



Press Statement

Princes Risborough Cricket Club to Change Leagues

Princes Risborough Cricket Club, one of only 25 Buckinghamshire Focus Clubs, is joining the Thames Valley Cricket League ('TVCL') for season 2010. The change means that PRCC can offer local players a chance to play cricket in a different but equally competitive and good-quality league. Although Risborough is situated on the outer edge of both league areas the TVCL is a more natural home for a Buckinghamshire club than the Oxfordshire-dominated Cherwell League in which the club currently plays and this will also allow the club to renew contacts with many clubs that it has played in the past.

The Club's Chairman, Steve Greaves, said that the club's Committee was very much in favour of taking the opportunity which arose following the intended departure of one of TVCL's current members.

In 2006 PRCC was offered a place in the Thames Valley when that league underwent a planned expansion and sought applications from interested clubs; PRCC regretfully declined an offer at that time because, although there was a majority of members in favour, the margin was slim and many players were undecided. However both Princes Risborough Cricket Club and TVCL agreed to keep in touch if circumstances changed. Consultations with the club's members show that opinions have swung so that they are now strongly in favour of a move.

Under the Cherwell's rules Risborough would normally be required to give a clear season's notice. Whilst recognising this, PRCC hoped that the strict requirement could be waived and consulted the Cherwell about this some time ago. Both leagues agreed that a swift and amicable move was in everybody's interests and the club has now been given the go-ahead by the Cherwell's Executive Committee. PRCC stresses that it has always been supportive of the Cherwell League and has not had any serious issue with its management nor with any of the other Cherwell member clubs.

Mr Greaves said "The Princes Risborough Club will inevitably have some regrets but now is the time for us to look towards the future and the opportunity to join Thames Valley now is too good to miss. The change will also offer a wider choice of competitive cricket for good players in the area and we hope to recruit new players as we build towards a move in 2010".

Players and others interested in joining the Club should contact him (tel. 01296 747808) or Secretary John Bushby (01628 466388) or contact PRCC using the club's website www.prcc.org.uk. They are assured of a warm welcome.

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Background Information

PRCC is a long-established club with roots and tangible links back to 1837, the year Queen Victoria came to the throne. However there was a cricket club in the town long before that – as testified by a 1774 press report of a match to take place between "the gentlemen of the Risborough Club" and the gentlemen of Buckinghamshire - the third such fixture.

In the last year the club has expanded its junior coaching programme and achieved ECB ClubMark accreditation. It is one of only 25 'focus' clubs in the county, its ground in Horsenden Lane is one of the best in the area, and is well-known for its friendliness and the excellence of its teas!

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