

OLD BLUNDELLIAN CRICKET CLUB Surrey Tour Tuesday 9th – Thursday 11th August 2022

Introduction

We are pleased to invite you to join our party for a short OBCC cricket tour in August.

We are looking forward to reviving the OBCC's tradition of touring. The Club had a one-week Midlands Cricket Tour for over 30 years until the late 1990's. We also had a memorable short trip to Paris in 1986.

The Cricket

Three high-quality fixtures have been arranged:

Tuesday 9th August at 11.30 am Guildford Cricket Club v OBCC

At The Sports Ground, Guildford GU1 4RP

This is Surrey CCC's second ground with a new pavilion and first class facilities. We are fortunate to have secured a game during the Guildford CC Cricket Week.



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Wednesday 10th August at 5.30 pm Holmbury St Mary CC v OBCC

Near Dorking RH5 6NR

Nestling in the Surrey Hills, this is the quintessential village cricket ground. There are magnificent views of the North Downs. We will play a T20 evening match.

Thursday 11th August at 1.30 pm Normandy Cricket Club v OBCC

At Hunts Hill Road, Normandy, Surrey GU3 2AH

This is a beautiful rural ground located between Guildford and Farnham. Normandy has emerged as one of the leading clubs in the Surrey Championship.



Tour HQ, programme and accommodation

Tour headquarters will be at the home of Chad & Sharon Murrin at 1 Old Kiln Barn, Berry Lane, Worplesdon, Guildford GU3 3QF. This is between Guildford and Woking. The games at Guildford and Normandy are within 10 minutes, whilst Holmbury is 25 minutes' drive away.

Tourists are asked to make their own arrangements to travel to Guildford Cricket Club, arriving by 10.30 am on the Tuesday for the all-day game. There will be a post-match barbecue at the Club.

The majority of the party will stay at Worplesdon Place Hotel (www.worplesdonplace.co.uk), which is 10 minutes away. Twin-bedded rooms have been booked on a B & B basis for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Players will be expected to share a room.

If you are bringing your wife or partner and would like a double room, please let us know. If you prefer to make individual arrangements for accommodation, this is fine.

There will be a lunch on Wednesday at the home of Chad & Sharon Murrin, before we travel in the afternoon to Holmbury for the T20 game.

Following the match on Thursday at Normandy, there will be a supper at the Worpesdon Place Hotel. If you prefer to depart and travel home on Thursday evening, please advise.

Umpiring and scoring

OB Alastair Horton has kindly to join the Tour and will umpire in all three matches. We have secured a scorer as well.

OBCC Touring traditions

In the Midlands, the OB's operated a Tour Points Competition. This will be revived and overseen by a duly constituted Fines Committee, which will meet each day.

Costs

As this is our first Tour for some years, the OBCC will underwrite and significantly subsidise the costs from Club funds. These costs include match fees and cricket expenses, meals and accommodation.

Tourists will each make a contribution of £100 per head (£50 for those aged under-25) and meet their own travel expenses and beer kitty.

Tour Management

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What do I do next?

In first instance, please contact Jon Day to register your interest. Please do this as soon as possible.

If you are interested in coming as a supporter only, please contact us to discuss.

Provided we have enough players, the tour will be highly enjoyable. A lot of work has gone into making the arrangements, so please commit early if you would like the Tour to go ahead.

We look forward to hearing from you!