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Ted Dexter – As the newsletter was being completed came sad news announcing that the former Sussex “great” (an often-overused word but not in his case) died at the age of 86, a full tribute will appear next month.

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October Society Events

Our **AGM** takes place on **Wednesday 13th October at 7.00pm** in the Jim Parks Bar, Spen Cama Pavilion, County Ground, Hove. Only Society members can attend the AGM.

The various AGM documents, Notice, Agenda, Committee Review of the last year, Accounts are supplied to members with this newsletter. Also supplied copy of the Society constitution, along with the minutes from our last AGM which was held back in 2019. We did not hold a formal AGM in 2020 due to Covid. For that year we provided information to members and agreed committee recommendations on appointments after no objections from members were received.

Hon. Treasurer

Terry Burstow

2021/2022 Society

Programme

2021

Wed 13 Oct

AGM 7:00 pm followed by
Member Meeting,
Speaker Bob Warren

You will see from the agenda that vacancies on the committee exist, David Harrison has asked that any member interested in standing and contributing to the running of the Society should contact him.

Following the AGM at 7.30 Bob Warren, Chairman, Sussex Cricket Limited will address us and be available to answer any questions from members. It is hoped that he will be joined by Rob Andrew subject to the latter’s availability. This forum will be open to non-Society members.

Wed 27 Oct

Autumn Lunch 12 noon
Speakers Fred Rumsey
& Stephen Chalke

Looking further in October our **Autumn Lunch** is set for Wednesday 27th October, a month earlier than usual as the intention was to hold a pre-Christmas lunch on the first Saturday in December resulting in the Autumn lunch being moved to October. But as Malcolm stated in the July newsletter we were unable to book our intended December lunch date this year.

Wed 3 Nov

Member Meeting 7:30 pm
Speaker Sir Rod Aldridge

The speakers at the Autumn Lunch will be **Fred Rumsey** in conversation with **Stephen Chalke**. These two were due to address us at our 2020 Spring Lunch but that had to be cancelled, we look forward to seeing them this Autumn. Fred Rumsey, a left arm quick bowler played for Somerset and Derbyshire in the 1960s and early 1970s, and for England five tests in 1964 and 1965. He played a substantial role in founding the Professional Cricketers Association and continued to represent the Association after his County playing days. Stephen Chalke, a well-known author and publisher of cricket books, published Fred’s well received book “Sense Of Humour, Sense Of Justice” in 2020. I am confident that they will provide an entertaining and informative afternoon.

Tues 7 Dec

Member Meeting 7:30 pm
Speakers Ian Gould & Bruce
Talbot

2022

Wed 5 Jan

Member Meeting 2:15 pm
with “afternoon tea”
Speaker TBC

Tues 8 Feb

Member Meeting 2:15 pm
Speaker Andy Mackay

Elsewhere in this package you will find the lunch menu and booking form. Applications to attend the lunch need to be returned to David Harrison by 18th October. For this lunch a special one-off “discounted” price of £20 will apply, the Society will part fund the full cost from current reserves. This is intended as a special “welcome back” gesture and a “one-off” acknowledging that the Society has been unable to put on any events for members for over a year and a half.

Wed 2 Mar

Member Meeting 7:30 pm
Speaker TBC

Wed 23 Mar

Spring Lunch 12 noon
Speaker TBC

Please note that the **January afternoon event** will include “afternoon tea”. As such it will be a “ticketed” event. More information to follow.

Kathy Bennett RIP. With sadness we report that Kathy died a couple of weeks ago. Kathy was a previous President of the Society serving on the committee, and a keen supporter of the Society. More importantly, certainly in her eyes, she was a founder member of our Society - she would say with much pleasure and some pride that she was "in the room" when the Society was formed. Her husband Eddie, another loyal Society member died a few years ago. Many years ago they went to Australia to follow an England tour and later they entertained Society members at winter evening meetings with slide and film shows from their experiences and adventures.

Kathy was also a keen supporter and Life Member of Sussex CCC and would regularly attend County games. Her interests outside cricket included following Tottenham Hotspur Football Club where she was for many years a season ticket holder. Kathy will be missed by her many friends and family to whom we extend our sympathies and condolences.

New Member – Welcome to Paul Tuley, Seaford

Sussex News The highlight in recent weeks has been Sussex Sharks' win in the T20 Blast quarter final over Yorkshire at Chester-Le-Street on what looked like unusually small boundaries for this ground which in the end probably suited Sussex as much as if not more than Yorkshire (After all the Hove boundaries are not particularly big). In what appeared a fine overall team performance Luke Wright led from the front with 54, Lenham nipped in with a wicket early on and the game was finished by Rashid Khan's 27 not out from just nine balls, 3 fours and two sixes. He certainly has an array of unusual yet very effective shots, the so-called "helicopter", though the ball seems to disappear in differing directions. Sadly I understand that he will not be available for Finals Day on 18th September at Edgbaston. Sussex are set to play Kent in the second semi-final, the earlier one being Hants v Somerset

The T20 Blast fixture schedule looks to make it difficult for Counties to recruit overseas player for the entire campaign (for instance Rashid Khan only played three Blast games) and also to maintain interest in the competition. The Blast started this year early June (Sussex's first match was on 11th June) with the group stages lasting about a month, then a gap of almost another month before the quarter finals and a further three week gap before Finals Day. Will it be compressed into a tighter period in future years?

The RL50 tournament for Sussex ended with an exciting 3 run win over Middlesex when 663 runs were scored in the day. Centuries for RL50 captain Tom Haines and Ben Brown who was warmly applauded from the field after this innings. The bowlers did (just!) enough to gain the win.

The Championship will restart on August Bank Holiday Monday after a seven week gap when Sussex will be without the two overseas batsmen Travis Head and Stiaan Van Zyl (both have returned home). I wonder how many of the Blast team will appear in the four Championship matches.

Revolving doors – confirmation comes that both Chris Jordan and Phil Salt will be moving at the end of the season joining Surrey and Lancashire respectively. Finals Day will be their last T20 appearances for Sussex. Joining will be Steven Finn from Middlesex in 2022 and from later this season all-rounder Fynn Hudson-Prentice who played a some of games for Sussex a few years ago, and on being released showed his desire to continue professional cricket by joining MCC Young Cricketers, and from there was offered a contract by Derbyshire, and now returning to Hove. The all-rounder is due to be available for games this season (other than the one against Derbyshire).

Clubs - Sussex Premier League. Congratulations to Preston Nomads who after three wins in a row clinched the title with a week to spare. At the other end Hastings have also recorded three straight wins including importantly over Cuckfield overtaking Cuckfield, who dropped into the relegation zone with just one game to play against Nomads, and they may need to win that and other results to go their way to avoid the drop along with Haywards Heath. In the second division Bognor continue their winning way and are now certain for promotion and almost certain to be joined by Horsham who won a key game on 21 August over St James who included Matt Prior playing his first game for some time making 41 for St James.

National Club Knock Out Cup. Brentwood ended Three Bridges' run in the quarter finals winning by 5 wickets with just two balls to spare in an exciting game. Bridges batting first made 237/3 in their allotted 40 overs with Kiwi Will O'Donnell starring again making an unbeaten 105. But after Brentwood were reduced to 129/4, a stand of 107 for the fifth wicket was crucial in seeing the Essex club advance to the semi-final where they will face Bath.