# ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN NO 8 - SEPTEMBER 2010



#### **New London Meeting**

Following the successful revival of the London meeting in February, we are pleased to announce the next membership event will take place at the Yorkshire Grey public house in central London on Saturday, 6 November 2010. The guest speaker will be Angus Fraser MBE, who scarcely requires an introduction to ACS members. In a first-class career extending from 1984 to 2002, he took 886 wickets, including 177 in 46 Tests for England. On retiring from playing he became the cricket correspondent of The Independent and is now Managing Director of Cricket for Middlesex CCC.

The meeting will begin at 12.30 pm with a sandwich lunch at 1.00 pm. After lunch, Angus will share some thoughts drawing on his lifetime of involvement in the game and be happy to take questions. Following Angus, there will be an informal Q&A session with some members of the committee. We expect to finish by about 4.00 pm.

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

Please note that for reasons of space, numbers are being limited strictly to 40 members on a first-come, first-served basis. 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. Please supply an email address or telephone number so that John can acknowledge that your booking has been received and confirm whether you have a place.

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 King's Cross all within walking distance. In addition, bus routes 17, 19, 38, 45, 46, 55, 243 and 341 all pass directly outside the pub.

### **Subscriptions**

For those not paying by Direct Debit, this is a reminder that annual subscriptions are due on 1 December.

#### Website

I am delighted to announce that the ACS now has a newly designed website. It still has the same address www.acscricket.com but with much more information and functionality. Most importantly, it has a shop which will allow anyone to buy our publications online using Paypal. Congratulations to Mr Andrew Pearson of Halifax, Yorkshire who recently became the first member to make an online purchase from the ACS shop.

We don't yet have all our stock online and will be adding more titles shortly, but why not browse through what's there and see if there are any books you still want to buy. Of course, this facility is in addition to, not instead of, the traditional method of posting a cheque to ACS Sales. It is also possible to join the ACS online and to renew annual subscriptions. A few sections are still to be included, so please bear with us while those pages under construction are being updated.

We also have a Members' Area which you will need a password to enter. On 22 August, we sent this password to all members for whom we have current email addresses. If you haven't received this notification email and would like access, please send your email address to membership@acscricket.com. Email addresses will only be used to provide important membership information and never given to third parties.

My particular thanks to Peter Griffiths for hosting the site on CricketArchive, for building the shop and for his general technical support. Thanks also to the members of the Committee who between them wrote much of the material and to our designer Viveca Dutt.

David Kendix Chairman

## **Notes of Meetings**

**The third meeting of 2010/11** was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday, 10 July. Apologies were received from John Bryant, Ric Finlay, and the Treasurer, Roger Gibbons.

The ACS website relaunch was imminent, and the finishing touches to the upgrade were discussed. Peter Griffiths had set up an online shop, which included members' subscriptions.

Libel and copyright issues were discussed, and it was decided to draw up a comprehensive document for the guidance of ACS authors.

The committee discussed two prospective publications for 2011 – Peter Wynne-Thomas' proposed History of Cricket Statisticians and Historians, and a book on the Intercontinental Cup, which the ICC has offered to support.

The Association was being consulted by the ECB on a list of minimum requirements for information to be recorded by scorers and included by publishers of printed scoresheets.

Angus Fraser was confirmed as the guest speaker for the London Meeting on 6 November. Details on how to book will appear in the September Membership Bulletin.

It was decided to return to Derby for the 2011 AGM, on 26 March.

The dates for the next committee meetings are 25 September and 27 November. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

#### **Articles for the Journal**

...are always wanted. Any length, on historical or statistical subjects, preferably with statistical pieces accompanied by an explanatory text.

Preferably, too, as MS Word documents: in Word 1997 or later versions. Clean typescript is OK, as are .rtf documents.

# Secretary's Notes

The 2011 AGM of the Association will take place at the County Ground, Derby on Saturday 26 March. It is hoped that discounted accommodation will be secured at The Days Inn, adjacent to the ground, as well as an informal get-together of members on the Friday evening. Further details will appear in subsequent Bulletins.

Nominations for the Committee are due by 30 November in writing to the Secretary. David Kendix, Ric Finlay, Philip Bailey and John Bryant retire by rotation in 2011.

A reminder as well that research grants are available for members of the ACS. Full details are available on the Association's website.

# **Membership Update**

We extend a warm welcome to the following 13 new members:

Mr A.W.Baker, Carlisle, Cumbria Lord Brooke of Sutton Mandeville, Tisbury, Wiltshire

Mr H.Clayton, Leeds, West Yorkshire Mr D.C.Evans, Amblecote, West Midlands Mr P.A.Kirk, Holywell Row, Suffolk Mr L.J.C.McKinstry, Westgate-on-Sea, Kent

Mr A.E.J.Morris, Lower Froyle, Hampshire Master R.L.Renforth, Urmston, Manchester Mr C.Singh, Georgetown, Guyana Mr R.Smith, Prospect, Australia Mr N.J.Weekes, Buckhurst Hill, Essex Ms C.A.Welch, Kingsley, Australia Mr Michael J.Wood, Durham City

We regret to announce the deaths of the following 4 members:

Mr W.D.Ambrose, Formerly of Ribchester,

Lancashire

Mr C.F.Fricker, Formerly of Rickmansworth,

Hertfordshire

Mr E.H.Lawrence, Formerly of Langford Budville, Somerset

Mr G.A.Smith, Formerly of Hove, West Sussex

We require the current address of the following member:

Mr R.J.W.Scowen, Formerly of Barking, Essex