

### Secretary's and Webmaster's report for the period 1 November 2008 to 31 October 2009

#### *Membership and training*

1. This has been my first year as Secretary of our association and it has been a fairly busy one. We currently have 115 members, up from 89 at the time of the last Annual General Meeting (AGM). Sadly three members have passed away during the year- Chris Davis, Peter Martin and Sandy Ross. A list of current members and lapsed members can be found at Annex 1.
2. Most new members join the association through enrolling on one of our training courses and we have had a bumper year. We had a record attendance at our initial umpire training course (now known as ECB Level 1) at Caterham School over a weekend in February which was attended by 41 students. The large numbers required us to run two parallel courses which we were only able to do with the help of tutors from our neighbouring association, Croydon and District Cricket Umpires and Scorers. John Smith led the administration of this course (as well as tutoring) with the support of Andrew Etherington, Jeremy Beckwith and John Moulton (all East Surrey members and qualified ECB tutors).
3. John Smith resigned as both a Tutor and as our Training Administrator in the summer. John Smith has provided a great service to the association over recent years and his input will be sorely missed. In the short-term I have taken on the role of Training Administrator to see us through until the AGM by which time I hope someone will step forward to take on this role.
4. We have now lost Caterham School as a training venue and held our most recent ECB Level 1 Umpiring Course at Reigate Grammar School over the weekend of 31 October/1 November, welcoming 12 new members to our association.
5. The feedback from the students enrolled on our courses this year has been generally very positive and is a tribute to the professionalism of our training team.

#### *Constitution*

6. Your committee have proposed a number of amendments to the association's constitution (see agenda). The first two relate to the role of Welfare Officer. We do not feel that there is a need for the association to have a Welfare Officer as a member of the committee when the association has no direct responsibility for appointing officials to matches or able to offer support to members who may have issues, for example with regard to complaints about conduct.
7. The second relates to membership and proposes the formal adoption of the categories of Honorary Life membership and Honorary Membership. Honorary Life Membership has previously been awarded to Bob Munn and Honorary Membership awarded to Geoff Knight and, our auditor, Peter Gale. However, when discussing the award of Honorary Life Membership to Leslie Cheeseman, your committee recognised that this category of membership should be reflected in our constitution.

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### *Committee*

8. Your committee is an active one and we work hard to plan and organise training and other activities which we hope will be of interest to members. During the reporting period your committee has met four times on:
  - 19 November 2008;
  - 25 February 2009;
  - 8 June 2009; and,
  - 2 September 2009.
9. Copies of the minutes of committee meetings are available on our website should you wish to view them. In recognition of the amount of time and cost incurred by committee members in carrying out East Surrey business your committee approved a proposal to pay mileage of 40p per mile to members on East Surrey business (e.g. traveling to and from committee meetings). While some committee members have declined to claim such expenses, this explains the increase in administration costs this year outlined in the Treasurer's report.
10. Fred Imms resigned from the committee earlier this year after serving many years both as our Chairman and Vice-Chairman. During the time Fred has served the association well and continues to promote the association as an ordinary member.
11. We currently have a committee of six comprising:
  - Steve Hodge (Chairman);
  - Lorraine Elgar (Vice Chairman);
  - John Flatley (Secretary & Webmaster);
  - Peter Turner (Treasurer);
  - Andrew Etherington (elected member); and,
  - Bernard Wright (elected member).
12. All of the current committee members are willing to continue in their roles in the next year but it would be good to have new members to bring fresh ideas.

### *Events*

13. Our Annual Dinner was held on 6 February again at the Toby Carvery in Redhill. It was attended by around 20 members and guests. The occasion of our annual dinner provided an opportunity to thank Peter Turner, who stood down as Secretary at our last AGM, for more than ten years service to the association. In appreciation of his services, Peter was presented with an engraved tankard by Chairman, Steve Hodge.
14. A Quiz evening, hosted by Steve Hodge, was held at Horley Cricket Club on 2 April following an EGM to vote on the proposal to change our name (an issue which remained unresolved after last year's AGM). The turnout was a little disappointing with just 12 members attending the EGM but with guests from Swale swelling the numbers taking part in the quiz.
15. Feedback received from members' has led your committee to organise more attractive events. We took the initiative to organise a day watching county cricket at the Oval on 2 September followed by a questions and answer session with the

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match umpires, Nick Cook and Neil bainton. Ultimately it was agreed to open this up to a wider audience and brand it as a Surrey Cricket Board ACO event.

16. We have been very fortunate to be able to arrange for John Holder, the former Test Match and First Class umpire, to address our AGM which is being held at the Menzies Chequers Hotel in Gatwick. We hope that we will see more members than normal attend this meeting.

### *Newsletter and website*

17. During the reporting period 4 newsletters have been sent to members, either by post or email, in December 2008, February 2009, June 2009 and October 2009. On taking up post as Secretary I decided to revamp the look of the newsletter and to integrate with the regular news items that feature on our website. I haven't received much in the way of feedback - good or bad - from members so I hope you are finding the newsletter to your liking. Please do send any photos, anecdotes, snippets of news that you think will be of interest to others so I can include it.
18. The website itself has had a makeover this year and, while it lacks the professionalism of some sites, I like to think it makes up for in its content. Links to news stories about umpiring and scoring are added to the website two or three times a week. The most recent items appear on the home page of the website with an archive of articles on the news page (<http://www.esacus.org.uk/news.html>).
19. Annex 2 shows that the number of people visiting the website has been running at between 500 and 600 a month throughout the year. Judging from some of the queries that we receive these are not restricted to East Surrey members!

