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2022/2023 Society Programme

2022

Oct 12 – Evening meeting
AGM followed by talk
from Jon Filby

Nov 16 – Lunch
Speaker Bill Athey

Dec 14 – Lunch
Speaker Paul Farbrace

2023

Jan 11 – Lunch
Speaker John Barclay

Feb 15 – Lunch
Speakers, - to be advised

Mar 22 – Afternoon Tea
Speaker Derek Pringle

All dates are
Wednesdays.

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Society Lunches

There is still time to book a place at the Society's Autumn lunch on Wednesday 16th November with Bill Athey the speaker. To book please contact Barbara Eagles (eagles202@btinternet.com, 01273 778988) by 7th November, the booking form was issued with the last newsletter.

Then on **14th December, comes our December Lunch** with Paul Farbrace the speaker – Cost 27 per person. Booking, menu and price information is supplied with this newsletter, Applications for this lunch to reach Barbara by 5th December

Paul Farbrace - After a brief playing career (a competent, tidy wicketkeeper, though with the bat averaged barely 18 in 40 first class matches) he moved into coaching where he found his true niche and mark in cricket. As a coach he has had stints with Kent, England at Women's and Men's under 19 levels, Sri Lanka (where he coached a side to win the World T20 in 2012) then appointed as assistant to Trevor Bayliss coaching the full England side where He had a real impact on England's one-day fortunes. But just a few months before the ICC 2019 50 over World Cup he accepted a position with Warwickshire as their Sports Director, a position he relinquished at the end of the 2022 season. So a man who has made a deep impact on cricket, mainly coaching wise, will no doubt provide a stimulating and interesting talk after our December lunch.

Further ahead to **February**, sadly the speakers booked, Patrick Ferriday and James Mettyear (joint authors of the book "Field Of Dreams" the fascinating story of the County Ground, Hove) have had to cancel. David is seeking an alternative speaker which will be advised in a future newsletter as soon as possible,

REPORT OF SUSSEX CRICKET SOCIETY AGM 12 OCTOBER 2022

34 members attended the 2021-22 Annual General Meeting of the Society on a mild autumn evening at the County Ground. The minutes of the previous year's AGM were agreed without comment and Terry Burstow's Financial Report was approved. David Bowden in the Chair summarised his report - stressing that the Society was an integral part of the "Sussex Cricket Family" - and the Annual Committee Review paying particular praise for the monthly Newsletters.

Perhaps the most important agenda item was the election of your Committee for 2022-23. In reporting that Malcolm Griffin had decided to step down from the Committee due to ill health, David Harrison praised Malcolm's work on the group, especially his period as Chairman. The meeting as a whole asked their best wishes be passed on to Malcolm who had played such a significant part in the development of the Society in recent years. As other members were happy to serve for another year, Andrew Filby was elected to take Malcolm's vacancy on the Committee. David Harrison, seconded by Brenda Lower, proposed David Bowden as Chair of the Committee which was unopposed. David Bowden, seconded by David Harrison, then proposed Ivor Evans as Vice-Chair and Ivor introduced himself to the meeting.

After agreeing to the Constitutional changes that had been detailed, the meeting whole-heartedly supported Brenda Lower's proposal that Alistair Orr be voted as the Society's Sussex Cricketer of 2022. On that happy note the meeting was concluded at 7:30 pm. Thanks to David Harrison for the review of the AGM

New Members – welcome to Frances Low, Brighton; Mick Robertson, Hove; Stewart Beamont, Brighton and Roger Green, Hove and Paul Jones, Crawley

Robin Marlar RIP. It was with sadness that we heard about the death of former Sussex captain Robin Marlar on 30th September 2022 at the age of 91. In a distinguished playing career he played for the County from 1951 to 1961 before returning for two games in August 1968 answering Sussex's call when short of spin bowling options. In all he represented Sussex in 223 games taking 740 wickets with his off spin at the very respectable average of 24.21, captaining the County from 1955 to 1959. He never achieved England honours, England at the time had the likes of Laker, Lock, Wardle, Titmus to choose from. He then went on to make a significant mark as a journalist both for the Daily Telegraph and Sunday Times allowing him to express his forthright views on various cricket related matters. He served as MCC President in 2006/7 as well as being Sussex chairman in 1996 and 1997 playing a part in laying some of the foundations for the Sussex successes in the 2000's. So a considerable cricketing career as a player, journalist and administrator.

