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OUR SPECIAL **ASHES 2015** BUMPER 16 PAGE ISSUE!



The 47th Annual General Meeting of the Australian Cricket Society Inc.

DATE:

Monday, 1st September, 2014

TIME:

6.45 pm for a 7.00pm start

VENUE:

Hans Ebeling Room at the MCG

PARKING:

Through Gate A off Brunton Ave. Then Lift 1 & 2 to Level 2 in the Ponsford Stand at the MCG

CATERING:

Tea, coffee and light refreshments provided.

PURPOSE:

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2013 AGM
2. Receiving of Reports.
3. Election of Office-Bearers.
4. To attend to any other business.

OUR GUEST OF HONOUR: PETER YOUNG

Peter Young has for years been James Sutherland's right-hand man at Cricket Australia where he has worked as CA's spokesman and media and public affairs director. He has been in the engine room at CA headquarters as Australian cricket clinched its biggest ever media and television rights deals, started its own Big Bash League, and is now looking towards becoming the first national cricket body to host day-night Test cricket. Peter is a fascinating and amiable personality. He is known for his love of bow ties, and in his spare time his water colour paintings. His talk to the Society after the AGM should be worth hearing. Don't miss it!

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Future Activities & Events (cont...)



THE HARSHA BHOGLE CHRISTMAS DINNER Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

SATURDAY, 27 DECEMBER, 2014

The important details of this exciting Society function are:

DATE: Saturday, 27 December, 2014

TIME: 7.00 pm for a 7.30pm start.

VENUE: The Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong.

COST: Members & Members' Partners - \$110; Non-Members - \$120.

BOOKINGS HOTLINE: Bookings are essential. Bookings and moneys should be in the hands of the Society's Secretary, Wayne Ross at P.O.Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic., 3910 no later than Monday, 22 December, 2014. EFT payments are fine. Cheques should be made payable to the ACS. Wayne's phone number is 0416 983 888. His email address is acs@asn.cricketvictoria.com.au

OUR GUEST OF HONOUR

Harsha Bhogle began his career as a cricket commentator at the tender age of 19 years when he was first placed under contract by All India Radio. Most Australians first heard his dulcet tones and impeccably spoken Indian English when the Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) engaged him to describe India's matches in Australia during 1991-92, and then at the tail-end of that season for the ICC's World Cup.

Since 1995 Harsha has presented Indian cricket all around the world, working in the main for ESPN Star Sports, including during the 2011-12 season in Australia when the Indian cricket team last toured.

Our guest of honour has been covering all Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket since 2009. He was recently voted the world's most popular television cricket commentator by Cricinfo users.

Harsha has written a number of books, including a celebrated biography of the former Indian captain Mohammed Azharuddin. He has also published a series of essays in a book entitled "Out of the Box."

Harsha Bhogle is married to Anita. When not touring the world he lives with his wife and two sons in Mumbai. Together with his wife he now runs a sports based communications consultancy called Prosearch.

The Society looks forward with eager anticipation to the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne against India when not only will we be able to see many of the world's best cricketers in action, but we shall also have the pleasure of listening to the world's most popular cricket commentator in the job which he does best during the day, and during the evening recalling many of the reminiscences which he has collected over a life time of broadcasting. This should be an experience not to be missed.

The ACS To Field a Team in the Australian National Seniors Championships.

MELBOURNE - NOVEMBER 9 -13, 2014

The Australian National Seniors Championships are to be held at Casey Fields in the southeast of Melbourne from the 9th to the 13th of November. The Society plans to enter a team in the Championships. Any members of our Over 60s or Over 70s cricket squads who would like to take part is requested to contact our Teams Manager Ian Hammet on 0438 250 145. Ian's email address is gamesdownunder@primus.com.au

HAVE YOU CHANGED ADDRESSES?

Please keep us informed if you are changing your address or email particulars so you can keep receiving Event invitations, Scoresheet and our soon-to-be-published flagship annual Pavilion uninterrupted. *Email our secretary Wayne Ross with any changes at: acs@asn.cricketvictoria.com.au*

WANTED

ACS Communications Officer

The Australian Cricket Society is seeking a young and energetic cricket-loving communications officer responsible for publicising all-matters ACS on our website and Facebook. The successful applicant will prepare Press Releases and other promotional material as required. The job suits a budding young journalist looking for a career in Media or Public Relations. He must love cricket. Training will be provided by our own Ken Piesse, author of 69 books and a leading newspaperman for 35 years. Please email Ken Piesse at kenpiesse@ozemail.com.au if you would like to be involved... or know someone who would.

The President's Piesse



Our New Scholar

The Australian Cricket Society is in exciting times now that we have sponsored our second cricket scholarship recipient **Daniel Vella** for entry into the McGain Elite Cricket Academy (ECA). Young Daniel is pictured left on a podium with me at the MCG recently.

Daniel, 12 was inducted into the Academy, alongside current scholar **Adam Cosgrave** at a grand ceremony attended by many notables including **Dav Whatmore**, who was guest of honour at the ceremony.

Our ambassador, another ex-Australian, ECA's **Bryce McGain**, introduced all the 2014 Academy boys, aged from 12 to 14, who are receiving expert, fast-tracking tuition. Many young members of the Academy have also become junior members of the Australian Cricket Society (ACS). As part of a new bonus arrangement they will each receive a two-match membership to the Melbourne Stars Big Bash League team. The Society is also planning to organize a summer clinic for our junior members with Bryce. Any fathers or grandfathers who would like to buy a \$30 junior membership to the ACS for their young loved ones is asked to contact **Wayne Ross**, our Society Secretary on 0416 983 888.

