

ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN NO 18 - NOVEMBER 2013



ACS London Meeting

The next membership event will take place at the Yorkshire Grey public house in central London on Saturday 23 November 2013.

The meeting will begin at 12.30 pm, with a sandwich lunch at 1 pm. After lunch, there will be a change from previous years as we debate the motion 'This Association believes that the Spirit of Cricket was and remains an artificial class-based creation'. We hope to have some interesting and provocative speakers for and against the motion.

Please note that, for reasons of space, numbers are limited 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 £12, payable on the day. This includes a lunch of sandwiches and hot snacks. Members are asked to bear in mind that the Association has to pay for catering on the basis of places booked and so a member may be asked to reimburse the ACS for a late cancellation or no-show. There will be a bar with drinks available at normal pub prices.

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.

Committee changes and elections

The committee have received Martin Wilson's resignation as Treasurer with regret, and thanked him for his work on further streamlining the Association's financial operations. Keith Gerrish has been co-opted as the new Treasurer to serve the remainder of Mr Wilson's term, until the 2016 AGM.

If any member wishes to stand for election to the committee, time is running out. All nominations must be submitted by 15 November.

Please send, in writing, any nomination – together with names and signatures of a proposer and a seconder – to ACS Nominations, 12 Russell Grove, London NW7 3QX. Please note that your proposer and seconder should also be current members of the Association.

Note that there will be at least two vacancies to be filled, in addition to those who may stand for re-election. Therefore there is an opportunity to join the committee without feeling that, by doing so, you may be evicting an existing member.

1914 and the slide to war

The ACS are planning a book which will cover the cricket season of 1914 in the context of the slide to war, trying to capture what this meant to people through the summer. This will need to be much more of a collaborative effort than most of our books, and we would like to invite members to go to their local newspapers and other sources to see what happened to recreational cricket. Was it brought to a halt as volunteers joined the BEF? Did the organisers disappear? Did it carry on into September?

Please send any information/contributions to simon.sweetman@bt.internet.com or to *The Cricket Statistician's* editorial address, preferably by 31 January 2014.

2014 AGM

The committee are currently considering topics for debate at the 2014 AGM in Derby on 22 March and would very much welcome some ideas from members. If you have a suggestion for a talk or debate, please contact the Secretary.

Ordering multiple copies of books

There have been a few recent cases where members have inadvertently placed multiple orders for books that were advertised more than once in the quarterly publications flyer.

We should like to make it clear that it is our practice to advertise some books in more than one quarterly flyer. This helps maximise sales and is good for the Association. But our distributors cannot be expected to deduce whether an order might be unintended, as opposed to a further copy being ordered on behalf of a friend.

We therefore ask members to take care not to place a repeat order inadvertently. If a member does want a refund on a book ordered by mistake, we would normally do so provided it is returned (at the member's expense) in good saleable condition. However the refund will be subject to a deduction to cover the original postage and administration.

Message from the Journal Editor

I would like the Spring 2014 edition of *The Cricket Statistician* to be a special on Sachin Tendulkar: not a hagiography but an honest attempt to locate him in the pantheon of great batsmen by looking closely at his figures in all forms of the game. Perhaps people would like to take this on piece by piece. If you have suggestions or contributions on this theme, please write as soon as possible to editor@acscricket.com.

Peter Byrne estate

Thank you to those members who made bids for the various books offered to the ACS from the estate of the late Peter Byrne. We are pleased to advise that most of them have now found new homes and that the bids have made a useful contribution to ACS funds.

Committee Meeting Report (excluding items mentioned elsewhere)

The third meeting of 2013/14 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 28 September. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay.

The proposed joint conference with the Cricket Society, to be staged at De Montfort University, had been postponed until 2015.

The first-class and Test parts of the new record section on the website were expected to be launched shortly.

The afternoon was devoted to discussing long-term strategy, including the problems of a commercial approach to selling ACS publications, potential methods of extending benefits to members, areas of co-operation between the ACS and the Cricket Society, and the possible sponsorship of a student of cricket history.

The dates for the next committee meetings are 7 December and 18 January. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

Membership Update

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

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| Mr K.Creek | East Barnet, Hertfordshire | Mr I.A.Sinclair | Tuffley, Gloucestershire |
| Mr R.Lister | London SW3 | Mr B.H.L.Ward | Willington, Derbyshire |

We require a change of address from the following member:

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| Mr P.T.Cresswell | formerly of East Harling, Norfolk |
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We regret to announce the death of the following member:

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| Mr P.M.Ward | formerly of Dollis Hill, London NW10 |
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