

ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN NO 11 - SEPTEMBER 2011



London Meeting

We are pleased to announce that the next membership event will take place at the Yorkshire Grey public house in central London on Saturday 26 November 2011. The guest speakers are two men whose names are familiar to every follower of the game, and whose influence on modern cricket has been profound and far-reaching. Yet neither is known for his deeds on the field of play. They are Frank Duckworth and Tony Lewis, originators of the celebrated, sometimes controversial, method of dealing with weather interruptions in limited-overs matches.

The meeting will begin at 12.30 pm, with a sandwich lunch at 1 pm. After lunch, Frank and Tony will talk about the operation of their famous method and how it came to be developed and adopted. They will be happy to take questions. Following Frank and Tony, there will be an informal Q&A with the committee. We expect to finish by about 4 pm.

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 to bryantjc@hotmail.com, 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 John can acknowledge that your booking has been received and confirm your place.

The cost of attendance is £10, payable on the day. This includes the sandwich lunch. Members are asked to bear in mind that the Association has to pay for catering on the basis of places booked; while we understand that a member may have to cancel at a late stage because of unavoidable circumstances, there were a significant number of non-attendances last year and covering for them led to a small loss on the event.

There will be a bar with drinks available at normal pub prices.

The Yorkshire Grey stands at the junction of Grays Inn Road and Theobalds Road. The exact address is 2 Theobalds Road, London WC1X 8PN, 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.

Elections - 30 November

A reminder that any member wishing to stand for election to the committee must, under the Association's rules, submit their nomination to the Secretary by the end of November. Please send, in writing, any nomination – together with names and signatures of a proposer and a seconder – to the following specific address: ACS Committee Nominations, 104 Church Road, Watford, WD17 4QB to be received by 5 pm on 30 November 2011. Please note that your proposer and seconder should also be current members of the Association.

New committee member

Martin Wilson has been co-opted on to the committee to serve until the 2012 AGM. Like any other member he can then, if he wishes, stand for election for a further three years (see above).

Although best known to members for his outstanding and original research into early cricket, it is his skills and experience in business, finance and marketing that will be particularly valued on the committee, especially as we develop a strategy for the future of scores-based publications.

Important new publication

Within the next few months, the ACS intends to publish a book by Peter Wynne-Thomas chronicling the 200-year story of those we would now call cricket statisticians. Starting with those who first compiled and published scores of the earliest matches, then moving on through the founding of *Wisden* and into the 20th century, it culminates in a description of those whose work helped to establish the ACS as the global authority in this field. Many current ACS members will find their important contributions suitably captured in this book.

Two editions will be produced, a standard one and a limited edition de luxe copy, signed by the author. We hope members will be interested in buying this unique and important work.

Grants and Awards

There are now two initiatives run by the ACS that allow members to receive payments. Yet we are still looking for more people to stake their claims.

The research grants have been in place for a few years. After an early flurry of interest, few recent grant applications have been received. Up to £750 can be paid to help with the cost

of researching a new ACS publication. For details on how to apply for a grant and the criteria for awarding them, please contact the Secretary.

The Don Ambrose memorial prize of £250 can be awarded for the best article published in *The Cricket Statistician* during the year. As always, send any pieces directly to the Editor.

Committee meeting report

(Excluding items already covered elsewhere in this bulletin)

The third meeting of 2011/12 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 16 July. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay.

Following the resignation of Peter Griffiths as Publication Production Manager, the committee discussed how to replace this important function. Mr Griffiths was also reducing the amount of typesetting he was doing, so new typesetters would have to be found. He was thanked for all his work in these roles, as well as the work he and Mrs Griffiths continued to do under the Limlow contract dealing with sales and mailings.

Membership subscriptions would have to rise in 2012, for the first time in a decade.

The date of the 2012 AGM was confirmed as 31 March, in Derby.

The dates for the next committee meetings are 24 September, 3 December and 28 January. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

Membership Update

We extend a warm welcome to the following 31 new members:

Mr S.Bindman	Leeds, West Yorkshire	Mr K.D.Holmes	Cononley, North Yorkshire
Mr R.W.G.Blewitt	Torrisholme, Lancashire	Mr S.Hunt	Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne and Wear
Mr R.P.Boddie	Bishopstone, East Sussex	Mr J.Lee	Polegate, East Sussex
Mr N.D.Bratton	Swanland, East Yorkshire	Mr J.W.Lillywhite	Palm Coast, Florida, USA
Mr P.Chirmuley	Canterbury, Victoria, Australia	Mr A.J.Lynch	Chelsfield, Kent
Mr E.D.Craddock	Hall Green, Birmingham	Mr M.A.Nash	Quedgeley, Gloucestershire
Mr D.T.A.Curtis	Sheffield, South Yorkshire	Mr W.N.Oddie	Burnley, Lancashire
Mr K.N.Earle	Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire	Mr A.Pal	Chhattisgarh, India
Mr W.Furmedge	Buckden, Cambridgeshire	Ms S.Rennie	Leicester, Leicestershire
Mr M.B.Gray	St Sampson's, Guernsey	Mr B.Salehy	Middlesbrough, Cleveland
Ms J.Green	Eastleigh, Hampshire	Mr D.Simner	Halesowen, West Midlands
Mr D.Haggar	Sutton, Surrey	Mr J.C.Symons	Chichester, West Sussex
Mr N.Hancock	London SW1	Mr R.Tarleton	Oakham, Rutland
Mr R.J.M.Head	Ottershaw, Surrey	Dr R.M.Thomas	Kew, Surrey
Dr P.Hill	Templestowe, Victoria, Australia	Mr N.Webb	Marlborough, Wiltshire
		Mr J.D.W.Wright	Codicote, Hertfordshire

We require a change of address from the following member:

Mr D.Richmond formerly of Wallasey, Cheshire

We regret to announce the death of the following nine members:

Mr R.F.W.Cook	late of Halifax, West Yorkshire	Mr J.M.J.Mellor	late of Norwich, Norfolk
Mr S.G.de Clermont	late of Alfriston, East Sussex	Mr J.S.Richards	late of Pembroke, Wales
Mr H.J.George	late of Acomb, North Yorkshire	Mr C.E.Roe	late of Shaftesbury, Dorset
Mr G.C.Lorimer	late of Gunnedah, NSW, Australia	Mr D.C.Ruggins	late of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire
		Mr C.Stephens	late of Polesworth, Staffordshire