Escape the Cold

Included in this bumper issue of "Scoresheet" are details of our Australian Cricket Society Adventure in Paradise taking in the first two Ashes Tests of 2015 at Cardiff and Lord's. Test tickets are guaranteed. The cost of the four week vacation next July is approximately \$12,500 per person. My wife Susan and I are again your escorts. The fun of the tour will include Irish dancing, high tea at the Ritz, dinner at Trafalgar Square and a tour finale in Amsterdam. Our next Events World Wide tour to the UK is not until 2019, so while you are fit and able, why not indulge yourselves!

Brighter Cricket Needed

India tours for four Tests this approaching summer. Their lead players are going to become mighty familiar as Australia meets the Indians every year at either Test or ODI level for the next decade! I was chatting with Ian Craig who bemoaned the lack of initiative shown by both England and M.S. Dhoni's Indians particularly early during the Test match at Nottingham which took place during early July.

In a note to me he said "Having watched the Nottingham Test over the last two nights I'm not sure that I would want to watch either of those sides play as they are taking us back to the dour days of Test cricket."

Bradman Honour

The Bradman Museum has honoured our Australian Cricket Society by asking me to be their keynote speaker at this year's Bradman Birthday Luncheon function at Bowral on 27 August. Our gold partners Events World Wide have made all the arrangements including flights, car and accommodation. Next time you are planning a holiday interstate do consider using them as they take the pain out of planning, and go that extra yard for you, matching and beating any last minute price from any rival travel firm. Victoria Radford is our expert contact at EWW. She can be contacted on 1300 788 666.

Meet Our Gold Partners

MCLARDY MCSHANE INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Recently I had a query about a ballooning premium on a longtime life insurance policy. I sent it to McLardy McShane for a comparison and within 72 hours they presented me a number of alternatives to consider... I ended up saving \$500 on a \$3995 like-for-like policy with one of the nation's biggest and most reputable insurers. Don McLardy, from our gold partners McLardy McShane, runs a "one-stop shop" for all general insurance and financial services needs. Don and his team are specialists in all classes of business and personal risk insurance including income protection and life insurance. They provided me no-nonsense, sensible and professional service.

All members of the McLardy McShane team are experts in their field. All I had to do was mention us, the Australian Cricket Society, and the advice in the area I wanted was soon forthcoming. It was an immediate win-win situation. The directors of McLardy McShane, Don and Mike, have been in business for two decades and as a joint entity for seven years. They employ over 25 specialist staff over five locations and pride themselves on personal, professional and long-standing relationships. Just one dealing convinced me that all

of our Australian Cricket Society members and friends – should they wish – should consider giving McLardy McShane an opportunity to explore their current personal and business insurances to provide a simple comparison.

I'm not asking any ACS member to swap insurers or ditch their trusted financial services experts, but one phone call would do little harm in seeing if the bills you are paying for insurances are fair and if your current covers meet your requirements.

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Free membership of the Melbourne Stars

ACS grandfathers and fathers who purchase a junior Cricket Society membership (\$30) for their loved ones have a bonus this month and next... a two-match membership of the Melbourne Stars Big Bash League club, absolutely free.

Contact **Wayne Ross** for details on 0416 983 888.

"IT WAS ONE OF THE GREAT DINNERS..."

The Australian Cricket Society's 47th Annual Dinner

FRIDAY, 30 MAY, 2014 – BARRY RICHARDS AND CHLOE SALTAU.

Over one hundred members, partners, sponsors and the families of award winners were present at the luxurious and well appointed reception rooms of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club in Glenferrie Road, Kooyong on the evening of Friday, 30th May last when the Society held its 47th Annual Dinner. We were fortunate to have as our principal guest of honour Barry Richards, the former South African Test batsman who also played for South Australia and Hampshire. To propose the Toast to Cricket the Society welcomed Chloe Saltau, the Senior Cricket Correspondent for the Melbourne "Age" newspaper.

The Toast to Cricket

Our President, Ken Piesse, after welcoming everyone to this our 47th annual dinner, lost no time in introducing to the gathering an old friend of the Society, **Chloe Saltau**, the senior cricket correspondent for the Fairfax Media Group. Chloe began her remarks by telling us that to precede **Barry Richards** in the batting order was a daunting task, but that she would do her best to hold up her end, so-to-speak. It most certainly would have been a privilege to be up the other end, as **Arthur Morris** would say, when Barry took 325 off **Lillee, McKenzie, and Lock** in a single day's play when he was appearing for SA in a Sheffield Shield match against WA in 1970. Chloe went on to say that it was also a great privilege to propose the Toast to Cricket in front of an audience which knows and loves cricket as much as the large group of people to whom she was speaking on this occasion.

Our speaker observed rather wisely that a cricket writer sees the game in a very different way from the way in which a cricket fan or somebody who merely regards cricket as a hobby might. She recalled that when she started in the job back in 2003-04 Australia was on top of the cricket world. Since then, she observed, cricket has gone just about full-circle, and once more Australia is near the top of the Test cricket world. The retirement of so many great players and the rugged years that followed that time when Australia was dominant have thrown-up uncomfortable questions, the answers to many of which have not been palatable.

Despite those uncomfortable years, Chloe had noticed that there was a certain sense of camaraderie among cricket journalists and people who travel the world working in cricket which she hadn't observed in those who followed other sports. She admitted that she had been bored by the middle overs of many meaningless one-day games the results of which she couldn't remember, although at the same time she could remember other one-day games which had completely captivated her. She even admitted that there were dull passages in many Test matches, even although Test cricket was her first love.

Recalling some of the international players whom she had interviewed during her time in cricket, Chloe mentioned in particular



Chloe Saltau with her cricketer husband Shane Brown from the MCC

Ricky Ponting who, although he was completely devoid of small talk, was the owner of one of the most sublime on-drives in the business. Another top Test cricketer whom she had enjoyed talking to was **Rahul Dravid**, who in defiance of the stereotypes of Indian cricket was a genuine independent thinker. She also mentioned **Dale Steyn** who, she said, didn't mind coming off the long run in conversation as well as on the cricket field.

