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## Future Dates 2024/25

**October 23 AGM  
followed by speakers  
Jon Filby & Peter  
Fitzboyden**

November 20 speakers  
"Sussex Legends" John  
Barclay, John Snow &  
Peter Graves

December 11 Christmas  
lunch speaker Graham  
Gooch OBE

January 15, speaker  
Jonathan Agnew MBE

February 19, speaker  
John Simpson, Sussex  
captain

March 19 speaker to be  
advised

Previous 2024/5 speakers  
July 7th Barry Richards  
Sept. 25th Jeff Thomson

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Firstly, congratulations to Sussex on clinching promotion to Division One of the County Championship after their eighth win of the season, and with a game to spare. More county reflections on the second page.

## Upcoming society events

**Afternoon Tea 20<sup>th</sup> November** This will be held in the Pavilion Long Room at 2pm. The speakers will be John Barclay, John Snow and Peter Graves who need little or no introduction and will be in conversation with Roger Dakin. This should be a highly entertaining afternoon.

**Booking Details for the Tea** Pre-booking including payment (**£22 per person**) is essential. To apply please contact, on this occasion, Ivor Evans - phone 07976 754411, email [sussex.scs@btinternet.com](mailto:sussex.scs@btinternet.com) (note the full stop between sussex and scs) or post **Beauchamps, Littleworth Lane, Partridge Green, RH13 8JF**, and by **10<sup>th</sup> November** at the latest. Early applications are recommended.

When applying please provide your name; names of anyone coming with you; any dietary / food allergy requirements for each person: who you would like to sit with and finally your selected payment method. Payment can be made by Bank Transfer (Sort Code 60-13-09 Account No. 57843570) please show "NOV TEA and your name" as the payment reference, or cheque payable to Sussex Cricket Society sent to Ivor with your application.

Even if you pay by transfer, please let Ivor know that you have paid. Transfer is our preferred method. Early booking is recommended.

Car parking will be free within the Ground for the Afternoon Tea with the usual parking warden being stood down. Members/guests must not leave their cars at the Ground post event, especially overnight.

Finally, the normal cancellation comment - if a booking is cancelled after **10<sup>th</sup> November**, any payment previously made will not be refunded.

**October 23rd** Afternoon Tea and AGM. Just a reminder that on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2pm in the Spen Cama Pavilion there is an afternoon tea with Jon Filby, Sussex Chair and Peter Fitzboyden Sussex CEO as speakers. The cost is £22 to cover catering costs. There may still be time to apply, if interested contact Martyn Levett (email and phone in the left hand column, or post 29 Chute Ave, High Salvington, Worthing, BN13 3DX) no later than 13<sup>th</sup> October. And for those attending the Tea, it follows the Society's AGM which is a members only event at 1pm same date and venue

**AGM** – some documents relations to the AGM are attached for members – the agenda, minutes from last year' AGM and Accounts.

Jeff Thomson Event About 80 were present - a full review will appear in the next newsletter.

. New member – Welcome to Nigel Adams

**Sussex news.** Already in the newsletter mention was made of Sussex gaining promotion to Division One in the County Championship, so some different and possibly more testing opponents for us to watch next year. Sussex have an opportunity to win the division two title in the last round of matches when Sussex face Middlesex at Hove. Recently there have been a couple of comprehensive wins over firstly Derbyshire and then Gloucestershire, amassing large totals in the first innings and dismissing the opposition chiefly twice. Jaydev Unadkat who again looks an outstanding left arm bowler, leading the attack and well supported by Ollie Robinson. The batting unit as a whole including the lower order have made considerable runs for instance John Simpson another big hundred against Derbyshire, Jack Carson contributing significant low order runs. Carson's runs have gone with a series of five wicket hauls with the ball emphasising his all-round development. Above all I suspect that Daniel Hughes's contribution at the top of the order getting the innings off to a solid start with impressive stroke play has been a real bonus.

So it came as some disappointment to hear that Hughes missed the game at Bristol and will also miss the final game of the season due to being called back by New South Wales in advance of their season. I notice that NSW's first one day cup game is on 22nd September with the Sheffield Shield season starting on the 8th October. Is this going to be a sign of difficulties in recruiting overseas players for a full English season with the increasing elongation off domestic seasons? For instance, the English county season now runs from very early in April through to virtually the end of September and the Australian season runs from late in September through to late March. Hughes' departure is unfortunate for Sussex but could possibly be a sign of domestic scheduling around the world.

Congratulations also to Surrey on winning the First division of the county championship their third in succession and with a round to spare. They continue to set the standards for others to follow.

**Vitality Blast T20s Finals day.** A disappointing day for Sussex losing to Gloucestershire in their semi-final, Gloucestershire, on paper before the day were possibly the weakest of the four sides, yet with good seam/swing bowling went on to be T20 champions. Sussex never recovered from losing Daniel Hughes early on and from that point on seemed to be on the back foot, still a good T20 season.

**Clubs – Sussex Premier League** – There were twists and turns in the last two weeks of the of the league season. On the penultimate Saturday Preston Nomads lost to East Grinstead (East Grinstead had a strong second-half of the season, had they matched it in the first half might well have been pushing at the top of the table). On the same day Three Bridges beat Middleton to go joint top with Nomads, would the count back decider come into play? At the foot Hastings had a comfortable win over Bognor giving them a chance to avoid relegation. So, to the final Saturday which was marred by rain, all games suffering to one degree or another. Nomads beat Cuckfield quite convincingly then Three Bridges went down by just sixteen runs to Roffey so congratulations to Nomads winning the title. At the bottom Bognor's game at East Grinstead was abandoned giving Hastings an opportunity of salvation if they could beat Horsham at home. Like all other games this was reduced in overs only for Hastings to suffer a last over one wicket loss to Horsham, this result saw Horsham finishing in second place above Three Bridges. This narrow loss for Hastings saw them join Worthing as the two relegated clubs. Promoted from Division 2 are Ifield (top of division 2) and Haywards Heath. So next season there will be no East Sussex club in the Premier League.

**Heritage Open days** have become the popular feature in England with various historical and other community places opening their doors to the public. This year the Sussex Cricket Museum was one of the local attractions open to the public offering a tour of the Country Ground hosted by Phil Barnes. Mark Dunford, both a local League umpire and a journalist was on the tour and recorded his day on film which can be viewed via the below link. Thanks to Mark and also to Sussex World who posted it for general viewing on the Sussex World You Tube channel