

ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN NO 16 - JUNE 2013



Co-option of Keith Gerrish

Keith Gerrish has been co-opted on to the General Committee to fill one of the two vacancies that arose following the 2013 AGM, serving until the 2015 AGM. Keith has been an ACS member since 1982 and between 2004 and 2010 was editor of the ACS Second Eleven Annual, making it one of the most valued and best-selling of all our publications. He was also the Gloucestershire CCC first eleven scorer for 15 seasons up to 2010. He lives in Bristol where he has had many years' involvement with the local rugby club.

Closure of email forum and opening of new forum

The Committee has decided to close the original ACS email forum/mailling list and to encourage members to join the new one at <http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/acscricket/>.

The original forum was kindly hosted by CricketArchive and played a very important role in enabling ACS members to discuss matters of common interest and share statistics. But last year it was subject to a spam epidemic which naturally caused a great deal of inconvenience.

The new forum's membership is now well over one hundred and operating well. To subscribe by email, send a blank message (including your full name) to: acscricket-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. If you have a Yahoo ID, you can go to the address above, click Join This Group, and follow the instructions. Once the moderators have checked your name against the current ACS membership list, you should receive an email explaining how to post messages and change your options for receiving messages, and how to unsubscribe.

The default is to receive individual messages, but you can also opt for a daily digest, or for no mail at all (if you're going on holiday or prefer to read messages by browsing the website), or you can opt out of everything but official ACS announcements.

You are strongly encouraged to give this a try. It costs nothing and, if you don't find the banter between members sufficiently stimulating, you can leave at any time.

Des Lee Archive of Player Photographs

In February 2013, the ACS acquired the Des Lee Archive – a collection of 70 A4 ring binders containing photographs and other biographical information on thousands of first-class cricketers from several cricket-playing nations. These contain a mix of original, scanned and photocopied images of first-class cricketers, all mounted on paper inserts together with a large number of newspaper and magazine articles about each of the players. Some of the images are unpublished as Des Lee obtained many directly from either the cricketers themselves or their families. If any member is seeking information or images about specific players as part of their ACS research activities, please contact the Secretary who will provide scanned copies from this Archive.

Famous Cricketers digitised

We are pleased to announce that the entire Famous Cricketers series that predated *Lives in Cricket* and ran for 100 issues has now been digitised and can be accessed on our website at www.acscricket.com. You can also find there digitised back issues of *The Cricket Statistician*. This represents an ongoing project to preserve in electronic form many ACS publications containing valuable research that over time will become harder to track down.

Impact of increase in postal charges

If you place orders for more than one ACS book at a time, you may get them in separate parcels.

Royal Mail introduced new postal rates for franked mail recently, and Limlow, who handle our sales, have found that for large orders it can often prove far cheaper to send two small parcels rather than one medium parcel, even after allowing for two sets of packaging.

So if you don't get all your books in the same envelope, it isn't because half the order has been ignored, it's for economy reasons, and you should have the full order soon after.

Lives in Cricket

We are still looking for members interested in taking on, either solely or jointly, the editorship of *Lives in Cricket*, following David Jeater's retirement. In the meantime, ACS Chairman Roger Moulton will be acting editor, so any queries from prospective authors should for now go to Roger.

Peter Byrne donation to the ACS

The ACS has received a donation of a large number of statistical books from the estate of the late Peter Byrne, the distinguished scorer and statistician who died in December 2012. The executor has said that he would like the books to 'find a good home' and for ACS funds to benefit from any sales proceeds.

We would therefore welcome offers from ACS members for any of these nine 'lots'. Any amount accepted assumes the buyer will either collect the books from North West London or will arrange and pay separately for them to be couriered.

1. New Zealand cricket annuals, the first 50 editions (1948-1997)
2. South African cricket annuals, the first 35 editions (1952-1986)
3. Indian Cricket, 48 of the first 57 issues (up to 2004), excluding 1-4, 7, 8, 11, 13 and 32
4. Sunday Chronicle annuals 1952, 1953, 1955
5. First-class cricket in Pakistan (Abid Ali Kazi), volumes 2, 3, 4 and 5 covering 1953-54 to 1974-75
6. Statistics of West Indies Cricket 1865-1989 (Jimmy Richards and Mervyn Wong)
7. The Playfair Book of Cricket Records (1951) and The Book of Cricket Records (1961) by Roy Webber
8. Allan's Australian Cricket Annual, editions 3-14 inclusive (1989-90 to 2001)
9. A set of First-Class Records books covering each of 14 counties (excluding Durham, Kent, Middlesex and Sussex) published by Limlow throughout the 1990s.