Our guest speaker went on to observe that although cricket in many parts of the world is under threat from other sports, from its own competing formats, from political forces, and perhaps most of all from corruption, she was nevertheless optimistic about the future of cricket. In the same way that **Ryan Harris** should never

have been capable of bowling Australia to victory against South Africa with his kneebone poking through his skin, a hip that didn't work and numerous other ailments which we didn't know about at the time, he did it, and in the same way, she confidently predicted cricket was resilient enough to overcome these challenges and to thrive.

On that note, she called upon all present to be upstanding and to drink with her the toast "To Cricket". Her audience enthusiastically rose to their feet and joined our guest speaker in raising a toast to the great and noble game of cricket.

Recent Activities & Events



AWARDWINNER:
Sophie Molineux with Ken Piesse

The Presentation of Awards.

The President, Ken Piesse, read out a citation of the achievements of the various award winners, who in turn thanked the Society, their families and friends for their support. The following awards were presented:

THE YOUNG CRICKETERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Steve Mason Trophies

Male Award: Matt Short (East Ballarat, Northcote and the Australian Under 19 Squad.)

Female Award: Sophie Molineux (West Bairnsdale, Dandenong and Victorian Under 18 Squad.)

Achievement Award: Jack Sheehan.

The ACS Best Cricketer Award – The Box-Grainger Trophy: Les Pimm.

The Richard Elvins Memorial Trophy for the Best Over 60s Cricketer: Des Lloyd

Barry Richards

Before Barry Richards spoke to us we were privileged to be able to watch, courtesy of film archivist Glenn Gibson, some clips of Barry batting when he was in his prime. In particular we saw film of him playing for South Australia in that celebrated match against Western Australia in 1970 when he made his highest first-class score of 356.

Barry told us about his very early days as a young boy when he practiced batting in his father's garage with a golf ball and a 12-inch bat. Being an only child he had nobody else to play with, so of necessity his skills were sharpened quite rapidly because if he missed the ball he had to go a long way to fetch it through the open garage door.

1963 was a key year in the development of Barry's skill level and love for the game of cricket because in that year he was fortunate enough to tour England with the first South African schoolboys touring team. He benefited greatly under the wise and astute leadership of Jackie McGlew, a former South African Test captain, who was in charge of that tour.



Barry Richards With ACS President Ken Piesse

Our guest of honour spoke long and lovingly of his ten years at Hampshire in the English County competition. This experience loomed larger than might otherwise have been the case because of the sad lack of Test cricket opportunities in Barry's life as a result of the banning of South Africa from international cricket as part of the

anti-apartheid movement. This occurred during Barry's prime years as a first-class cricketer. He recalled particularly his colourful and rewarding partnerships with Gordon Greenidge at the top of the Hampshire batting order during the late 1960s and the 1970s. Playing for Hampshire helped in some small way to compensate for the lack of Test cricket in Barry's life. Rather forlornly Barry, looking back on his playing career, remarked about how everyone asked him why he retired after playing only four Test matches at the age of only 22. The reason was that he couldn't find any other country which was willing or able to play against South Africa at this time.

Understandably the coming of Kerry Packer onto the international cricket scene in the late 1970s and the formation of World Series Cricket was an absolute godsend to Barry Richards and the other top South African players. Kerry was signing up the best 60 players in the world to play independently of the various national cricket boards. Barry and his South African colleagues couldn't get their pens out quickly enough to sign and become part of the Packer cricket entourage. There's a lot to be said about Kerry Packer. He didn't know a huge amount about cricket, but he knew a lot about television and where he wanted to go with it, and of course, the fight with the cricket establishment was over television rights. Ultimately Packer won this fight. Packer wanted Barry to play in the Australian squad, but Ian Chappell, to his credit said "He's not Australian. We don't want him in our team." So Barry Richards ended up playing for the Rest of the World team.

Packer wanted to know what he could do to get Barry established in life. Barry took his courage in both hands and boldly told the great man that he wanted a \$30,000 interest free loan over ten years, and he wanted permanent Australian residency. True to his word, Kerry delivered on both these requests.

When the three World Series sides started to play against each other it soon became apparent that the white ball was difficult to see against the white uniforms of the cricketers. Kerry decreed that they would change the colour of the uniforms worn by the cricketers but not the white ball which could be seen better at night. So were born

the powder blue of the Rest of the World, the green and gold of the Australians and, ultimately, the red of the West Indian squad. Many of the changes introduced by Packer in World Series contests have become permanent fixtures in the modern game.

Barry finished his talk by retailing to us a couple of jokes that have done yeoman service over the years since they were first told. Several of the World Series cricketers were once in a pub enjoying a nightcap when they were accosted by a small group of girls. They looked up at the massive size of Joel Garner, and asked him how tall was he? Joel truthfully answered "I'm 6 foot 10." To which the girls wonderingly observed "Your arms are all in proportion – your hands, your feet. Is everything in proportion?" To which Joel, as quick as a flash retorted "Lady, if everything was in proportion, I'd be 8 foot 6, not 6 foot 10!"

Our guest of honour concluded his talk on a jocular note by telling us a well known joke featuring Sir Donald Bradman. Barry was sitting next to Sir Donald in the old press box at the Adelaide Oval watching a Test match between England and Australia when a young colt reporter sidled up to the great man and asked him whether he could interview him. Sir Donald refused the request, but did consent to the extent that he told the young hopeful that he could ask him one question. Nothing daunted, the young reporter asked Sir Donald "How would you go against this English team?" To which Sir Donald replied "I think that I would average 65." Nonplussed, the young fellow responded "But you averaged 99.94 over the whole of your career, and yet you say that you'd only average 65 against this England side." Bradman's final response was "Well, I am 78 years of age now!"

After prolonged applause mixed with laughter from his enthralled audience our guest of honour was thanked for his fascinating talk by ACS vice-president, Ian Hammet. He then made a small presentation to Barry on behalf of his audience who had been thoroughly entertained by one of the best speeches in nearly fifty years at Australian Cricket Society dinners.

