

## ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN NO 21 - NOVEMBER 2014



### **Cricket Witness**

At their September meeting, the Association's committee agreed to introduce a new series called "Cricket Witness" which would look at a number of historical themes – both ancient and modern. A number of topics, which include contemporary themes, for this new series of publications have been suggested including outstanding/successful county teams; decades; prolific opening partnerships; great wicket-keepers, short-legs or cover fielders; opening bowling partnerships; spin pairings; a series of outstanding or dramatic matches at a particular ground (e.g. a festival ground) or a selection of great players (from a club, a League, a decade, or those born at a particular place).

The committee believe that the new series will maintain the Association's well-deserved reputation for a high standard of publication and scholarship. It is also envisaged that this new series would draw heavily on interviews and other primary research, rather than a reworking of existing material. The resulting text will also be supported by relevant statistical information, rather than the encyclopaedic content of the "Famous Cricketers" series, as well as a selection of appropriate photographs as in the "Lives in Cricket" series.

The committee are also considering making this series available simultaneously in paper and electronic format (in online pdfs) with the book similar in length and price to those in the "Lives in Cricket" series. If anyone would like to offer a title – or manuscript – for this series, or has ideas for a possible theme, please contact the Secretary on [secretary@acscricket.com](mailto:secretary@acscricket.com)

## **Committee Vacancy – 15th November Deadline**

A final reminder that any member wishing to stand for election to the committee must submit their nomination by 15 November 2014. 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. The committee would be particularly happy to hear from anyone who has a special interest/expertise, or who would like to edit one or more of the Association's publications.

## **Committee Meeting Report** (excluding items mentioned elsewhere)

**The fourth meeting of 2014/15** was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 13 September. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay.

The committee agreed a project to digitise the complete run of the magazine Cricket, as held by the MCC Library, and to place it on the ACS website as an aid to researchers.

Plans to sponsor a one-year MA studentship at Royal Holloway (University of London) in 2015/16, to research 20th-century women's cricket, were advancing, and it was intended to advertise for applicants in November. It was decided to go ahead with a book of scorecards from South Africa's non-racial SACBOC/SACB competitions, retrospectively declared first-class.

The afternoon was devoted to discussing long-term strategy. Topics included possible publications devoted to women's cricket; a proposed new series on recent cricket history, to be called Cricket Witness; and the location of the AGM. It was agreed that the next AGM, to be held on 21 March 2015, would remain at Derby, as no other venue had been found offering all of Derby's advantages.

The dates for the next committee meetings are 6 December, 17 January and 28 March. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

## **Future AGM Venues**

As reported in the summary minutes, Derby will remain the venue for the 2015 AGM, which will be held at the County Ground on Saturday 21 March. In response to some members asking whether the AGM could be held at a venue other than Derby, the committee considered the historical success of venues such as Oxford,

and the possibility of regular changes of location, as in the past. Given the above, other possibilities were mentioned, such as Northampton and Leicester, but the committee felt that Derby was hard to beat given its combination of a conveniently central location, good prices, good facilities, a hotel next door, good transport links by rail and road, and plenty of parking. In addition, the consensus was that most venues would attract the usual hardcore members plus a few locals, and therefore any change of milieu might only reap marginal benefits. However, the committee remains open to any suggestions for future alternatives, provided they meet the above criteria. As ever, any ideas will be gratefully received at [secretary@acscricket.com](mailto:secretary@acscricket.com)

## Past AGM Venues

Members may find food for thought in the following list of past AGM venues:

1st to 13th AGM Edgbaston 1974-1986	28th AGM Trent Bridge 2001
14th AGM Oxford 1987	29th AGM Trent Bridge 2002
15th AGM Oxford 1988	30th AGM Trent Bridge 2003
16th AGM Trent Bridge 1989	31st AGM Trent Bridge 2004
17th AGM Southampton 1990	32nd AGM Trent Bridge 2005
18th AGM Old Trafford 1991	33rd AGM Trent Bridge 2006
19th AGM Worcester 1992	34th AGM Derby 2007
20th AGM Chelmsford 1993	35th AGM Derby 2008
21st AGM Trent Bridge 1994	36th AGM Cardiff 2009
22nd AGM Northampton 1995	37th AGM Derby 2010
23rd AGM Taunton 1996	38th AGM Derby 2011
24th AGM Headingley 1997	39th AGM Derby 2012
25th AGM Edgbaston 1998	40th AGM Derby 2013
26th AGM The Oval 1999	41st AGM Derby 2014
27th AGM Trent Bridge 2000	

The meeting has been held at 13 venues to date:

Edgbaston	14	London	1
Nottingham	9	Manchester	1
Derby	7	Northampton	1
Oxford	2	Southampton	1
Cardiff	1	Taunton	1
Chelmsford	1	Worcester	1
Leeds	1		

## **Book Sale**

Enclosed with this mailing are details of a Winter Book Sale in which a number of items – notably the first three editions of the Overseas First-Class Annual – are being offered at considerably reduced prices. Please have a good look at the rest of the list. You may be able to fill a gap or two in your collections. The sale will end on 6th December 2014.

## **Membership Update**

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Mr B.J.Cox of Billingshurst, West Sussex  
Mr A.Cresswell of Newington, Kent  
Mr S.P.Flatwell of Mellis, Suffolk  
Mr M.Holloway-Neville of Epsom, Surrey  
Mr S.M.Kucharek of Clanmorris, Ireland  
Master S.D.R.Nuttall of Bury

Mr J.L.Pullin of London SW16  
Mr A.P.Sadler of Ipswich, Suffolk  
Mr D.Shimwell of Satley, County Durham  
Mr I.Walsh of Waddington, Lincolnshire  
Mr S.Ward of Ashington, West Sussex  
Mr J.C.Winter of Holmes Chapel, Cheshire

We require a change of address from the following members:

Mr P.Coldicott formerly of Wickford, Essex  
Mr A.Gault formerly of Cheam, Surrey

Mr D.G.Wayte formerly of Hornsey, London

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

Mr G.T.Burling of Alresford, Essex  
Mr D.J.Elam of Stretford, Greater Manchester  
Mr A.West of Bolton, Greater Manchester