



# The Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians

## ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

No. 58 – 14 January 2026

### **Appointment of New Editor of 'The Cricket Statistician'**

Russ Houldin has been appointed the new Editor of 'The Cricket Statistician' and the first issue that he will preside over will be published in February 2026. Please do support Russ by providing him with ideas, content and comment. Mailto: [editor@acscricket.com](mailto:editor@acscricket.com)

### **New Moderator for Online Forum**

Apart from taking on the role of Editor of 'The Cricket Statistician', Russ Houldin has also taken over as the Moderator for the Online Forum. Thank you to Harriet Monkhouse for her hard work and dedication to this role as she takes a well-deserved break from these responsibilities.

### **Committee Changes**

Andrew Hignell has announced his intention to retire as Secretary after the 2026 AGM. We are grateful for his immense contribution to the ACS over many years and we are sure that Andrew will continue to find a way to maintain his involvement in our affairs.

Two other Committee members Ric Finlay and Keith Walmsley are standing down in March 2026 and there were no nominations from outside the Committee made by the 15 November 2025 deadline, although existing Committee members, Pete Griffiths and Derek Noakes have been nominated for re-election. The Committee always encourages members to join its ranks, and it is important that the running of the ACS is enhanced by new blood. Do feel free to put yourself forward and if you are interested then contact: [secretary@acscricket.com](mailto:secretary@acscricket.com)

### **Membership**

We are encouraged that member numbers are stabilising and slightly improving, having reached 816 as of 30 November 2025. The Membership Secretary, Huw Nathan, has been analysing the reasons why individuals join the ACS and will provide quarterly analysis of those trends, the first of which appeared in January 2026.

The following new members have joined during the period from October 2025 to date:

Dan Almond, Stan Armett, Sampath Bandrupalli, Jo Carthew, Mark Crangle, Allan Cregan, Paul Dunne, Natasha Goldsmith, Jack Harwood, Will Jeanes, Jeff Jones, Adeeb Khalid, James Manning, Ian McMurray, Andrew Melville, Isaac Miller, Raf Nicholson, Subramaniya Prabhu, Paul Ratcliffe, Mark Russell, Ron Sangal, Jamie Smith, S Sooraj and Alistair Subba Row.

The Association extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved families of the recently-deceased members Chris Clynes, Gary Dyer, Tony Loughton and Richard Wells.

### **In-Person & Online Events for 2026**

As you know we held only online events in 2025, but we are looking at organising an in-person event for 2026 following on from the 2024 event held in London. We are assessing venues across the country and will develop ideas and report back in the first quarter of 2026. We also intend to have various online meetings to complement the in-person meeting during the next calendar year.



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### **Online Event 4 October 2025**

Thank you to all the members who attended the online event on 4 October and particular thanks to those who contributed namely, Dave Griffin, Andrew Hignell, Raf Nicholson, Mick Pope and Andrew Radd. Jeremy Lonsdale deserves great credit for pulling together what was an inspirational event. A recording of the event is available on [https://acscricket.com/?page\\_id=144](https://acscricket.com/?page_id=144)

### **Online Interview with Ric Finlay 27 October 2025**

An online interview with Ric Finlay was held on 27 October where Ric talked about his work over the past four decades as a statistician and how his career as a maths teacher morphed into a full-time job including becoming the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's statistician for Australia's Test matches. Ric's analysis of the players in each Ashes team was insightful based as it was on a programme that he has devised and refined over several years. A recording of the event is available on [https://archive.acscricket.com/multimedia/ric\\_finlay\\_interview.mp4](https://archive.acscricket.com/multimedia/ric_finlay_interview.mp4)

### **Social Media Profile**

The ACS's social media profile continues to expand. We particularly recommend that you follow us on 'X' at [@acscricket.com](https://twitter.com/acscricket) and we encourage you contribute with comment, and do pass on the ACS content that is posted to help spread the word.

The ACS also has an active presence on Blue Sky, Facebook, Instagram, Mastodon and Threads.

### **Website Update**

We encourage all members to view the website <https://acscricket.com> which is updated pretty much every day and is packed full of fascinating content. If you have suggestions about the website, then do let us know by contacting [secretary@acscricket.com](mailto:secretary@acscricket.com)

### **2026**

We wish all our members and their families a very Happy New Year and hope that 2026 brings you much cricketing enjoyment.