



**European Club
Cricket Tournament
6th - 8th August 2013**

Ipswich , Suffolk, UK

About the Tournament

We are delighted to introduce you to a new cricket competition bringing together club teams from across Europe to compete for the "European Club Cricket Cup". The aim of the tournament is to give individual cricket clubs from the nations of Europe the chance to represent their country in an international cricket competition.

This is the first time an international tournament has been organised for amateur cricketers and their clubs and we intend it to become a regular event. It is an opportunity to unite players from across the continent in a competitive and fun environment.



The Competition

The tournament will take place from Tuesday 6 August 2013 to Thursday 8 August 2013 and be a Twenty20 competition governed by the rules of the International Cricket Council. Depending on the number of entrants clubs will either play in leagues or in a "round robin" (every club plays every other club) to find two finalists to compete for the Cup.

All competing players must be amateur cricketers with full time professionals excluded

Umpires and scorers will be provided by the Suffolk Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association

Catering will be provided for all players and officials for every game.



Host Clubs

The tournament will be jointly hosted by Coppdock & Old Ipswichian Cricket Club and Ipswich Cricket Club. These Clubs are located less than 2 miles (3.2km) apart on the outskirts of Ipswich, Suffolk. Both Clubs regularly host prestige fixtures and offer cricket grounds of the highest standard with all the facilities expected at this level.

Copdock & Old Ipswichian Cricket Club

Copdock Cricket Club was founded in 1839 to be joined by Old Ipswichian Cricket Club in 1997. The 1st XI compete in the East Anglian Premier League – one of 26 ECB affiliated leagues across the country representing the highest standard of Club cricket it is possible to play in the UK. Their Old London Road ground features a superb playing surface and excellent practice facilities supported by a modern pavilion. See www.copdockcc.hitssports.com for more information.



Ipswich Cricket Club

Ipswich Cricket Club was founded in 2003 following the merger of two local Clubs. One of the largest Clubs in the area they compete in Division One of the Two Counties Championship of Suffolk and Essex. The two high quality grounds at their "Clay Hall" facility were laid in 2004/5 and now offer some of the best playing surfaces in the area. See www.ipswichcricketclub.co.uk for more information.



Gala Dinner

On the evening of Wednesday 7 August 2013 the organisers will host a Gala Dinner for all participating Clubs. This will be the perfect opportunity to meet and mix with all the competing teams. Each club will be allocated 15 tickets as part of their tournament entrance fee with additional tickets available to purchase as required.

The event will include a three course meal, disco and a fully stocked bar....it promises to be a great night!!



Location and Accommodation

Both host Clubs lie near the village of Copdock, three miles south of Ipswich. They benefit from excellent road links from Harwich, London and Dover. The airports of Stansted and Norwich are approximately an hour by road from the Clubs. Good rail links connect Harwich, Norwich, London and Dover with Ipswich.

Hotel facilities in the area are excellent, with a choice of hotel within three miles of the ground. In particular we recommend one of the following:

- The Cameo Hotel - www.cameohotels.com
- Holiday Inn, Ipswich - www.holidayinn/Ipswich
- Belstead Brook Hotel - www.swallow-hotels.com/Ipswich
- Premier Inn - <http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/IPSBEA/ipswich-chantry-park>
- Travelodge - <http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/38/Ipswich-Capel-St-Mary-hotel>

Special rates are being negotiated for all tournament guests – further details will be available later.

