



IVANHOE C.C.

### IVANHOE CENTENARY DINNER

**THE LONG ROOM, LORD'S CRICKET GROUND; SATURDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

#### **APPLICATION LETTER – December 2015**

I am delighted to be able to start this letter by informing you that the positive responses to the Preliminary Invitation indicate that we should substantially exceed the one hundred threshold needed for us to secure the Long Room. Thank you for your support. There is, however, room for more to join us, so if you think you might have the contact details for an old Ivanhoe playing colleague, have further family and friends who might be interested, or you are one of those who is uncertain, there is still time.

We must however now turn intention into reality. This letter confirms the date of the Centenary Dinner, provides more information, and requests that you return the attached Application Form and provide us with your payment. The last two are especially important as they are essential for the club to meet the MCC's booking requirements.

Following the recent announcement of the 2016 playing fixtures at Lord's, and therefore the availability of the Pavilion for events at other times, the date for the Ivanhoe Centenary Dinner is confirmed as Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

#### **Programme**

The outline programme for the event is as follows:

Guided Tour of Lord's (optional – see below):	4:10pm – 6:00pm.
Pre-Dinner drinks in the Long Room Bar:	6:00pm – 7:00pm.
Three course Dinner and speeches:	7:00pm – 9:45pm approx.
Drinks and socializing:	9:45pm approx. – 11:30pm. (Bar closes 11:00pm.)
Carriages:	11:30pm.

It is worth noting that there should still be reasonable daylight during the pre-Dinner drinks period, which means an opportunity to gaze out onto the hallowed turf and famous stands from within the Long Room.

### **Dress**

Men: suit or jacket, with tie.

Ladies: as you prefer.

No denim.

### **Pre-Dinner drinks and Dinner**

In the Preliminary Invitation we anticipated a cost for Dinner of £60 - £70 per person. We are now able to confirm a cost for Dinner of £67 per person, and we are pleased to add that this will be inclusive of pre-Dinner drinks (wine, beer, soft drinks) in the Long Room Bar.

The Dinner will be a set menu. However special diets such as vegetarian and gluten free will be catered for: if this applies to you or anyone in your party please indicate in the space provided on the Application Form. The cost per person is unaffected.

### **Table Wine**

Wine or other drinks to consume through Dinner can be purchased at the Long Room Bar. However, if ordered and paid for now, the MCC House Wine:

White: Bantry Bay Chenin Blanc (South Africa)

Red: Two Ridge Trail Merlot (Australia)

can be purchased at a 10% discount, i.e. £18 instead of £20 per bottle. If you wish to take advantage of this option you can indicate on the Application Form the number of bottles required and where you wish the bottle(s) to be placed on your table, i.e. by which person(s).

### **Guided Tour of Lord's**

Should you and/or your guests wish to do so, there is the opportunity for a guided tour of Lord's, arranged specifically for Ivanhoe members and their guests, immediately prior to the pre-Dinner drinks. The tour will start at 4:20pm from the Pavilion and conclude there at

6:00pm. [NB. Please be at the Pavilion by 4:10pm.] Amongst other things, the tour includes the Museum and Ashes Urn, Real Tennis Court and the Pavilion (including the players' dressing rooms). Again, by indicating on the Application Form and paying now, a 10% discount is available making the cost £9, instead of the usual £10 per person.

### **Friends at your table**

If there are others who you know to be also and separately applying, i.e. they are not listed as your guests, with whom you would like to sit at your table, please note their names (up to two people) on the Application Form. You will see a space for this below the spreadsheet section. We can make no promises but will do our best to oblige.

### **Application Form and Payment**

Please complete the Application Form issued with this letter. With the benefit of the notes above we hope this will be self-explanatory but if you do have any query please get in touch with me at either [lawrenceparnell@btinternet.com](mailto:lawrenceparnell@btinternet.com) or on 07812 974392.

#### Application Form

This can be returned either by email attachment (print and then scan the completed form and return as a pdf), or by post (with your cheque if this is your method of payment choice). If returning as an email attachment, please send to [lawrenceparnell@btinternet.com](mailto:lawrenceparnell@btinternet.com).

#### Payment

We appreciate the date is still somewhat distant but, because of the financial commitment which Ivanhoe has to make to the MCC it is necessary to request your payment now. This can be done in one of two ways; either by an electronic bank transfer or by cheque.

- **Electronic transfer.** Please mark your transfer '**Lords'** and with your **surname**, payable to **Ivanhoe Cricket Club, Santander, Account No: 47180666,**  
**Sort code: 09-01-27.**
  
- **Cheque.** Please make your cheque payable to '**Ivanhoe CC**' and write on the back '**Ivanhoe Centenary Dinner**'. Please send this to: Mr L Parnell, 104 Chipperfield Road, Kings Langley, Herts., WD4 9JD.

We will confirm receipt of your Application and Payment, and we will also subsequently confirm to you when the booking commitment to MCC has been made.

If not before, we will be in touch approximately six weeks before the Centenary Dinner to update you.

### **Ivanhoe: Playing Members Past and Present**

We have it in mind to record at the Dinner those attending who are former or current playing members of the club, and the span of playing years, e.g. 1965-1972. So far as applicable to you and your guests, will you please complete this section of the Application Form. We realise that memories may no longer be exact as to the playing years; an approximation will be fine.

### **Memory Board**

Another of our thoughts for the evening is to display a Memory Board with photographs (plus date, names and location so far as remembered), and any other reminiscences members may have. So search your lofts and mildewed kit bags (on second thoughts not the latter!), and let us know if you have anything to help stir the passions and remembrances of Ivanhoe's Saturday afternoons and club tours – cricket and football.

Our Secretary and Webmaster, Phil Kenchington, has created a dedicated page on the club website to which you can upload photo images. Go to <http://www.ivanhoecc.co.uk/send-us-your-photos/>. Alternatively copy and attach them to an email and send to [philip\\_kenchington@hotmail.com](mailto:philip_kenchington@hotmail.com), (note there is an underscore between first and second names) and Phil will do the rest.

### **...and finally**

A thought ahead. Entrance to the Pavilion will be via the Grace Gates in St John's Wood Road. Probably you will know that the nearest rail stations are St John's Wood (Jubilee Line) and Marylebone (Bakerloo Line/Chiltern Railways). However should you be fortunate to have a 'volunteer' willing to drive, you may be interested to know that parking is free all day on the metered spaces in St John's Wood Road and permitted after 6:30pm on the single yellow line (all adjacent to the Grace Gates).

Thank you again for your support so far. Together we can look forward to an excellent event, celebrating Ivanhoe's Centenary in style.

Yours sincerely,

Lawrence Parnell, Chairman