

**Match vs Buckinghamshire
at Mentmore Golf & Country Club
on Friday 17th August 2012**

Mentmore Golf and Country Club is situated on the border of Buckinghamshire within sight of Mentmore Towers, the country home built for Baron Meyer Amschel de Rothschild.

It was opened in 1992 by European Ryder Cup Captain, Bernard Gallagher and Irish Golfer and TV Golf Presenter, David Feherty. It has two 18 hole championship course, the 6,855 yards Rosebery and the 6,800 yards Rothschild.

We played the Rosebery course with its fine views over the Vale of Aylesbury in one direction and the Chilton Hills in another. The 6th and 7th holes are bordered by magnificent chestnut trees whilst the 9th is a demanding hole measuring over 600 yards. All the greens have been constructed to USGA specifications and sown with Penncross Bent grass which gave a consistent and excellent putting surface on the day.

After a warm welcome from the Captain of Mentmore and a light lunch, the eight matches got underway promptly under the watchful eye of Clive, our starter, and were played in glorious summer weather. Special mention should be made of the pristine team uniforms displayed by Mike Carrick and Alan Pulham - role models for all of us!

Dinner was held in the elegant restaurant and the combination of excellent cuisine, good wine and wonderful hospitality from our Buckinghamshire hosts resulted in a most memorable and delightful day.

For the record Warwickshire were narrowly beaten by 3½ to 4½ .

Bernard Smith.
Match Secretary.