Review of Jon Filby's talk post the AGM. Again thanks to David Harrison for summarising the main points from Jon's address to the Society immediately after our AGM.

Jon started saying that earlier in the day he had a meeting with Richard Thompson the new Chair of ECB and used the opportunity to report all the work being done by Sussex Cricket Limited, some of which was unknown to Thompson. Jon is determined that Sussex should not be seen as a "feeder" of new talent who then get signed up to other counties. Richard Thompson had not been aware of the status of the Brighton Aldridge Community Academy, a partner of Sussex Cricket, where BACA students can combine their academic studies with top class cricket coaching. Jon then answered a range of questions and comments from members present and the meeting ended with very positive vibes for 2023.

Danial Ibrahim. Late in the 2021 season Danial fell just short of a maiden century making 94 against Worcestershire which would have made him the youngest player to make a century in the County Championship. Just over a year on he did reach the three-figure mark (100 not out in the second innings against Glamorgan at Hove on the final day of the 2022 season. Not the youngest in all English cricket, but the youngest Sussex Championship centurion eclipsing Derek Semmence's previous mark by 33 days. For interest the youngest to make a Championship century was G J Bryan at the age of 17years and 245 days, Kent v Notts in 1921. (Source : Association Of Cricket Statisticians) Ibrahim's 2022 season was marred by an injury in the first game, and seemed to stutter a bit before ending on this high point. Hopefully many more runs to come from someone who seems a sensible, skilful young man. Congratulations Danial.

As for the innings itself, Sussex followed on with a deficit of 295. Ibrahim came in at the fall of the fourth wicket with Sussex leading by just 63 with about 4 hours remaining. So a key point when a win for the visitors looked likely, but solid stands with at first Haines, then Tear, Carson and finally Hunt saw Sussex move into clear waters and eventually a draw. Late in his innings the bowling became more friendly as Ibrahim reaped the rewards his early hard work earned. On reaching his hundred, the Glamorgan players seemed genuinely pleased for the young man, and at that point the game ended in a draw.

Other Sussex snippets The final game also saw Alistair Orr make an outstanding second innings 198 including 10 sixes in an exhilarating display of clean hitting, whether straight, to mid-wicket or cutting. His progress this year has really stood out.

Tom Haines made a century in each innings in the same match, "carrying his bat" for 108 in four hours in the first innings, adding a further 177 spanning over 5 ½ hours in the second – a true reminder of his ability and a fine end to what was often a difficult season for Tom, what with injuries and in my view having to lead a young side often on the wrong end of matches while still developing his batting.

The final game saw another placid batting surface and the opponents again making many runs from their bottom half of the batting order

Charlie Tear, just 18, played in the last couple of games, a young wicket keeper batsman – he looked competent in both disciplines. He plays for West Chiltington and studies at Seaford College where the "Director of Cricket" is Chris Adams, Tear seems at times to have some of the mannerisms of Adams in his batting. So another talented young Sussex player to follow with interest in future seasons.

To end on another positive note, Cheteshwar Pujara had a memorable season, 1,094 Championship runs from just eight games as well as significant 50 over performances. Happily comes news that he is due to return in 2023 for both the Championship and 50 over games. India though have a likely Test tour to the Caribbean in July / August which may limit his availability. Given the influence he had on the side on and off the field, could he even captain the side next year while Haines hopefully will continue his development?