Recent Activities & Events

The ACS – MCC Library Group Ashes Film Night Wednesday, 2 July, 2014

Hans Ebeling Room, MCG

There was an enthusiastic and knowledgeable cricket audience of over one hundred members and friends of the two sponsoring groups – the Australian Cricket Society and the Melbourne Cricket Club Library Group – present in the Hans Ebeling Room at the MCG on the night of Wednesday, 2nd July, 2014 to watch an excellently produced documentary film of the Australians 1934 Ashes Tour of England. The film was presented to us by Glenn Gibson, the well known cricket film archivist, who also commented on the action.

In the opening few minutes before he actually started showing us the film, Glenn set the scene. The Australian tourists were led by Bill Woodfull and Don Bradman. Their leading players included Ponsford, McCabe, Oldfield, Grimmett and O'Reilly. It was appropriate, Glenn told us, that we were meeting that night in the Hans Ebeling Room because Hans Ebeling had been one of the Australian tourists, who had played in one of the Test matches of that English summer. In the absence of Jardine, who had resigned the captaincy after the controversial Bodyline series in Australia the previous year, and Larwood, who had refused to apologize for his bodyline bowling under Jardine and was therefore on the outer, England was led by two lesser known amateurs Wyatt and Walters. Their main players in these 1934 Ashes Tests were Sutcliffe, Hammond, Hendren, Geary, Farnes, Leyland and Verity.

The film, which included some original footage shot by the Australian Team Manager Harold Bushby, started off by depicting some of the play in the lead-up matches and then in succession showed us play in each of the Tests. These matches in the main were played in a good spirit compared with the controversial nature of the preceding Bodyline series. For a cricket-loving audience such as Glenn Gibson had on that memorable night it was sheer heaven watching the great players of both sides playing the game as best they knew it at the time. Just about all the players who were featured in this excellent documentary played their cricket before most of us were born. But we had read about these heroes of another age and most of us felt that we knew them by reputation if not in the flesh. The film was quite a revealing social commentary on the times. This added considerable depth to the value of the film as a record of everyday life in England during the middle 1930s. For the record, Australia won the series 2 games to 1.

General News

Cricket Related Queen's Birthday Honours

The Editor is grateful to Dr Greg McKie for informing him of the awards made in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List to the following men who have given a lifetime of service to cricket: **Donald Seccombe, AM Anthony (Tony) Bennenworth, OAM. Gregory Duffy, OAM, John Maxwell Henry OA, Arthur Soper, OAM**

We congratulate these men on their awards.

The ACS Logo

A number of members over the years have asked what is the meaning of the symbolism in the Australian Cricket Society's Logo. In the interests of better informing the membership on this matter, I can set down the following interpretation, as I took part in the discussions which resulted in the adoption of the Logo back in 1967, the founding year of the Society:

Looking at the top of the shield which bears our Logo you will see a large golden star and above it in a line, five smaller stars. These six golden stars represent the six Sheffield Shield playing states. The large star in the centre of the shield represents Victoria because the Australian Cricket Society was founded in Melbourne and the founding fathers of the Society wanted to give prominence to that fact. Therefore we made Victoria's star bigger than those of the other states which are represented by the five smaller stars arranged across the top of the Logo.

The golden balls clustered around the stem in the centre of the Logo represent club cricket at all its various levels throughout the country deriving nourishment from the life blood of cricket which is the large supporter base of cricket lovers throughout the nation.

Lastly, the fern fronds which spring from the bottom of the cricket plant represent the vast army of cricket supporters and cricket lovers – the cricket loving public – without whose continued interest and support the great and noble game of cricket would wither and die on the vine.

Do you, the members, like our Logo and the above interpretation of its meaning? The Editor and the ACS Committee would be interested in hearing your thoughts on the subject.

Any correspondence on the Logo should be addressed to the Editor, Doug Manning at dmanning8@bigpond.com.



General News

James Astill Wins the English Cricket Society and MCC Book of the Year Award for 2014.

At a glittering ceremony at Lord's last April the English Cricket Society and Marylebone Cricket Club Book of the Year Award went to James Astill for his book "The Great Tamasha" which is about India's mass cricket habit from the corridors of cricketing power to the lowliest Mumbai slum. Other authors on the English short list for this year's award were John Barclay, Brian Halford, Malcolm Knox and Robert Winder.

News of Members

More on the great Bob Seymour

In the Autumn issue of "Scoresheet" we mentioned that ACS member Bob Seymour had been honoured at a 50 Year Luncheon which Cricket Victoria gave to long-serving cricket people last March. Since then Bob has supplied us with a little more detail about his 50 years of service. He started playing cricket with Erica in the Central Gippsland Association in 1954. In 1963 he moved to Melbourne where he played for Footscray ANA before starting to umpire in the junior grades.

Bob continued his umpiring career in the VJCA (now the VTCA) after which he was promoted to serve as an umpire in Sub-District cricket where eventually he was awarded Life Membership. After umpiring women's cricket for 5 years he moved back to Sub-District.

Bob has also umpired Country Week for 30 years. Over the years he has also umpired matches in New Zealand, South Africa, Germany, Scotland, and England, including one memorable game at Windsor Castle.



A REPORT ON OUR WINTER NOSTALGIC LUNCHEON HELD IN AUGUST WITH GRAEME WATSON WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE

New Members

Since the last issue of "Scoresheet" was published during May the following new Senior Members have joined the Society: **David Breheny, Brian Clarke, Stephen Pitcher, and Peter White.**

In addition, the following Junior Members have joined the Society: *Zac Calvi, Max Delaney, Jay and Dev. Jhamb, Marcus Kane, Marcus Rotundo, Kevin Seth, Kyle van Raay, Miles Selenger, Kai. and Clayden Turner, and Jonathan Vincent.* The above Junior Members also receive two-match memberships with the Melbourne Stars Big Bash League Club during the forthcoming 2014 – 15 cricket season.

