Chester Boughton Hall hosts 'World Series' amateur cricket event

Some famous faces and leading amateurs from the cricket world will descend on Chester Boughton Hall next week (August 5th to August 12th) for the Last Man Stands World Series.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Abdul Razzaq and James Franklin will lead out their respective countries in the inaugural 12-team tournament, which features some of the leading players from LMS leagues around the world.

Marcus North, Vinod Kambli, Nick Compton and Nick Pothas will also be lacing up their boots to take part in the exciting eight-a-side format, with six matches scheduled every day across both pitches at Filkins Lane.

Last Man Stands is the world's largest amateur T20 league, with more than 5,000 teams and 100,000 players taking part in leagues and tournaments across 14 countries. In England the format is supported by the ECB. Players earn 'world ranking' points for runs, wickets and catches and can track their progress on regional and national leaderboards.

The 'World Series' represents the pinnacle of the LMS calendar, with the leading ranked players from 12 nations coming together for the first time here in Cheshire. Eight of the countries have a former international as their player/coach, and matches will be streamed live via Facebook for those who cannot get the ground.

LMS co-founder Wayne Greve said: "We are very excited about bringing the first ever LMS World Series to Cheshire and a fantastic venue like Chester Boughton Hall. It's a great opportunity to showcase our fast and furious format, and to provide some real entertainment for those playing and watching.

"Entry is free of charge and we hope to see big crowds for the matches. Having some former international players is obviously a huge draw, but there will be some great amateur players showcasing their skills too."

Greve added: "We already have active LMS leagues in Cheshire and are always looking for new teams to get involved. For anyone who is unsure about the format, then next week represents a great opportunity to see the game played live.

"LMS can help bring greater footfall, increased bar sales and new members to cricket clubs so I would encourage people to come along to Chester and see what it's all about."

The LMS World Series takes place at Chester Boughton Hall from August 5th to 12th, with 35 matches over five days (rest days on Wednesday and Saturday). Live broadcasts are available via www.facebook.com/LastManStands and live scores via world-series.lastmanstands.com