



# The Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians

## ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

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### ACS Online Events from March to July 2026

The ACS is delighted to update its roster of online gatherings for the months ahead. These sessions promise a mix of lively discussion, scholarly insight and cultural exchange—perfect opportunities to connect with fellow enthusiasts, wherever you may be. For your convenience, each gathering will be hosted virtually, with details shared in advance. Please mark your calendars.

#### Literary Sports Journalism

14 March, 10:00 GMT

This landmark event, convened by Professors Tom Bradshaw, Kasey Symons, and Elizabeth Ellison, will explore the past, present, and future of a burgeoning field, with a special focus on cricket and the enduring influence of Neville Cardus. Expect stimulating dialogue, fresh perspectives, and a celebration of the rich interplay between sport and literature.

#### Annual General Meeting

21 March, 10:00 GMT

We warmly invite all members to join the 53rd Annual General Meeting of the ACS. This is your chance to take part in important discussions, hear updates on our activities, and help shape the society's future. To prepare, you can revisit the Minutes of the 2025 AGM and watch the 53-minute recording, both available in the password-protected [Members Area](#).

#### Evaluating the Whole Cricketer

31 March, 19:00 BST

In this seminar, Russ Houldin will present his important new paper “A Run is a Run is a Run,” exploring how cricketers might be evaluated as complete players, rather than merely as batsmen or bowlers. Drawing inspiration from baseball's sabermetrics and its influential Wins Above Replacement (WAR) model, he introduces a fresh statistical framework designed to capture cricketing quality in a holistic way. Blending rigorous analysis with new perspectives on the game's traditions and its future, this promises to be a unique and engaging discussion. **ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN No. 63 – 16 February 2026**



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### The History of the County Championship

11 April, 10:00 BST

We are excited to welcome Peter Cox for a special presentation on his new book, *125 Summers*, a sweeping reflection on the history and evolution of the County Championship. With the 2026 season on the horizon, Peter's insights will provide timely context, tracing the competition's development and its enduring role in cricket's grand narrative. This talk promises to blend historical depth with contemporary relevance, offering members a richer appreciation of the Championship's place in the game we love.

### Nationalism, 'mediacricket,' and Indian hegemony

25 April, 19:30 BST

Dr Chris McMillan of the University of Auckland's School of Social Sciences for an online lecture on his important paper "A mediated collision: nationalism, mediacricket, and Indian cricketing hegemony," available to read [here](#). Dr McMillan examines cricket's enduring bond with place and nationhood, and how it has been unsettled by the rise of "mediacricket," in which brand identity eclipses territorial representation. Dr McMillan looks at how this deterritorialising force intersects with the resurgence of populist nationalism to reshape global cricket's hierarchies. This promises to be a thought-provoking overview of the cultural and political currents shaping the modern game.

### Windrush Cricket

12 May, 19:00 BST

Here we host Michael Collins, author of the acclaimed *Windrush Cricket: Imperial Culture, Caribbean Migration, and the Remaking of Postwar England*. In this illuminating talk, Michael will explain how the arrival of Caribbean migrants reshaped the game in Britain, highlighting both the challenges they faced and the triumphs they achieved, both on and off the field. His insights promise to deepen our understanding of cricket's cultural transformation and the enduring legacy of the Windrush generation.



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### The early history of cricket in Sri Lanka

6 June, 10:00 BST

Step back into the formative century of cricket in Sri Lanka with Dr Nimal Chandrasena's richly detailed presentation, "The Early History of Ceylon Cricket: The First 100 Years, 1832 to 1932." This talk traces the game's journey from its colonial beginnings to its establishment as a cultural force, weaving together archival discoveries, forgotten matches, and the personalities who shaped the game on the island. Dr Chandrasena shows us how cricket became both a pastime and a mirror of social change.

### 150 Years of Essex County Cricket

11 July, 11:00 BST

To mark its sesquicentenary, David Pracy's illuminating lecture traces the journey of Essex CCC from its formative days, bringing to life the triumphs, cultural moments, and most of all the personalities that have shaped it across the generations. Whether you are a devoted follower of the county or simply intrigued by the broader sweep of cricket history, this is an unmissable opportunity to celebrate a century and a half of sporting tradition and community spirit. For background, do read Pracy's path-breaking *Gentlemen and players of Essex: the amateur and professional cricketers of Essex County Cricket Club, 1876-1979*, [available free on the ACS website](#).

### Joining Details

All events will be hosted online. Links and access information will be circulated to members closer to each date. In the meantime, please register your interest with the membership secretary, Huw Nathan, at [membership@acscricket.com](mailto:membership@acscricket.com).

We look forward to your participation in these conversations, which extend the ACS's long tradition of blending scholarship, history and cultural appreciation.