



THE SHERLOCK HOLMES SOCIETY OF LONDON
TAKE ON
THE PG WODEHOUSE SOCIETY
IN A
CRICKET MATCH
AT THE
WEST WYCOMBE CRICKET GROUND
SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2008

Once again, the gentlemen of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London will be taking on the 'Gold Bats' of the PG Wodehouse Society in a Cricket Match held at the West Wycombe ground in Buckinghamshire on Sunday 22nd June from 11.30 onwards.

Members will know that these matches have in the past been nail-biting occasions (certainly in 2005 and 2006). But you do not have to be an aficionado either of the game of cricket itself, or the somewhat arcane rules as they pertained in 1895 - under which these matches are played. The ground at West Wycombe, in the lee of the famous hill within which run the famous Hell Fire Club tunnels, is one of the prettiest in the Home Counties, and on a bosky day, as the players dart forward and back, it is the perfect place for a picnic, to socialise with other members, family and friends of our Society and the PG Wodehouse Society and to address a variety of bottles, cobwebby or otherwise.

The Society team needs your support on the day. We have only won once in the series, regrettably. We intend (as always!) to address this situation in 2008.

The day is FREE; groups may choose to organise themselves into parties in advance, or individuals can come along separately and will be welcomed by the most solicitous of companions. Those who wish to dress in Victorian costume are most welcome to do so; this is, however, absolutely not obligatory.

Players are asked to arrive by 10.30, with the game due to begin at 11.30.

No food or drink is available at the ground, so personally organised picnic lunches and teas are the order of the day. There is plenty of room along the boundary for deckchairs, rugs and picnic tables and awnings. Generous time is given for lunch and tea, with the game due to end at or near 6 pm. Some people in past years have then felt it necessary to avail themselves of a refresher at one of the nearby West Wycombe public houses, although this is not compulsory.

THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW OCCASIONS IN THE YEAR WHEN MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS CAN PARTICIPATE IN A SOCIETY EVENT FREE, GRATIS AND FOR NOTHING. DO PLEASE COME AND GIVE OUR PLAYERS YOUR SUPPORT.

Travel details: West Wycombe is most easily reached by road and is situated on the A40 about 2 miles to the west of High Wycombe. The M40 motorway passes nearby and the most scenic approach is via junction 5 and thence through Stokenchurch and Beacon's Bottom on the A40. Alternatively it is possible to exit at junction 4 and proceed via the A4010 and the A40. The ground is in Toweridge Lane at the western end of the village and for those travelling by train from London, services run to High Wycombe from Marylebone Station and the journey can be completed by taxi. A map showing the location of the ground is available at the Cricket Club's website (<http://westwycombe.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>).
