

THE HAMPSHIRE CRICKET SOCIETY

SPEAKERS 2018/2019

This winter's programme of speakers is another exciting one, as indicated below.

WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2018 at THE AGEAS BOWL (8pm)

JOE WEATHERLEY has become a familiar face to Hampshire cricket supporters this summer, recording two centuries for the first-team. A former England Under-19 captain, he first made his mark for the County with both bat and ball in the Caribbean 50-over Competition last winter. He will be accompanied by the Society's new Patron, **JAMES TOMLINSON**. An entertaining evening is assured.

THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 2018 at TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB (7pm as preceded by the AGM)

DAVE ALLEN needs little introduction. Always an interesting and delightful speaker, he has written four books on Hampshire cricket in the last few years, the latest being an encyclopaedic A-Z of all Hampshire cricketers who have played for the first-team in all formats since the County was founded in 1863.

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018 at TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB (2pm)

MALCOLM NASH will always be remembered as the bowler off whom Garry Sobers hit six sixes in an over at Swansea in 1968. A left-arter, he bowled spin on that occasion; he became a very fine medium-pace bowler, exemplified by his taking a ground record 9/56 against Hampshire at May's Bounty, Basingstoke in 1975 and going on to take 14 wickets in the match. He has recently written his autobiography, *Not Only, But Also: My Life In Cricket* to coincide with the 50th anniversary of that legendary afternoon in Swansea. He was clearly not scarred by the event.

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2018 at THE AGEAS BOWL (7pm)

ANNUAL DINNER, at which the speaker will be the former Lancashire captain, **JOHN ABRAHAMS**. He was an attractive left-handed batsman and athletic fielder who played for Lancashire from 1973 to 1988. He captained the side in 1984 and 1985, and famously won the man of the match award in the Benson and Hedges Cup Final in 1984 for his leadership. He has since become a highly regarded coach and has established a reputation as an enterprising speaker. The perfect aperitif to the Society's Annual Dinner.

WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2019 at THE AGEAS BOWL (8pm)

MICHAEL STIMPSON has written a full-length biography on Hampshire's George Brown, whose all-round figures as batsman, bowler *and wicket-keeper* are unmatched by any man in cricket history. The book is exhaustively researched and well written. Few, if any cricketers, have been the subject of so many stories, which Michael Stimpson will undoubtedly reveal during what should be a fascinating evening. A review of the book *George Brown: England's Most Complete All-Round Cricketer* appears in the Summer Newsletter.

WEDNESDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2019 at TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB (2pm)

Hayley Green and John Shepherd (not the cricketer)

ECB Anti-Corruption Unit

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2019 at TEST VALLEY GOLF CLUB (8pm)

CHARLOTTE EDWARDS

Former captain of the England Women's Team

WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH 2019 at THE AGEAS BOWL (8:30pm)

CHRIS LEWIS hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons when he was arrested and jailed for drug smuggling. The event tended to overshadow his former feats on the cricket field as an all-rounder for England, Nottinghamshire, Surrey and Leicestershire, with a century and three five wicket hauls in test matches to his credit. He also led Leicestershire in over half of their matches when they won the County Championship in 1998 and appeared in Lord's finals. He was a seriously talented, though enigmatic, cricketer. His autobiography *Crazy: My Road to Redemption* has received very good reviews. His has been a life of highs and lows. An enthralling evening to conclude the winter programme is in store.

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