplement that will contain the necessary corrections and this will be freely available. The membership has a very wide variety of cricketing tastes and it is possible that many members will not be unduly concerned about this book nor require the corrections. Your Committee therefore felt that, while administratively easier, it would not be an appropriate use of members' funds to produce and distribute the corrections supplement to all our 1,200 members. Instead we are inviting those members who wish to receive the corrections supplement to write to ACS Sales at Blue Bell House, 2-4 Main St, Scredington, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 0AE or email sales@acscricket.com no later than January 31st 2010, quoting your name and postal address. Our apologies once again for the problems with this particular publication.

AGM 2010

The thirty-seventh AGM of the ACS will be held in the Gateway Centre at the County Ground, Derby on **Saturday, March 27th 2010**.

Coffee and tea will be provided from 10.45am, with the formal meeting – for current members – commencing at 11.15am. The Annual Lunch will follow between 1.00pm and 2.15pm – further information about this will appear in a flyer sent with the next ACS mailing.

Whilst the AGM is for current members only, guests and non-members are very welcome to join us after the AGM at approximately 1.00pm for the lunch and the afternoon session.

The post-lunch session from 2.15pm will involve a presentation from John Bryant and others involved in the working party who have been involved in preparing a list of major matches from the 18th century. Their forum will finish at approximately 3.30pm at which time afternoon tea will be served. The meeting will close at 4pm.

Members looking for accommodation near the Derby ground may be interested to know that the Days Inn Hotel, adjacent to the ground, offer a special discount for those people attending events at the County Ground.

To take advantage of this offer, please ring the hotel directly on 01332 363600 and ask to speak to Sarah or Paula. If you then quote "Cricket Club" when you make

your enquiry and booking, you will receive a 15% discount off the room rate. For further details of the hotel, visit their website <http://www.dayshotelderby.com/>

Minor Counties Meeting, Trent Bridge, 3 October 2009

This was an interesting and well-attended gathering with seventeen members present.

The meeting reviewed progress of the Minor Counties series, which has now reached 1903. It was pointed out that the increasing number of matches means that the books will become larger and this is likely to be reflected in a higher price. It was suggested that the 1904 book would mark Northamptonshire's final year as a minor county with a retrospective, similar to that for Worcestershire in the 1898 book. Sales of the series are stable; there was some discussion about how they might be increased.

The meeting also discussed plans for books on Northumberland Cricketers and Devon Cricketers.

There was a substantial discussion about which matches (below first-class level) should be regarded as "senior" cricket for the purposes of career figures and other statistics.

John Bryant attended on behalf of the ACS Committee and reported on current activities. Considerable concern was expressed about the 2009 free book, 'Minor Counties List A Cricketers', but the new Overseas First-Class Annual and other recent publications were well received, and the meeting suggested a number of possible new publishing projects for consideration by the Association.

Committee Meeting 22 September

The third meeting of 2009/10 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Tuesday, 22 September. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay and David Kendix; in the absence of Mr Kendix, Andrew Hignell was asked to chair the meeting.

Committee members who had attended the ICC Oxford History Conference reported that it had been an inspiring event, as much about the future of the game (which seemed to be predominantly south Asian) as its past.

The committee inspected copies of the new Overseas First-Class Annual, and discussed ways to market it as energetically as possible.

After the discovery of errors in the players' List A teams in the recent Minor County List A Book, a free book sent to all members, it was agreed that a supplement of corrections should be issued to all those requesting it. A new introduction kindly provided by Peter Wynne-Thomas was also being published.

A strategy to redesign and maintain the ACS website and to set up an online shop was agreed.

John Bryant reported that the eighteenth-century group expected to present a recommended list of major matches for approval at the 2010 AGM.

It was agreed that the AGM should be held at Derby on 27 March. A winter meeting was planned for London, with the Yorkshire Grey on Grays Inn Road a possible venue.

The dates for the next committee meetings are 28 November and 30 January. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

Membership Update

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mr K.J.Austin of Kingsheath, West Midlands
Mr T.P.Betteridge of Peasmarsh, East Sussex
Mr S.Larmour of Tunbridge Wells, Kent
Mr C.R.Redford of Oxford Mills, Ontario,
Canada

Mr P.H. Roberts of Steyning, West Sussex
Mr G.Rogers of Exeter, Devon
Mr A.B.Sanders of Newbury, Berkshire

We regret to announce the deaths of the following members:

Mr J.Guest formerly of
Westhoughton, Lancashire

Mr R.R.Phipps formerly of
Harpenden, Hertfordshire

A current address is required for the following members:

Mr D.Crane formerly of
Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire
Mr D.Kinder formerly of
Royal Leamington Spa, Warwickshire

Mr J.R.Lodge formerly of
Morcombelake, Dorset