We welcome these new members into the Society and express the hope that they enjoy the fraternity.

Any changes in address or email address details should be conveyed to:

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DAVID JUKES FOUNDATION MEMBER AND DEDICATED CRICKET LOVER

David Jukes epitomizes what it means to be a dedicated and devoted follower of the game of cricket. He was one of the Society's Foundation Members way back in 1967 when the Australian Cricket Society was founded under the leadership of Radcliffe Grace as President and Andrew Joseph as Secretary. He was one of the early Treasurers of the Society and served for quite some time on the ACS's Committee. David was instrumental in securing the Charles Lux Pavilion at the Prahran Cricket Club as the Society's meeting place for most of its functions during the 1970s. In more recent years David has been an enthusiastic tourist on two of Ken Piesse's Ashes Tours of England - in 2009 and 2013 - and he hopes to go again in 2015.

The deadline for inclusion of material in the Spring, 2014 issue of "Scoresheet" is Friday, 10 October, 2014. The Editor's home telephone number is (03)9876 3909. His email address is dmaning8@bigpond.com

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30 OCTOBER**



**'KEN LIVES, EATS AND BREATHES
CRICKET LIKE FEW I KNOW.'**

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KEN PIESSE

FOREWORD BY RICKY PONTING

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A trip of a lifetime

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JOIN OUR OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN CRICKET SOCIETY TOUR AT THE ASHES 2015



Our 2015 Ashes tour promises to be yet another adventure in paradise for our Australian Cricket Society Members and Friends.

You are invited to join Susan and I for four fun-filled weeks in Ireland, Wales, England and Amsterdam.

It's a delightful mix of cricket, culture and culinary delights with unforgettable sight-seeing. You will make new friends and have a lifetime of memories.

Our 2015 itinerary has again been expertly coordinated by our longtime ACS travel partners Events Worldwide Travel and includes the very best the UK has to offer from the Emerald Isle onto Cotswold's country and beyond.

For 26 nights and 27 days, you will marvel at the breathtaking scenery of Ireland and Wales through to the splendor of London and onto the magnificent waterways of Amsterdam. It truly is a trip not to be missed.

You will kiss the Blarney Stone, experience canal tours and ferry rides, sample a pint of Guinness or three, indulge at a special Medieval Dinner at Ruthin Castle and much, much more.

We have 7 nights in Ireland, 1 in North Wales, 6 in Cardiff, 2 in Bath, 7 in London and 3 in Amsterdam.

This is our 4th fully escorted ACS tour and is jam-packed with highlights, including tickets to each and every day of the first two Ashes Tests in Cardiff and at Lord's as Michael Clarke's lads look to retain the coveted Ashes Urn.

Our full travel itinerary has been arranged by our travel partners Events Worldwide. Events will also help arrange extra travel should you wish to luxuriate longer in the northern summer.

For those who love to explore, we cater for you too. The high-summer sales in London are always incredible... the Crown Jewels... Buckingham Palace... the West End... it's all just so good.

From High Tea at the ever-fashionable Ritz to a welcoming dinner with the English Cricket Society and an Events Worldwide celebrity dinner in London, this promises to be a special month in everyone's lives.

We tour as one big extended family in luxury coaches, stay at some magnificent hotels and enjoy the local tipples and fare - and all for just \$11,750 (plus taxes) per person twin or double share. Single occupancy \$2767 extra.

Many of our confirmed 2015 tourists have been with us before and we look forward to re-welcoming them **and you** as part of a very special Ashes fraternity in July.

The next Ashes tour isn't for another four years, so while you are fit and able, do join us for the ride of a lifetime. Nothing beats being there!

- **KEN PIESSE**, president, ACS



Your hosts **KEN & SUSAN PIESSE...**
this is their 6th trip to the UK



THE TESTS

Cardiff - 1st Test, July 8-12

Lord's - 2nd Test, July 16-20

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Sun 28 June - MELBOURNE to DUBAI

18.30 Latest check in at Tullamarine Airport.

21.25 Qantas flight **QF8407** Departs Melbourne, non-stop, code sharing with Emirates: A380

Mon 29 June - DUBAI to DUBLIN (D)

05.25 Scheduled arrival time in Dubai to remain in transit for the next flight. The airport in Dubai, Terminal 3, is brilliant for shopping.

07.25 Qantas flight **QF8161** departs Dubai. This is a code share flight with Emirates: Boeing 777 non-stop to Dublin.

12.05 Scheduled arrival time in Dublin.

After clearing Immigration and collecting your luggage, meet in the Arrivals Hall where signage will be provided by Tour Hosts & organisers Ken and Susan Piesse. Our Touring Coach will transfer us to the West Coast of Ireland. The travel time is around 2.5 hours. You may like to purchase a sandwich at the airport.

16.00 Estimated arrival time in Galway.

Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa

Galway is the fourth largest populated city in Ireland and was established as a port and fort in the late 12th Century. These days it's better known for its music festivals, cultural activities and of course its world famous Galway Pipe. Welcome to fascinating, compelling, unforgettable Ireland.

A three-course Welcome Dinner and a glass of wine is included tonight before retiring to rest after your long flight from Australia.

Tue 30 June - GALWAY to ADARE via LIMERICK (B)

09.00 The coach departs after breakfast and we are sure to be sure that you will be up and about early to enjoy your first full day in the 'ol Emerald Isle.

MAJESTIC: Ireland's wild, woolly and wonderful west coast



SHOPPING HEAVEN: The Gift Box, special gifts for special occasions

11.00 Estimated arrival time in Limerick where we will visit King John's Castle. After the Castle, free time is available for you to enjoy lunch at your leisure.

15.00 The coach departs Limerick for the short 15-20 minute drive further south to the quaint village of Adare. With a population of just 2000, Adare is known as one of Ireland's prettiest villages. Ken and Susan rate it as a 'must' see - so we're staying the night to enjoy the vibe of local village life first hand.

