

HAMPSHIRE CRICKET SOCIETY

SPEAKERS 2019/20

This winter's speakers represent a judicious and interesting mixture of past, present and future. The programme opens with what is bound to be an absorbing evening as Tim Arlott will be talking about his father, John, who is still regarded as one of the greatest of all broadcasters. Also included in the schedule are two Test players – the immensely popular Vic Marks and Claire Taylor, whose career in the women's games is only rivalled by Charlotte Edwards.

WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2019, THE AGEAS BOWL (7.30pm)

The meeting will be preceded by the Society's AGM at 6.30pm.

The speaker will be **TIMOTHY ARLOTT**, whose talk is entitled – John Arlott – Radical. Our speaker has enjoyed a successful career in his own right, as a journalist on provincial newspapers as well as working in international television news. He has lived abroad during his career, most notably in Japan, Australia, Iran and France.

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2019, TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB (7.30pm)

JOHN MAY is Senior Lecturer, Sports Journalism, in Solent University's School of Business, Law and Communications, who once worked for BBC Sport. He will be giving a peek into the future of Cricket media coverage.

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019, TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB (2.00pm)

GRAHAME LLOYD returns with more information/reflection on the famous Gary Sobers/Malcolm Nash over at Swansea, particularly regarding the authenticity of the ball sold at auction.

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019, THE AGEAS BOWL (7.00pm)

VIC MARKS will be addressing members at their **ANNUAL DINNER**. He enjoyed, of course, a career with that romantic trophy winning Somerset team of the 1970s, which has now achieved almost mythical status. He played in six Test matches and 34 One-Day Internationals. He moved straight into sports journalism with The Observer, and later The Guardian, and Test Match Special. He has always been immensely popular in every facet of his life. His second volume of autobiography "*Original Spin: Misadventures in Cricket*", published this summer, is a most entertaining read, and is written with great sensitivity about the many controversial incidents in his career.

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2020, THE AGEAS BOWL (7.30PM)

Former England cricketer and now Chairman of the MCC Cricket Committee, **CLAIRE TAYLOR**, will be accompanied by **KEITH WALMSLEY**, Chairman of the Association of Cricket Statisticians and Historians. Both are members of the Reading Symphony Orchestra. Keith is also a member of the Society, and a published author. Claire Taylor played for England on 168 occasions and still holds the record for the highest score in a one-day international match, at Lord's, - by either gender – 156 not out against India in 2006. She was the first woman to be selected as Wisden's Cricketer of the Year, in 2009. Upon her retirement, Mike Selvey, writing in The Guardian, speculated that she was "perhaps the finest batsman the women's game has seen". She was inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame in 2018.

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2020 – TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB (2.00pm)

ALAN FORDHAM enjoyed a career as a prolific batsman for Northamptonshire. He previously addressed the Society in 1992. Since his retirement from the game, he has worked for the ECB and is now Head of Cricket Operations. Among his responsibilities is planning of the first-class fixture list.

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020 – TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB (7.30pm)

DAVID MILLNS will be remembered as a strongly built, skilful, opening bowler in that highly successful Leicestershire side that won the County Championship in 1995 and 1997. Many felt he was very unlucky not to have been selected for England during that period. His career for that County was sandwiched between two sessions with Nottinghamshire. He has been on the first-class Umpires' list since 2009.

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2020 – THE AGEAS BOWL (7.30pm)

Another man who played for two Counties, **TONY COTTEY**, returns to the Society for the last meeting of the winter. He enjoyed successful careers with Glamorgan and Sussex; being one of the few men to have appeared in championship winning teams for two different sides. He originally addressed the Society in 2009. He is currently Sussex's Business Relationship Manager.