



THE HAMPSHIRE CRICKET SOCIETY

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MEMBER UPDATE

After our enforced break, the Committee is actively preparing its 2021/22 programme and five speakers have already been booked. We have taken the opportunity to review the way we will hold our meetings, both for the benefit of our members and due to the restrictions placed on us post-Covid.

There will be two major changes to our meetings schedule. Firstly, we will no longer host meetings at The Ageas Bowl and secondly, all meetings will be held in the afternoon. For some time, we have been disappointed in our treatment at The Ageas Bowl, we have been unable to offer hot/cold drinks or alcohol to members and its atmosphere has become increasingly less welcoming. The tipping point was an increase in our room hire from £50 to £175 per meeting and the cost of the Christmas Dinner to be increased by almost £5.00.

We believe that Romsey Golf Club will be a good alternative venue to host four afternoon meetings. It can offer lunches to members, hot/cold drinks and alcohol, good access from the M27 and a Christmas Lunch at a more affordable price. It will help our meetings to be more sociable occasions. Test Valley Golf Club can no longer offer evening facilities so all three meetings there will be held in the afternoon.

There are several reasons for holding our meetings in the afternoon. Some of our speakers have specified their preference for them, other societies do so, and as a result, have higher attendances and several members have said that they dislike night-time driving. The downside is that members who are still in employment might not be able to attend. Most of our members are retired and we have little option considering the circumstances in which we find ourselves.

The preliminary dates for meetings are as follows:-

Romsey Golf Club Wednesday October 6th 2021 – 2.00pm AGM followed by speaker
 Wednesday October 27th 2021 – 2.00pm
 Wednesday December 8th 2021 – Christmas Lunch
 Wednesday March 16th 2022 – 2.00pm

Test Valley Golf Club Wednesday November 17th 2021 – 2.00pm
 Wednesday January 12th 2022 – 2.00pm
 Wednesday February 16th 2022 – 2.00pm

The subscription renewal pack and other details will be sent to current members early in September. If you have any comments, please send them to the Secretary at secretary@hantscricsoc.org.uk

John Hooper Hon. Sec.