Fitzgerald's Woodlands House

Your 3-course multi-choice dinner tonight is downstairs at Timmy Macs Irish Bistro at \$E25 a head. We've had a sneak peak at the menu and it's sensational. After entre, we're going to have Supreme of Irish Chicken stuffed with Wilmot's Sausage Meat on a bed of Colcannon with a Whiskey Jus & in-season vegies plus Warm Chocolate Fudge Cake with chocolate sauce and Adare Farm vanilla ice-cream. Might have to go on an early morning run before breakfast tomorrow....



'The holiday of holidays... we're in again for 2015,'

- RHONDA & WAYNE ROSS



Wed 01 July - ADARE to KILLARNEY

09.00 The coach departs after breakfast and check out. As the green crow flies, it's only an hour or so to Killarney but we're here to sample and delight in the sights and incomparable Irish countryside... so it's off to the coast we go with the first stop at the famous golf destination of Ballybunion. Long drive competition anyone?

We will conduct a little orientation tour of the seaside resort town located in County Kerry and take a look at the famous golf links for a few further irresistible photo opportunities.



PUB CRAWLING: What a way to go...

Then it's off south to Tralee, famous for its Rose of Tralee Festival held annually since 1959. On the northern side of the Dingle Peninsula we are still in County Kerry and in the largest town in the County. Typical to the Irish West Coast fabulous golf links abound. Time will be taken here to take a look around the town centre and enjoy lunch in a local café or pub. It could be time to sample a pure Irish Guinness or two.

15.00 The coach departs Tralee for Killarney, also in County Kerry. The travel time is around 30 minutes.

Killarney is located on the northern shore of Lough Leanne (a lake), which is part of the stunning Killarney National Park. The area is known for its exquisite beauty. Make sure your camera or Ipad is fully charged!

Wed 01 July - ADARE to KILLARNEY (B)

On arrival in Killarney we will conduct an orientation tour of the town and also, with a local expert, visit Muckross House, the Folk Museum & Gardens before checking into our accommodation.

Hotel Brehon

Dinner tonight is under your own steam and there are plenty of choices in this picturesque and colourful town.

Thu 02 July - THE RING OF KERRY (B, L)

09.00 Today is a full days sightseeing by coach of the scenic **Ring of Kerry** with a local guide who will explain the history and culture of the region. Rest assured this will be a fantastic day out, one you will never forget.

A highlight is 'Ladies View' which is a spectacular view of three lakes. It was named after a visit by Queen Victoria's ladies in waiting during their 1861 visit to the area.

Luncheon is included in a local restaurant today.

After lunch, continue the tour before returning to our hotel for the evening and dinner at your leisure.

Fri 03 July - BLARNEY STONE and CORK (B)

09.00 After another magnificent Irish breakfast, check out and pay any incidentals. Make sure you have cleared your hotel room safe for valuables. Our coach departs for Cork but first we intend stopping at the famous Blarney Stone located at Blarney Castle. Legend has it when you kiss the stone, which is part of the Castle wall, you will receive the gift of the gab (eloquent speech). This may not always be the case after a few pints of the local brew!

We will arrive in the city of Cork around lunchtime.

Hotel Clarion

Our accommodation is in the centre of Ireland's second largest city enabling easy access to the cities attractions, shopping and entertainment.

OUR EUROPEAN ADVENTURE COSTS

The main tour price is \$11,750 per person twin or double share. Single occupancy \$2,767 extra. Airline taxes are estimated between \$850-\$950 per person and will be advised on your final invoice along with any extensions you may undertake in addition to the main tour.

You need to travel out with the group but you can extend afterwards and Events Worldwide have 6 night/match ticket packages at all other Tests starting at \$2298 per person in Trent Bridge.

Payment schedule:

\$2500 non refundable deposit
30 Nov stage payment \$1500
30 January stage \$2500
30 April Balance and taxes

To make a booking on this tour please provide exact passport names, your billing address and any further details we need to know plus your phone contact. We will then issue a confirmation letter and deposit invoice.

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- Luggage allowance: 30kg per person. We suggest you travel 'lighter' than that, especially with all the summer sales on.
- Flight schedules are based on current information and may be updated.
- Please make sure your Passport is valid for at least six months *after* your return date to Australia.
- No visas are required for Australian Passports. If you have a different Passport please contact Victoria Radford at Events Worldwide.
- Please note that our duty-free gold partners JR Duty Free in Swanston St. provide excellent discounts on a range of items from Ipads on.
- Our featured hotels are all '4 star' and centrally located ... please note that they are subject to change

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JOHNNIE FOX'S: Is Ireland's 'highest' pub, with traditional Irish music nightly, famous Irish dancing ('The Hooley Show') and an amazing food restaurant

Sat 04 July - CORK to DUBLIN via WATERFORD (B)

09.00 After breakfast and checking out, the coach departs Cork heading westward towards Dublin.

It's a two hour journey to Waterford, Ireland's oldest city, world-famous for its handcrafted crystal. On arrival we will conduct a city tour as well as a visit to the Waterford Crystal Factory.

Time will be available to have lunch in Waterford before we head north to Dublin - a journey time of less than two hours.

Arriving in the Capital, Dublin we will head directly to our hotel where we will stay for the next two nights.

Pembroke Townhouse

This evening is free to explore Dublin or simply relax and unwind at the hotel after a long day on the road. Like most of the major cities we will visit the **Hop On Hop Off Buses** are very popular.

Sun 05 July - DUBLIN (B, Special D)

Today is a free day to explore the city at your leisure. This way you can do what suits you and it gives you some well-earned free time for shopping and sightseeing. You might visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College or the Old Jameson Distillery. There is also a Guinness Storehouse tour, so lots of choices!