Transport to/from the grounds will be provided



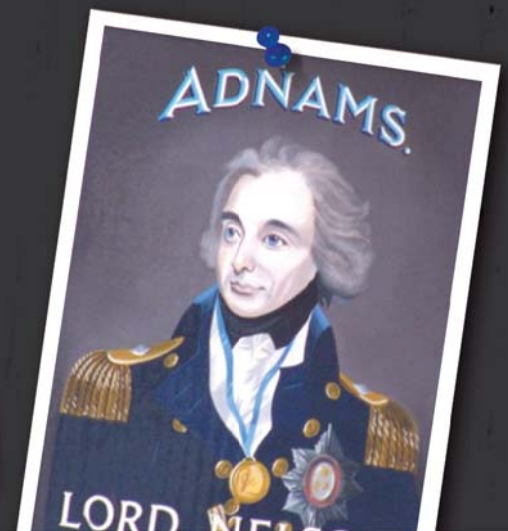
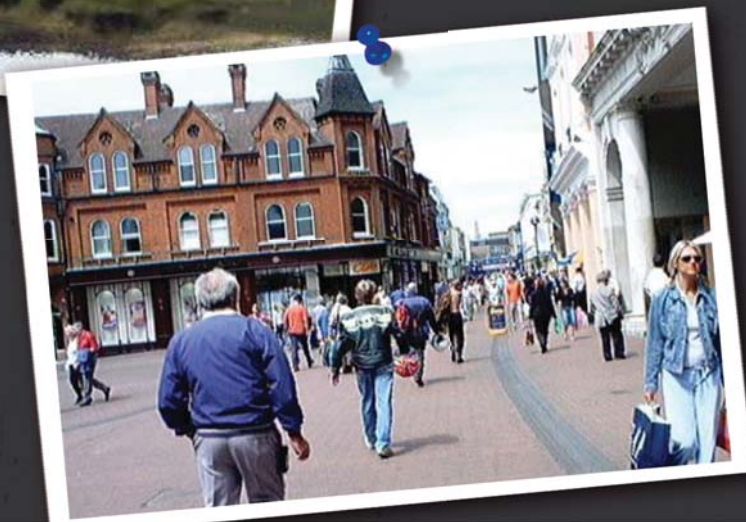
The Local Area

Not only can we offer first class playing facilities but the local area offers plenty to do for friends, family, supporters or players who fancy a break from the cricket...

A popular location for tourists, Suffolk offers some incredible sights. From the wetland Broads in the north to the beautiful Wool towns in the south, the shimmering greenery of the west to the stunning Suffolk coast in the East.

The county town of Ipswich is steeped in over 800 years of history, yet full of life. Its historic waterfront and streets have plenty to offer including a vibrant mix of heritage, the arts, theatre, cinema, restaurants, clubs and bars.

Please see www.visitsuffolk.com and www.visit-ipswich.com for more details.





Tournament Culture

No doubt the cricket on the field will be of a good standard and taken very seriously. However, we also expect the tournament to be a fun and friendly experience for all. As lovers of the game we all know that cricket is a uniquely sociable sport and we hope the tournament will provide lasting memories for all involved.

Both host Clubs are committed to providing the very experience to all our visitors and we are confident you won't be disappointed...

Tournament Entrance Fee

The final entrance fee is obviously influenced by the number of participating teams, and the amount of sponsorship we can raise. At this stage we can therefore only provide an indicative fee of approximately £750 (€950) per club based on 15 people per club. This works out at just £50 (€63) per person. This includes:

- Cost of all cricket matches
- Ground preparation, umpires, scorers, balls, teas etc.
- 15 tickets for Gala Dinner
- Additional tickets can be purchased at £30 (€38) per person
- Transport to/from hotel and grounds

Visiting Clubs will be responsible for organising and paying for travel to the Tournament and accommodation (we are negotiating discounted rates with local hotels).

Please note, the organising committee reserves the right to change this price (up or down) up until the point of final booking.

How does my club get involved?

We hope you agree with us that the European Cricket Club Tournament is an exciting venture that will bring together the cricketing family from across the continent. We guarantee you will be impressed by both the local area and the host Clubs, but the real success of the Tournament will be down to the participating Clubs.

We very much hope you will want to be involved and we look forward to welcoming you. At this stage all we need is for you to complete and return the enclosed form to one of the organising committee confirming you do want to take part by Friday 1 February 2013 (although the sooner the better!). We will then be back in touch to confirm the final details.

We hope to hear from you soon...

Organising Committee

If you have any questions about the Tournament please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the organising committee:

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European Club Cricket Tournament

Tuesday 6 August 2013 to Thursday 8 August 2013

Hosted by:

Copdock & Old Ipswichian Cricket Club & Ipswich Cricket Club

APPLICATION FORM

My Cricket Club would like to express an interest in taking part in the European Club Cricket Tournament. We understand the indicative cost of entry is £750 (€950) based on 15 people attending, but that the organising committee reserves the right to change this price up to the point of final booking. We also understand we are separately responsible for the cost of transport to the Tournament and accommodation.

Name of Club:

Address of Club:

Contact Name:

Address:

Email:

Tel:

Please return form no later than **Friday 1 February 2013** either by email or to

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Or by post to:

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