### *Achievements of East Surrey members*

20. I would like to conclude with congratulations to two of our members:
  - Lorraine Elgar who earlier this year was elected by ECB ACO members in the London and South East region as their Regional Representative on the ECB ACO Board; and,
  - David Edwards who was recently recognised for his massive contribution to cricket and umpiring in the county with a national Outstanding Services to Cricket Award (OSCA).

### *See you at the AGM*

21. This report will be circulated in advance of the AGM by email to those members on the internet. If there are any of you who now have an email address and who would like me to use it for these I would be pleased to add you to my address list. I hope to see you on 26 November at our AGM.
22. Finally, I would like to remind you that annual subs are now due and the Treasurer has asked me to point out that he will willingly receive cash or cheques (made payable to ESCUSA) at the AGM.

John Flatley, 11 November 2009

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## Annex 1

### Current members

Martin Abbott  
David Adamson  
Edward Annan  
David Audus  
Neil Austin  
Mike Baker  
Jack Ball  
Charles Bathurst-Norman  
Peter Batty  
Jeremy Beckwith  
Charles Berkley  
Helen Bilinska  
Chris Blake  
Simon Bolton  
Trevor Buckland  
Leslie Cheeseman  
Monty Chin  
Andy Clarke  
Simon Clench  
Richard Constance  
Alan Curr  
Helen Curr  
Michael Davey  
Antony Davies  
Colin Davies  
John Davies  
Julian Davies  
Evan de Silva  
Henry Desch  
Srinivasan Dhileepan  
David Dulam  
Ray Dunning  
Gavin Easton  
David Edwards  
Virginia Edwards  
Lorraine Elgar  
Andrew Elliott  
Philip Emanuel  
Andrew Etherington  
Stephen Fallowell  
Roger Fear  
Dan Feist  
John Flatley  
Ian Foulds  
Paola Fudakowska  
Edward Fuller  
Peter Gale  
Roy Goldsmith

Dion Gomesz  
Guy Graham  
David Grant  
Paul Griffiths  
Chris Harber  
Paul Haseman  
David Herring  
Andrew Hill  
Jonathan Hill  
Steve Hodge  
Paul Hunt  
Fred Imms  
David Irving  
Iqbal Jafri  
David Jones  
John Kamaluddin  
Peter Kearns  
Andrew Kellard  
Geoff Knight  
Mohammad Khokhar  
Mark Lambert  
David Loader  
Jon Macartney  
Michael Maddox  
Sudhir Mahadik  
Velu Mani  
Fred Marshall  
Richard Marshall  
Michael Medway  
Simon Mills  
Robert Mitchell  
Dennis Morrison  
Les Morton  
John Moulton  
Mike Mountford  
Carl Moynehan  
Bob Munn  
Graham Norman  
Dave Oldham  
Julian O'Laughlin  
Peter O'Rourke  
Andrew Patrick  
John Penn  
Ian Philippe

Jon Randall  
Tony Reason  
David Ridout  
Dan Roberts  
Peter Roberts  
Warren Robertson  
Tom Rogers  
Mark Saward  
Janice Shaw  
Philip Sherlock  
John Smith  
Ian Stemp  
Barrie Stuart-King  
Robin Thomas  
Joshua Thompson  
Peter Turner  
Mark Waters  
Andrew Waugh  
Fred White  
Neil Williams  
Tim Wise  
Mark Wood  
Bernard Wright

### Lapsed members

Chris Burgess  
Gerry Carpenter  
Jim Cruise  
Richard Howe  
Chris Jepp  
Charles Lucas  
Richard Mernane  
Craig Moore  
Freddy Page  
David Robinson  
Pinak Saikia  
Anthony Smith  
Peter Stratford  
Peter Terry  
Justin St J Thomas  
Robert Willson

### Deceased members

Chris Davis  
Peter Martin  
Sandy Ross

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### Annex 2

#### Usage statistics for ESCUSA website, Jan 2008 - October 2009

	2008				2009			
	Daily average		Monthly totals		Daily average		Monthly totals	
	Hits	Visits	Hits	Visits	Hits	Visits	Hits	Visits
Jan	86	9	2676	303	162	19	5026	590
Feb	52	6	1535	195	183	21	5146	591
March	93	8	2909	273	188	19	5848	617
April	86	19	2589	594	172	16	5189	503
May	46	16	1438	523	202	17	6263	533
June	47	17	1414	533	191	17	5745	529
July	48	17	1493	547	147	19	4570	594
August	58	15	1828	473	189	18	5888	572
Sep	43	12	1296	373	147	16	4425	498
Oct	181	18	5620	562	191	20	5932	632
Nov	199	20	5975	610				
Dec	111	16	3464	522				
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>32237</b>	<b>5508</b>				

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