18.00 Our coach departs for dinner tonight at Johnnie Fox's Pub where a traditional Irish meal and show is included. Drinks are available from the bar. Enjoy traditional Irish hospitality on a night to remember!

22.30 Estimated return time to the hotel.

Mon 06 July - DUBLIN to NORTH WALES (B, D)

After breakfast check out of the hotel and ensure all your travel documents are readily at hand to use today.

TBC Coach departs the hotel.

TBC Arrive at the Ferry Terminal for boarding as a foot passenger. The ferry trip takes just under four hours. We'll have lunch on board, with the Fines Committee holding court (**SUSAN SAYS: only the men pay fines....**)

Mon 06 July - DUBLIN to NORTH WALES (B, D)

TBC Arrive in North Wales at Holyhead, where we will meet our new coach and driver to load our luggage and head off again.

We will travel for just under two hours via the Snowdonia National Park to our hotel in Ruthin. Welcome to Wales, God's Own Country

Ruthin Castle Hotel, tel: +44 (0) 1824 702 664

Ruthin Castle is a retreat located in parkland in North Wales. Steeped in history the hotel has a romantic charm. You will love the character and revel in the ambience of the castle hotel.

TBC Dinner is included tonight - be prepared for a fantastic night out in a Medieval Castle!



TRULY MEDIEVAL: Ruthin Castle, a wonderful welcome to Wales

Tue 07 July - RUTHIN to CARDIFF (B)

09.00 We depart the hotel on our coach bound for distant Cardiff. The journey time is around four hours and we will add to that a little with a casual stop for lunch en-route.

We travel today through the very heart of Wales, most of the countryside being farming country and mountainous escarpments. A highlight is travelling through the stunning Brecon Beacons National Park offering fabulous views of the Welsh Valleys.



HAPPY CAMPERS: John and Barbara Leckey with tour leader Susan Piesse, 2009

Mid afternoon sees our arrival in party town Cardiff and check in to our hotel for the next six nights. You will love every moment in the city of song from the cricket and Cardiff Castle through to the summer sales... and the food market which is a beauty. Party on everyone!

The Royal Hotel

TBC Tonight includes a welcome function - details to come

'We saw some beautiful places that we hadn't visited before and revisited some old haunts,'

- BOB & HELEN LYON



Wed 08 July - CARDIFF (B)

Day 1 of the first Test at picturesque Sophia Gardens/Swalec Stadium, home to the Glamorgan County Cricket Club. It's a magnificent batting pitch. Win the toss and cash-in. The ground is on the River Taff, an easy walk through some magnificent gardens from our city hotel. Last time around, when the 2009 Ashes started at Cardiff, England saved the Test when tailenders Monty Panesar and Jimmy Anderson somehow batted the final 40 minutes. It was high-tension, gripping cricket. May this match be as equally memorable.

CARDIFF JOY: Ben Hilfenhaus (above) last time around and (left) scenic Sophia Gardens on the banks of the beautiful River Taff. Right: Tour leader Ken Piessie among the Welsh rugby heroes at Millennium Stadium, 2009
Glamorgan CCC/Patrick Eagar/
Australian Cricket Summer Tour Guide



Thu 09 July - CARDIFF (B)

Day 2, first Test

Fri 10 July - CARDIFF (B)

Day 3, first Test

Sat 11 July - CARDIFF (B)

Day 4, first Test

Sun 12 July - CARDIFF (B)

Scheduled Day 5, first Test. If the cricket happens to finish early, Ken and Susan will suggest a range of alternatives such as a River Cruise or maybe a tour of the magnificent Millennium Stadium. There are so many choices.

SUSAN'S STATS FACT: Michael Clarke's record with Test tosses: 21/16. He has batted 17 times and bowled 4 times, winning three of these four Tests in which he sent the opposition in. His overall captaincy record is 19/11/7. This is his first Test as Australia's captain in Wales. It's amazing what you can learn on Google!



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Mon 13 July - CARDIFF to BATH (B)

11.00 After breakfast check out and ensure your valuables are all removed from your room and in your possession!

Our coach takes us over the Severn River Bridge where we depart Wales and enter picturesque England. Look for the wildflowers along the roads and the magnificent rolling hills. The Roman City of Bath is a perennial highlight on any trip to

Wed 15 July - BATH to LONDON (B)

10.00 After check-out, our coach departs Bath heading for fabulous, London where we will stay for six nights. The journey should take around 2.5 hours at the most, dependent on the traffic. We arrive in London around lunchtime, Test-eve. If our rooms aren't ready, a bar meal at the hotel may be just the medicine!



TOURING DELIGHTS: Scenic Bath CC (top left) and Ken Piesse (far right) at the toss of the coin at Meopham Village Green. Our 2009 tourists (directly above and right) enjoying some r & r at Bath. We travel as one big happy, caring family.

the UK and you will love the vibe of this ancient and memorable city. **SUSAN'S MUST-SEE:** The Roman Baths and Pump Rooms.

We arrive in Bath around lunchtime enabling you to have lunch prior to check in to our hotel for two nights.

The Abbey Hotel

Whilst in Bath you will be issued with a **2 Day Hop On Hop Off Bus Pass** enabling you to see at your own pace all the sights of the city with audio commentary provided. This is the ideal way to sightsee at your own pace around this stunning and historical city. Just hop off and back on at various historical sites.

Tue 14 July - BATH (B)

A free day to enjoy the city sights with your bus pass. There is so much to see and do in and outside Bath which has just celebrated 200 years of Jane Austen's classic *Pride & Prejudice*. Walk up to The Circuit and have afternoon tea or an ice-cream on the lawns. The views are magnificent. Don't forget to slip slop & slap.

