

ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN NO 14 - SEPTEMBER 2012



London Meeting - 20th October

The next membership event will take place at the Yorkshire Grey public house in central London on Saturday 20 October 2012. We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker will be Lawrence Booth who, when appointed in January 2011 at the age of 35, became the youngest editor of *Wisden Cricketers' Almanack* for 72 years. As the *Almanack* approaches its 150th edition, he will offer a unique perspective of the continuing evolution of both the famous yellow book and the game it covers.

The meeting will begin at 12.30 pm with a sandwich lunch at 1 pm. After lunch, Lawrence will talk about *Wisden*, his work as editor, and the game more generally. He will be happy to take questions. The meeting will conclude as usual with 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 Huw Nathan by email at membership@acscricket.com or by telephone to 07779 324769 (there is a message facility on this number) or by post to Meads Place, 40 Sergison Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1HX. Please supply an email address or telephone number so that Huw 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 this 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 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.

Lives in Cricket Sale

To make room for new stock on the shelves, we are holding a sale of two of our earlier issues in the Lives in Cricket series. These are on Surrey's *Ernest Hayes*, by Keith Booth, 124 pages, published in 2008, and on *J.H.King* of Leicestershire, by Antony Littlewood, 151 pages, published in 2009. Each book now costs only £5 to UK members, including postage and packing, and can be purchased using the enclosed flyer or via the website.

Committee Meeting Report

The third meeting of 2012/13 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 7 July. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay and Martin Wilson.

Following the decision to set the afternoon of each September meeting aside to discuss long-term strategy, it was decided that the next meeting should consider commercial marketing, the online publication of statistics, and the updating of old publications.

Robert Brooke's *F.R.Foster* had not won the MCC/Cricket Society Book of the Year, but had been favourably mentioned during the award ceremony at Lord's.

Sufficient advance orders for the next *Overseas First-Class Cricket Annual* had been received for the book to go ahead.

The committee discussed alternatives to the current email forum for members, which had recently suffered a prolonged spam attack. Further testing of the likeliest replacement was required.

The 40th AGM would be held at Derby on 23 March 2013.

The dates for the next committee meetings are 22 September, 1 December and 26 January. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

Elections - 15th November Deadline

A reminder that any member wishing to stand for election to the committee must, under the Association's new rules, submit their nomination by 15 November. In addition to three ordinary committee vacancies, the role of Treasurer must also be filled. The current Treasurer Roger Gibbons will not be seeking re-election but will gladly provide suitable support and handover to his successor.

Please send, in writing, any nomination – together with names and signatures of a proposer and a seconder – to Andrew Hignell, ACS Secretary, 41 Ramsons Way, St. Fagans, Cardiff, CF5 4QY. Please note that your proposer and seconder should also be current members of the Association.

Research Grants

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 at the address above or by email to secretary@acscricket.com

Membership Update

Members' Ties are available from ACS Sales at £10 each (plus postage and packing).

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

Mr N.C.Berry	Dubai, U.A.E.	Mr C.Maartensz	Glen Waverley, Victoria,
Mr F.Camilleri	Newport, Victoria, Australia		Australia
Mr S.Flew	London N1	Mr A.E.Moore	Westgate-on-Sea, Kent
Prof R.J. Grieve	Kenilworth, Warwickshire	Mr A.T.Payne	Lytchett Matravers, Dorset
Mr R.J.Griffiths	Bradford, West Yorkshire	Mr A.Radd	Rushden, Northants
Mr A.R.Heath	Kettering, Northants	Mr G. Siggins	Sandymount, Dublin,
Mr L.P.Hiscott	Bath, Somerset		Ireland
Mr M.F.Leopard	Twickenham, Middlesex		

We require a change of address from the following members:

Mr P.T.Cresswell formerly of East Harling,
Norfolk

Mr J.Stanyer formerly of Exeter, Devon

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

Mr I.H.S. Balfour formerly of Oakham,
Rutland

Mr P.A. Snow OBE formerly of Letchworth,
Hertfordshire

Mr L.A. Collins formerly of Worthing,
West Sussex

Mr M.C. Spurrier formerly of Lower Bourne,
Surrey