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2025/6 Dates

October 22
To include the AGM

November 12

December 10
Christmas Lunch

January 14

February 11

March 11

With our 2024/5 winter season of events over, Martyn Levitt has provided an outline schedule for next winter, though that does seem a long way in the future. The dates appear in the left-hand column with speakers yet to be booked. Speaker bookings and date changes (if any) will be mentioned in future newsletters. The structure is the same as last winter with the Christmas lunch, the remaining dates afternoon teas.

Renewals. Annual renewals were due on the 1st of April, thank you to those who have already renewed. For those yet to do so details on the renewal process and a renewal form were included with the March newsletter. Renewals can be Paid by either transfer (our preferred method) or cheque. For transfers account name Sussex Cricket Society, Sort Code 60-13-09 Account No. 57843570, please show as the reference "RNL plus your surname", and please either return a completed renewal form to Chris Scovell, or just send an email stating the amount and date of payment. If paying by cheque please send the cheque and the completed renewal form, or a letter, by the post to Chris.

And the usual reminder that this renewal process does not apply to members who either joined or renewed last year via the society website, or who are members via the Sussex Cricket Foundation. Any queries contact Chris Scovell

New Member Welcome to David Egginton,

Tymal Mills has a benefit this year, and in addition to raising funds for himself he is supporting three charities, Sussex Cricket Foundation, Chance to Shine, & St George's Hospital Children's Wing. There is an upcoming event on Thursday 26th June at the County Ground with tickets £35 per person. Libby Ager has asked that we mention the following

A rare and intimate opportunity to spend an evening hearing from two of the most iconic voices in British sport!

Join Mark Nicholas and Mark Pougatch as they swap tales and stories from their respective careers covering top level sport over the past few decades. After we have heard from the two Marks, there will be an opportunity to ask them questions about their illustrious careers

There will be a memorabilia raffle taking place on the night.

Location: Spen Cama Pavilion, 1st Central County Ground
Arrival: 18:30 - 19.00, Seated: 19.45, Carriages: 21:30 approx.
Dress code: Casual

This is a drinks and entertainment event only. No food provided. Bar open from 18:45 and after the speakers have finished.

More information and booking see the following link

<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/sussexcricket/EDP/Hospitality/Index/657?pbCode=2>

Women's cricket After England's disappointing and to be honest for me a rather dispiriting Ashes series defeat in Australia when the home team won all seven of the matches, England's A side provided much encouragement despite narrowly losing their recent series also in Australia.

England A won the T20 series 1-0 winning the first encounter before the next two fell victim to rain. The ODIs went Australia's way 2 wins to one English victory, so all to play for the four-day test. In a high scoring game England lost by 25 runs when chasing a victory target of 290 on the last afternoon.

Significant English performances in the Test match came from Issy Wong, Alice Capsey and Paige Scholfield. Wong and Capsey have played for England's senior side but arguably the standout was Paige Scholfield in what the Cricket Archive database said was her first first-class game.

Wong started by taking 5/63 in Australia's first innings of 343, then Alice Capsey, 108 and Paige Scholfield, 164 combined in a 210 fourth wicket stand (with the BBC website describing this as sparkling batting) - the key element of an England reply of 407. Trailing by 64, Australia led by captain Charli Knott's 123 declared at 353/6 setting England 290 to win on the final afternoon. 75 from Hollie Armitage, 53 from Capsey and a rapid 39 from Scholfield put England in a winning position only for rather disappointingly the final five wickets (including a run out) fell for just twelve runs, the tenth wicket falling to Charli Knott with just four balls remaining. So, England A lost by just 25 runs emphasising how close a game it was. Although Australia may still be the leading women's nation, the gap at least in terms of the younger players seems far closer than it was a few months ago.

Members might be interested to know that Scholfield played for Sussex from 2013 to 2022 before joining South East Stars (2023/24) and Surrey in the new women's county structure.

An oddity in this test match was that it was played 12 a side, though only 11 could bat or bowl. For instance, Lauren Cheatle did not bat in Australia's all out first innings, yet bowled in both England innings, as did England's Alexa Stonehouse.

Clubs the Sussex Premier League doesn't actually start until the 10th May. Preston Nomads will be defending the Premier Division title they won last year from Horsham and Three Bridges; the latter have impressed in the last couple of years. Bridges in the first round will take part in a Crawley derby when they play newly promoted Ifield. The other promotion side is Haywards Heath, and both will be hoping to at least retain their position in the Premier Division unlike some recently promoted teams who have struggled and been relegated. An interest in Division 2 will be the performance of Brighton and Hove, for long a major club in the league, indeed one of the founding clubs who dropped down to division 4 but have recently had two promotions and will join other "big town" clubs, Worthing Eastbourne and Hastings also in Division 2. The previous Saturday will see the opening rounds of the Sussex T20 cup this year named after Daniel Oliver who did so much for Sussex cricket in general and for club crickets in particular. Prior to that a number of clubs have friendlies / practice matches and some likely to be involved in national competitions.

Sussex News Some brief reflections after the first three Championship games where in my view Sussex have performed creditably and not looked out of place. The draw at Edgbaston where Sussex probably had the better of the game was followed by a good win over Somerset, last year second in the championship, then another draw this time with reigning champions Surrey where Sussex held their own even though the batting of Pope and Lawrence threatened for a while to take the game in Surrey's favour. Pleasingly it would appear that most players have contributed across the three games. Haines and Hughes have so far shown themselves to be an effective and attractive opening pair, Haines in particular with two hundreds. At Edgbaston when these two failed Tom Clark made a career best 140. As for the bowlers Sean Hunt performed well in the Somerset game but sadly picked up a shoulder injury which will keep him out of action for possibly three months. Hunt's left arm quick bowling is certainly a valuable addition and difference to otherwise a right arm seam bowling attack. But it is only three games so far, the challenging Nottinghamshire game at Tren Bridge is underway as I write this, and we look forward to seeing how the remaining championship season plays out.