Marriott Regents Park

Our London hotel is situated in a pretty, tree-lined, residential area, within an easy 25-minute walk from wondrous Lord's. The nearest underground station is Swiss Cottage on the Jubilee Line, just one stop from St John's Wood, just a Dave Warner big hit from the ground. On arrival, Ken and Susan will issue each of us with a £20 Oyster Card, which offers fares up to half price on the local red buses and underground tube system. This can be topped up anytime at any station. It also offers various shopping and dining discounts. While in London we are looking to have High Tea at The Ritz and tea with The English Cricket Society near Trafalgar Square and the must-see Sherlock Holmes pub. More on that later.

Thu 16 July - LONDON (B)

Day 1, second Test. You have the hottest tickets in town today. Lord's, the home of cricket, is simply magnificent. This is its 130th Test match and you will be among a sell-out crowd of

*'It is hard to believe that we did so many things and saw so much.
We'll be back for sure,'*
- SUE & TERRY SWINGLER



no more than 30,000. Even weaker Australian teams lift for the occasion here, though England won in 2009 and again in 2013. The ground is privately owned by the Marylebone Cricket Club which numbers 18,000 members, many of whom will be sporting those garish egg and bacon ties! The ground's signature terracotta pavilion was built in 1890. ACS members who also hold Melbourne Cricket Club membership have reciprocal

Sun 19 July - LONDON (B)

Day 4, second Test. Enjoy using your Oyster card.

Mon 20 July - LONDON (B)

Day 5, second Test

Last time the Test finished in four days but our lads played poorly. Expect a far better showing this time around. Some will prefer to



rights to sit in the MCC members and visit the Long Room late in the match (*normally it's days 4 and 5*). You'll need a letter of introduction - and a jacket and tie! **Susan says:** Michael Clarke's average here? 47.12.

Fri 17 July - LONDON (B)

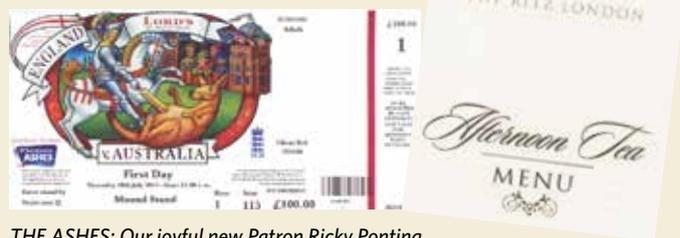
Day 2, second Test. Enjoy using your Oyster card.

TBC A laidback night with the English Cricket Society, a country-style smorgasboard, beer from an old-fashioned wooden keg and just a few short speeches or two from our UK cousins.

Sat 18 July - LONDON (B, D)

Day 3, second Test. Enjoy using your Oyster card.

A not-to-be missed Events Worldwide dinner is on after play tonight, full details to come. We're hoping ex-England spinner Geoff Miller will head up an allstar cast. Geoff is simply unmissable, the best of all current cricket speakers. He was just fantastic last time around at Hyde Park. Your dinner and drinks costs? Nil. The night is on Ken, Susan and the Events team.



THE ASHES: Our joyful new Patron Ricky Ponting (2005, top left) and a not-so-joyful Ricky (2009, Lord's). Above: our 2013 party include repeat tourists David Jukes, John Cullen, Ken and Susan plus Ken's friend of 35-plus years Allan Clarke (who is also pictured on the right). Immediate right: The menu at The Ritz where they played 'Waltzing Matilda' as we walked in for High Tea... fun? You betcha!

go shopping and do more sightseeing. Harrods, Kensington High St., Abbey Rd., The Crown Jewels; the choices are endless.

Susan says: Don't forget the West end shows... they are always a highlight. The Mouse Trap, for example, has been running continuously every night since 1952, for 26,000+ shows!

Tue 21 July - LONDON

Free day

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Wed 22 July - LONDON to AMSTERDAM (B)

TBC Coach departs for London Heathrow.

TBC Flight departs London for Amsterdam

TBC Arrive in Amsterdam.

On arrival clear Immigration and collect your luggage before re-grouping in the Arrivals Hall to meet your coach for the 30-40 minute transfer to your hotel for the next three nights. The adventure continues. Europe... brilliant one day, better the next...

NH City Centre

Amsterdam is one of Europe's most fascinating cities. The Canals are the lifeblood of the city and its design is based completely around this Canal system, which runs in a cyclical pattern from the centre of the city. Our hotel is very centrally located.

This evening is free to explore the surrounds and more details will be provided with your final documentation.



TRULY COMPELLING: The canals are the lifeblood of one of Europe's most wondrous cities

Thu 23 July - AMSTERDAM (B)

TBC This morning enjoy a half-day sightseeing Canal boat tour with audio commentary. You will also enjoy visiting a diamond factory with a guided tour before returning to the hotel.

Fri 24 July - AMSTERDAM (B, D)

Today includes sightseeing of the main attractions in Amsterdam including Anne Franks' House and the Hermitage. Lunch will be available at your own expense during the tour with some free time.

TBC End of Tour Farewell Dinner.

Dinner details will be provided later.

Sat 25 July - AMSTERDAM to AUSTRALIA

It's an early start today so ensure you are packed and ready the day before noting you can check out in the evening for a quicker departure today.

05.00 Our coach transfer departs for Schipol Airport, where on arrival we can check in immediately.

07.40 British Airways flight **BA423** departs Amsterdam to Terminal 5 in London where you will have plenty of time to transfer between Terminals as Qantas operates from the new Terminal 2. Your luggage will be tagged from



SOMEONE HAS TO DO IT: River cruising in Amsterdam

Amsterdam to Melbourne so make sure you have personal items with you on board.

12.35 Qantas flight QF10 departs London. This flight travels via Dubai with a short transit time. The same A380 aircraft operates through to Melbourne.

Sun 26 July - MELBOURNE or your final destination

21.35 Scheduled arrival time in Melbourne.

YOUR TOUR BONUSES will include

- 2015 Ashes Back Pack
- Ashes Water Bottle
- Sports Cap
- Ken Piessie's book *Great Australian Cricket Stories*

AND a new touring ACS polo shirt to suit men and women will soon be available for purchase.

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