



THAMES VALLEY CRICKET LEAGUE



Established in 1972, The Morrants Thames Valley Cricket League is an important component of the ECB Premier League structure

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Chenies & Latimer, Division 3B

Dear Member Club,

Further to my previous statement made on 15th February, in which I advised that Chenies & Latimer C.C. had requested to withdraw its 1st XI from this year's Division 3B competition and that the management committee had decided to accept their request, I can now update you on further developments.

The management committee has decided to restructure all our divisions from Level 3 down to retain ten teams in each. To do this we will apply our promotion and relegation rules as set out in the handbook. We will then redo all the fixtures from Level 3 down. We are aware of all the clubs who share and hire grounds for their lower XIs, and the dates on which these teams were due to play at home will not be changed.

The management committee considers this action to be the 'least worst' solution to an unwanted problem. Our priority was to avoid the problems we had last season with denying players a game of cricket on two weekends of the season and the related strengthening, cynically or not, of lower XIs in our competition.

We will announce the new divisional structure and fixtures in due course. In the meantime I would ask everyone to please avoid bombarding me, the fixture secretary and the rest of the management committee with questions. Suffice to say, there is a huge administrative workload involved in delivering this solution.

Best wishes,

Matthew Stevenson
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