

ST HELEN'S BALCONIERS/ORIELWYR SAN HELEN



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Daffodil Cricket Tours 2023 - Pre-Season Letter

To the Balconiers and all Supporters of Glamorgan Cricket

Dear Friends,

Daffodil Cricket Tours 2023

Please find enclosed a schedule of the Balconiers 'Daffodil Cricket Tours' for season 2023, including notes on each tour. We intend running 5 trips in total next season which unfortunately doesn't include the trips to Headingley or Chester-le-Street as these would have to be at least five night stay trips. This would have made both travel and 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.

The 5 trips include visits to Leicester, Hove, Cheltenham Cricket Festival, Derby and Worcester. As you may imagine the present financial climate has made my negotiations with hotels and coach companies extremely challenging. **However, I have good news for you, in appreciation of your loyalty over the decades we have decided to make this season's trips more affordable to Glamorgan supporters. This summer's trips will be subsidize by the Balconiers by up to £4000 depending on the number travelling, thus using some of the money we have in the Daffodil Tours kitty.** I am also sure you will be pleased to see us visiting New Road Worcester again – you will note that we are using two hotels on this trip, our main hotel is Ye Olde Talbot where we have stayed at in recent years and which always give us the best value for our money, however for those who have mobility issues we have reserved a few rooms at the Premier Inn adjacent to the ground which will be a lot more expensive with the price quoted being room only compared to the Talbot where a full English breakfast is included.

The Balconiers have been arranging stay-away trips since 1975 i.e. over **48 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 is 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**. Please be aware that hotels now have a strict cancellation policy in that any cancellation made less than 28 days prior to arrival may be charged the full agreed rate, although I will do my best to negotiate in these situations. All cheques for trips should be made payable to: **Daffodil Cricket Tours and received at least 28 days prior to arrival.**
- Members are strongly advised to take out annual travel insurance to cover any unforeseen cancellations.

If you would like to join any of the trips please tick the appropriate box and return the schedule to me in the enclosed envelope.

My very best wishes for an enjoyable cricket season.

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