



West Surrey Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers

Webmaster's Report to Members
at the 2011 AGM
on 07 February 2012

Following a demonstration of the new website to the 2011 AGM, the content of the site was filled out and updated prior to its being launched in October 2011. The Association is offered my apologies regarding how long this took, but I hope the delay is made up to some extent for by the quality of the final product.

Users should now find what they are looking for much more easily. Association news now appears on the homepage, which seems such an obvious thing to do that I can't believe I didn't always have it this way! At a glance, members can see what's upcoming in the next month in terms of social meetings, read a brief summary of previous meetings and catch up on training and other news. As items get a little older, they are removed and archived in a document which is also accessible from the homepage, so if members ever need to remind themselves of what's happened before, they can easily do so. Old newsletters are linked from the homepage too.

The training pages have been revamped to provide individual pages for each course we offer, as this allows us to keep greater control over the accuracy of the content (which is still varying very frequently) as well as allowing new students to find the material they are looking for more easily.

The Executive Committee meeting of January 2012 agreed a that, following the 2012 AGM, we intend to post the AGM and Executive Committee meeting minutes online, making this policy from now on, in the spirit of full openness and transparency.

Other website contents, such as committee contacts and links to related organizations, have also been transferred to the new site. Graham Cooper's over cards, which were always advertised on the site, are now much more prominently placed, so members should check the site out if they need to replenish their stocks.

The change to the new site did necessitate some increase in the fee we pay as an organization to maintain it, and run the online training application form, for technological reasons. This increase was offset to a very significant extent by paying for five year's webspace in one go, for which there was a substantial discount.

Amongst the improvements was additional capacity, so the site will carry some photos from now on, although the Association's Facebook page remains the main repository for our images. In addition to Facebook, the Association now has a presence on Twitter. Short announcements and news are posted there from time to time, so if you wish to get the latest news first, do follow us.

As always, please let me know if you have any suggestions for improvements or additional content.

Website: <http://www.wsacus.co.uk>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Surrey-Association-of-Cricket-Umpires-Scorers/179874808718215>

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