

# ST HELEN'S BALCONIERS/ORIELWYR SAN HELEN



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## Daffodil Cricket Tours 2020 - Pre-Season Letter

To the Balconiers and all Supporters of Glamorgan Cricket

Dear Friends,

### Daffodil Cricket Tours 2020

Please find enclosed a schedule of the Balconiers 'Daffodil Cricket Tours' for season 2020, including notes on each tour. We have 5 trips in total next season. At the present time we do not intend running a trip to Durham, as it would have to be a 5 day trip which makes the Hotel prices extortionate. However should we be successful in the one-day competitions, and be drawn away, we will be arranging stay-away overnight trips for the quarter, semi- and final games.

We will be visiting a new ground when we will be playing Middlesex at Merchants Taylors Northwood, however we will be staying in the same Ibis Hotel in Borehamwood which is equidistance but in a different direction to last years ground at Radlett. We have been fortunate to negotiate the same price as last year particularly as the European Cup Semis are on at Wembley at the same time which creates a heavy demand for hotel rooms.

You will be delighted to find that we will be visiting Trent Bridge on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2020, a favourite ground of ours which we haven't had the opportunity of visiting for many years. We will be travelling up on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> ready for the opening over on the Monday

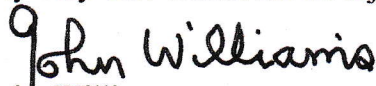
The Balconiers have been arranging stay-away trips since 1975 ie over **45 years!!** Consequently, we have gained valuable experience that has enhanced our reputation for offering the best value with regard to executive travel and accommodation of all the 18 counties. **This is something we are proud of and it is a testimony to the support given by you, the members, over all these years.** Your support over 4 decades has been exceptional.

Please read the notes written on each tour, which you will find on the back of the Daffodil Tour schedule.

- I must ask you to be mindful of the fact that all hotels these days ask us to sign formal contracts for Group accommodation and this involves sending them a deposit with the contract – as you are aware the Balconiers have never insisted on a deposit with your booking as such bookings have **always been taken on trust**. Cancellations made less than 28 days prior to arrival may be charged the full agreed rate.,All cheques for trips should be made payable to: **Daffodil Cricket Tours**
- Members are strongly advised to take out annual travel insurance to cover any unforeseen cancellations.

If you would like to join us on any of the trips please tick the appropriate box and return the schedule to me in the enclosed addressed envelope no later than the 31st January 2020. All supporters of the Glamorgan team are most welcome to join these trips including those supporters that live away from South Wales and who have the option to join us on a hotel-only basis. Thank you for all your loyal support over the years – it's much appreciated.

My very best wishes for an enjoyable cricket season.

  
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# DAFFODIL CRICKET TOURS 2020

Tour No	Date	Opponents	Venue	No of Nights	Hotel	Total Cost	Tick
1	<b>Depart</b> Thurs 7 May <b>Return</b> Mon 11 May	Sussex Specsavers CC2	1 <sup>st</sup> Central County Ground Hove	4	Hilton Metropole Promenade Brighton	£ 315	
2	<b>Depart</b> Sun 14 June <b>Return</b> Thurs 18 June	Nottingham CCC Specsavers CC2	Trent Bridge	4	Nottingham Sherwood Hotel- Mansfield Rd	£ 260	
3	<b>Depart</b> Sun 5 July <b>Return</b> Weds 8 July	Middlesex Specsavers CC2	Merchant Taylors Ground Northwood	3	Ibis Hotel London Elstree Borehamwood	£ 230	
4	<b>Depart</b> Sun 23 Aug <b>Return</b> Thurs 27 Aug	Nottingham CCC Specsavers CC2	Colwyn Bay Cricket Club	4	St Georges Hotel Llandudno	£ 340	
5	<b>Depart</b> Tues 22 Sept <b>Return</b> Fri 25 Sept	Worcestershire Specsavers CC2	County Ground New Road	3	Ye Old Talbot Hotel Worcester	£ 145	
5 a	<b>Depart</b> Tues 22 Sept <b>Return</b> Fri 25 Sept	Worcestershire Specsavers CC2	County Ground New Road	3	Premier Inn New Road Worcester.	<b>Room Only</b> £ 265	

*Prices above relate to cost per person sharing, with full English breakfast plus coach travel with the exception of Premier Inn Worcester*

**Please note that Hotels on all the above tours have a cancellation policy: 28 days prior to arrival.**

**I/We wish to book for the tours indicated by (✓)**

**Please return to:**

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**Please see notes overleaf -----PTO**



## Daffodil Cricket Tours Season 2020

### Notes:

**Tour 1: Hove.** We will be staying as we did last season at the posh **4-star Hilton Brighton Metropole**, which is located on the sea front. We will be staying four nights travelling up on the Thursday morning ready for the 4 Day game that starts on the Friday and returning on the last day Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> - This is an impressive Hotel and Guests have always had brilliant memories every time they have stayed there. I will endeavour as in past seasons to negotiate with the Ticketing Dept at Sussex trusting they will be able to supply us with a bulk purchase at a reduced price.

**Tour 2: Trent Bridge.** We expect considerable interest in this trip, since we haven't played on this Test ground for many a year. We will be travelling up on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> in readiness for the game that starts on the Monday. Returning on the last day of the game Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Nottingham Sherwood Hotel is a venue that we have memories of using back at the end of the 70's/80's and although it has changed its franchise name several times since. We are familiar with the area on the Mansfield Road and have fond memories of this hotel going back 4 decades.

**Tour 3: Middlesex at Merchant Taylors:** We haven't played a County Championship game here before. Merchant Taylors ground at Northwood is a large treelined public school ground. We will be staying 3 nights at the Ibis Hotel nr Elstree Film Studios Borehamwood which is just 15 minutes from the ground. We shall be travelling up on the Sunday and returning home on the last day Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>. I have managed to secure a good deal with the GM Anuj Sagar India Cricket fan !! particularly as the Semis of the European Cup are on at Wembley, hence a big demand for hotel rooms..

**Tour 4: Colwyn Bay.** You will be pleased to know that we will again be staying at the **4-star St Georges' Hotel**, located centrally on the Promenade with easy flat access to the nearby shops. As you will realise the St George's is considered to be one of the most reputable seaside hotels in Wales. I have booked a few upgrade sea view rooms of which some will also have a balcony. The upgraded rooms will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Members must be mindful that this Colwyn Bay attractive fixture against Nottinghamshire should attract a large crowd, hence the demand for hotel accommodation will be high. We will be staying 4 nights at the St George, travelling back to South Wales after breakfast on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

**Tour 5: Worcester** The New Road fixture is always a must visit venue in our cricket trips calendar. We will be using as per our trip schedule two hotels – our main hotel will be the Ye Olde Talbot which always gives the best value for money as we have stayed here for many years. It's by the Cathedral within easy flat access to the Shops. To those of you who have mobility issues we have booked a few rooms at the Premier Inn these rooms will be charged on a **room only basis** but will be at a higher rate than those at the Ye Olde Talbot where full English breakfast will be included in the price. Guests staying at the Premier Inn venue will be able to book a Meal Deal themselves.

Should Glamorgan reach the quarter/semi-finals of any of the one-day competitions and be drawn away it will be our intention as always to have an overnight stay.

**We are enclosing two copies of the trip list one for your retention and one for you to return in the addressed envelope listing those trips that you are interested in joining us. I would like to receive your choices of trips returned by 31<sup>st</sup> January.**