

Daffodill Cricket Tours 2008

This Summer the Balconiers will have been running Supporters Trips for followers of Glamorgan Cricket for 36 years. Although the format has changed as a result of the County Championship now in the main being played mid-week as compared to years ago when those games were played on the week-end with a Sunday League game in the middle, the trips are as enjoyable as ever. The downside to all this happens to be that we can no longer take advantage of the special week-end rates offered by hotels hence it is so difficult to obtain discounts when staying mid-week as one is competing with business people for the same accommodation. In order to keep within a reasonable financial budget I've decided to use "Ibis Hotels" on three occasions this coming summer. Those who came with us to Leicester last year were quite happy with the Ibis Hotel particularly as their rates are far more reasonable compared to other Hotel Groups such as the Hiltons, Holiday Inns etc. As you know the Balconiers have been running these trips for a long time and we very much hope that Glamorgan Members will continue to support them, as it is much more fun to watch the team as a group where one is able to enjoy a great social atmosphere! If anyone is unable to travel by coach for any reason, it may be because they live away from South Wales, they will be most welcome to join us at the Hotel and we would be pleased to have them join the trip on that basis. Provided we get adequate support it is proposed to run 6 Tours this Summer, therefore if I take them one by one-----

Tour 1:--The Lords Trip is always popular and we have managed to book the 4 Star Danubius Hotel which is just across the road from Lords. We took over 50 people to Lords last year so it's important to book early.

Tour 2:--Grace Road Leicester--everyone who came to Leicester last season had a lovely time and were of the opinion that staying at the "Ibis" gave them good value for their money, hence we intend using more of this Hotel Group this year.

Tour 3:--New Road Worcester--this venue is everyone's favorite and from experience it is desirable that we book an Hotel within walking distance of the ground, the good news is that we have managed to do this. The feedback I've been getting is that members don't like "Travel Lodges" and the last time we stayed at what was "The Giffard Hotel" now Travel Lodge many of us used the "Ye Olde Talbot Hotel" just down the road for our evening meals. Therefore it makes a lot of sense that we should use this Hotel totally this time round.

Tour 4:--Annual Colwyn Bay Trip. It's always a pleasure to stay at Llandudno as it is by far the best holiday resort in Wales. However we always seem to play in North Wales during the busiest holiday weeks of the year as a result Hotels understandably demand premium prices for accommodation. The "Imperial" now has gained 4 star status and their rates are currently as high as those in London. This Hotel is therefore too expensive so we've chosen to stay at the "Esplanade Hotel" instead.

The food at "The Esplanade" has always been good so we've been able to do a deal on Dinner B&B basis.

Tour 5:--We haven't been to Northampton as a Group for many years, as we play there during Bank Holiday week it will be a change to go there.

Tour 6:--Warwickshire is the last game of the season so I suppose there's nowhere better to end the season than at Edgbaston. Again it's a long time since we've played a Championship game at this Test Ground.

If our team is successful in any of the one-day competitions we will be again be arranging away trips for our Supporters.

JOHN WILLIAMS.

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Tour 1	Middlesex at Lords	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tour 2	Leicestershire at Grace Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tour 3	Worcester at New Road	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tour 4	Middlesex at Colwyn Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tour 5	Northants at Northampton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tour 6	Warwickshire at Edgbaston	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I / We wish to book for the tours indicated by (√) above & no. of people in party

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