Any offers must be received by 31 August. For reasons of space, any lots for which there are no serious offers by this date will sadly need to be destroyed. Please write to or email the Secretary (secretary@acscricket.com) with your bids.

Committee Meeting Report (excluding items covered elsewhere in this bulletin)

The fifth meeting of 2012/13 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 1 December. Apologies were received from John Bryant, Ric Finlay, Roger Gibbons and Simon Sweetman.

Progress was being made on filling the gaps in the official ACS archive held by the Secretary.

The committee discussed the possibility of an extensive records section on the ACS website, to be produced in conjunction with CricketArchive.

Also discussed was the difficulty of attracting new committee members as existing ones retired, and whether the Association could continue its present output without more volunteers coming forward.

The sixth meeting of 2012/13 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 26 January. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay.

Members joining the new email forum on Yahoo would be reminded of the appropriate etiquette for a closed members' group.

Talks had been held with the Cricket Society on a possible joint conference in 2014.

It was decided to appoint a firm of accountants to carry out the book-keeping which had taken up a great deal of the Treasurer's time; a proposal from JBLA was accepted. They would also, subject to AGM approval, take over the preparation of the financial accounts.

The committee concluded that it would be necessary to raise subscriptions by a further £2 to keep in line with inflation and cover expected costs in the coming year.

Roger Gibbons, the retiring Treasurer, and David Jeater, editor of *Lives in Cricket*, were attending their last committee meeting, and were thanked for their years of service.

The first meeting of 2013/14 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 6 April. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay, Andrew Hignell and David Kendix. Roger Moulton was re-elected as Chairman.

The committee heard that the 2013 AGM had gone well, allowing for the fact that a third of those booked to attend had been unable to reach Derby because of snow.

The committee discussed recurrent practical problems in preparing and distributing quarterly mailings, and agreed that the service to members would be improved by bringing each forward by one month, to February, May, August and November rather than March, June, September and December. The shift would take effect from November 2013.

Discussion of the set-up of a comprehensive records section on the ACS website continued.

The dates for the next committee meetings are 13 July, 28 September and 7 December. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

Membership Update

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mrs M.A.B.Barnett	Saltash, Cornwall	Mr M.Moseling	Teddington, Glos
Mr J.Colabavala	Los Angeles, USA	Mr A.Pattani	Chelmsford, Essex
Mr A.Coppard	Brighton, East Sussex	Mrs L.M.Prior	Barming, Kent
Mr I.Ible	Drummoyne, NSW	Mr T.D.Quarrington	Gillingham, Kent
Sree B.Iyer	Chennai, India	Mr M.S.Rowe	Burton-on-Trent, Staffs
Mr A.Jarvis	Loddington, Leicestershire	Mr I.Russell	Miranda, NSW
Mr C.R.Lynas	Buckden, Cambridgeshire	Mr L.Scott-Hoy	Alice Springs, NT
Mr A.Mahadevan	West Ryde, NSW	Mr D.H.Smith	Hinton Waldrist, Oxon
Mr J.P.Mans	Pinner, Middlesex	Mr I.J.Warren	Bolton, Greater Manchester
Mr A.J.Marsh	Nottingham	Mr T.A.Woolley	Englefield Green, Surrey
Mr J.W.Mason	Glenelg North, South Aus		

We require a change of address from the following members:

Mr P.T.Cresswell	formerly of East Harling, Norfolk	Mr J.W.Wiggen	formerly of Hitchin, Herts
Mr M.D.Warner	formerly of Southgate, London		

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

Mr H.S.Barr-Hamilton	Hove, Sussex	Mr R.D.Mann	Perth
Mr J.Brookstone	Northfield, West Midlands	Mr C.D.A.Martin-Jenkins	MBE Rudgwick, West Sussex
Sir C.A.Burton	St Michael, Barbados	Mr E.J.Peet	Scarborough, Yorkshire
Mr P.E. Byrne	Kingsbury, London	Mr R.E.Tilbury	Worthing, Sussex
Mr J.W.Ive	Petts Wood, Kent	Mr M.S.Todd	Sutton, Surrey
Mr W.H.H.Lewis	Canterbury, Kent		