

Cheltenham Cricket Society

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Chairman's Update

As we approach the end of this unique year, on behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy 2021.

In case you missed it at what is a busy time, I would like to thank everyone who responded to our "virtual" AGM. We comfortably met the quorum required for replies under our constitution, all the resolutions were passed and Ian Randall is now formally our new Secretary. Thank you to his predecessor, Martin Renshaw, for his contribution in the role.

With the Victory Club still unable to open we have taken the decision to postpone for now the Quiz scheduled to take place on January the 6th, and the speaker evening with Derek Pringle on January the 13th. As yet, no new dates have been fixed for either event.

However, after the positive feedback from the Will Brown Zoom meeting in October, author [Stephen Chalke](#) has agreed to do a [Zoom meeting evening](#) for us on [Wednesday January the 27th](#). Closer to the time we will email the Zoom log on code to Members who have renewed their CCS subscriptions. Others are welcome to come as Guests with a suggested donation of £5.

As a Vice President, Stephen is well known to us and his book "Through the Remembered Gate" about his life as a writer stretching back into the 1990's has been widely acclaimed. We hope as many of you as possible can join us, further details of how to do so will follow in the New Year.

Finally, you may have seen the sad news regarding [the passing of David "Taff" Powell](#), a long standing member of the Society who served for many years on the Committee and who also had a strong association with the Old Patesians. "Taff" was a constant face in the Old Pats marquee at the Cheltenham Cricket Festival and there is a warm tribute to him on their website which you can read here:

<https://www.pitchero.com/clubs/oldpatesians/news/taff-powell-2590052.html>
Our own tribute to Taff will be published in the New Year.

Stay safe over the festive period. With the early fixtures for the start of the 2021 cricket season now out, it gives a framework that hopefully will see cricket start on time in an improving situation in the spring.

Best Wishes
Chris Coleman