

BRIGHTON & MID SUSSEX ACO

NEWS LETTER



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A word from our Chairman...

Our congratulations go to Matt French who has been appointed to the ECB 'D' list for the 2018 cricket season. His enthusiasm and tenacity for umpiring have at last 'paid off'



Matt umpiring a pre-season friendly last year, Sussex v Hampshire, Liam Dawson bowling.

As a result of this grading Matt will now be eligible to umpire County Second XI matches (1, 3 and 4 Day matches) and MCCU University matches where he will have the opportunity to umpire with first class umpires.

Matt's appointment may limit his availability for the Sussex League, but at least Duncan Fernley will be delighted - no doubt he'll need to purchase yet more kit and gadgets!

Trevor Burchell

One Night at The Museum

On 31st October 2017, 20 members of the BMSACO visited the 1st Central County Ground Museum for a guided tour by Jon Filby. Jon is the Curator of the Museum and is also Sussex Cricket Foundation Chairman.

Jon began by giving an overall picture of the development of the museum. Many members can remember the museum as the former groundsmen store and umpires

room. Now the area has been transformed into a compact and well organised museum.

The 1 ½ hour tour commenced looking back at the Australians visit around 1878, the career of CB Fry and James Horace Parks and observing the war memorial to Sussex Cricket. It is claimed that Sussex is the oldest Club in the world. The tour continued to look at the careers of James Lillywhite who was the first captain of England, Ted Dexter, Ranjitsinghe, up to and including cricketers past and present and an interactive section where you can find out more about the present players at the Club.

At the conclusion of the visit, our Chairman, Trevor Burchell, thanked Jon for the tour and the members thanked Jon in the usual way.

Following the museum tour, the members enjoyed a fish and chip supper followed by a session on 'How did we manage?' where there were some very lively discussions on the following topics:

- the 2017 Laws of Cricket and its implementation,
- weather interruptions during the season and overs calculation,
- Umpires and Captains discussion at the coin toss,
- wide ball deliveries in overs matches,
- Disciplinary issues at a number of matches
- when to report and not report incidents on the pitch

The BMSACO would like to thank Jon for the hospitality

Events in 2018

New Laws Familiarisation Seminars

25th February – The County Ground, Hove, 10:30am

7th March – The County Ground, Hove, 6pm

15th April – The County Ground, Hove, following the SACO AGM – 10:30am

Law Quiz...

Last questions answer was C. The umpires and the captain of the opposing side.

This quarters question is:

Where should the centre of each stump be pitched, assuming that the bowling creases have been marked at each end?

- A. In the middle of the bowling crease
- B. At the edge of the bowling crease closest to the popping crease
- C. At the edge of the bowling crease furthest from the popping crease.

Answer in the next edition

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[The MCC](http://www.lords.org/mcc/)

www.lords.org/mcc/

[Who's The Umpire? \(WTU\)](http://www.whostheumpire.com)

www.whostheumpire.com

[ECBACO Shop](http://www.ecbacoshop.co.uk)

www.ecbacoshop.co.uk

[Umpire's Match Cards & Accessories](http://www.cricketumpires.co.uk)

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Umpires! The game needs you



Training Course...

The B&MS ACO will be holding an umpire's training course in the spring of 2018 at the County Ground, Hove.

Stage One – Sunday 11th March 10am – 4:30pm

Stage Two – Sunday 25th March, 10am – 4 :30pm

If you know anyone who would like to attend, please get them to contact:

David Donner.

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or visit the ECB ACO website:



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