

COLOURED TROUSERS No15



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM ALL AT BUCKS C.C.C.

BUCKS COUNTY CRICKET CLUB NEWSLETTER No 15

Editor: Bill Scholes

**So this is Christmas
And what have you done
Another year over
And a new one's just begun (well, it will do shortly)**

And what a year it will be, as having gained promotion last season, we will be butting heads in the championship against the best other four sides in the Eastern Division One. We will of course be renewing old rivalry and friendships with Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Staffordshire but importantly it does give us the chance to challenge for the overall National Counties championship – the winners of Eastern Division One playing off against the winners of Western Division One. It will have been 14 long years since we last lifted the Championship Trophy, in a tremendous and hard fought battle over 4 days against Cheshire, and 11 years since we reached the Final, losing to Cornwall at a damp and dismal Truro.

There have of course been changes since that time, an important one being that the Final is now played at a neutral ground, rather than alternating yearly between the winners of the Western and Eastern Divisions. Also 3 years ago National Counties made the decision to split Eastern and Western Divisions into a Division One and a Division Two (with 5 clubs in each) with the winners of each regional Division going forward to the Final.

However, before we get to the championship matches, we have the two white ball competitions to entertain us. First up is the T20 competition, and whilst we are playing the usual suspects in the group stages, we will be breaking new ground (no pun intended) on our two away matches. We have visited the town of Thame before – back in 1898 for a 2 day championship match against Oxfordshire at the School, but never the cricket club. The venue for the match against Wales NC is Lisvane, just outside Cardiff.

Moving on to the KO Trophy, we are away against Wiltshire, visiting Marlborough College for only the second time ever, the last being in 1990 for a championship match whilst Porthill Park to play Staffordshire is another venue not visited before. Gerrards Cross will play host to Dorset whilst Slough will return to our roster for the first time since 2012 when they host Wales NC.

Our two home championship matches will again be played at Tring Park (Norfolk) and Chesham (Lincolnshire) whilst we return to Copdock for a championship match for the first time since 1993, although we did play a Trophy match there in 2004.

Perhaps it's now the time for us to come up with our very own Jas-Ball and produce the performances that we all know we are more than capable of. Jason and his management team are building an excellent, young, and very hungry squad of players who proved their worth last season, dropping just 2 points out of a maximum possible 98. Make sure you note of all the dates below in your diaries and come along and support the team as they try and emulate, and even better, last season's performances.

With the new year and season approaching, make sure you renew your membership of Bucks CCC in order to keep up to date with all the latest news and happenings, both on and off the field. If perchance you are reading this, and are not a member, then why not join us – you know it makes sense. Full details towards end of the Newsletter.

I would also like to thank all those members and firms/businesses who have sponsored a player for the past season, and in many cases, seasons. Your support is much appreciated and valued by the players, as well as helping the club financially.

NCCA T20 COMPETITION (2 matches per day)

Date	Opposition	Venue
April 16	Oxfordshire	Thame
April 23	BERKSHIRE	HIGH WYCOMBE
April 30	Wales NC	Lisvane
May 7	BEDFORDSHIRE	HIGH WYCOMBE

T20 Finals Day 21/22 May

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Date	Opposition	Venue
May 29 (Mon)	Wiltshire	Marlborough College
June 4	DORSET	GERRARDS CROSS
June 18	Staffordshire	Porthill Park
June 25	WALES NC	SLOUGH
July 2	Quarter Finals	
July 16	Semi Finals	

Final Aug 27/28 Wormsley?

NCCA CHAMPIONSHIP - EASTERN DIVISION ONE

Date	Opposition	Venue
July 9-11	NORFOLK	TRING PARK
July 23-25	Staffordshire	West Bromwich Dartmouth
Aug 6-8	LINCOLNSHIRE	CHESHAM
Aug 20-22	Suffolk	Copdock & O.I.

Championship Final Sept 3-6 West Bromwich Dartmouth ?

OTHER ADDITIONAL FIXTURES

April 2	Intra Squad match	2 x T20	High Wycombe
April 9	Friendly v Hertfordshire	2 x T20	Slough
May 8	Nurton/York Trophy v Oxfordshire	50overs	T.B.A. poss Beaconsfield ?
Aug 1	Sussex Showcase Match	50 overs	Hove

Bucks to face Sussex at Hove in Showcase fixture

Bucks will play Sussex at the 1st Central County Ground, Hove in the 2023 NCCA Showcase fixture. The last time Bucks played at the home of a First Class County was a List A match (Nat West Trophy) back in 1988 at Canterbury,- the year before that was at Edgbaston and this was preceded by Taunton in 1985 and Old Trafford in 1985. Thanks to Douglas Miller, the Bucks historian guru for the info, and in his words – “Those were the days!”

Tom Hampton's side, who defeated Surrey in their 2022 fixture, head to the south coast on Tuesday 1st August for the prestigious match. As always happens in sport, the game has thrown up an interesting sideshow as the Bucks' director of cricket, Jason Harrison, will face his good friend and former Middlesex team mate Paul Farbrace, who was named the new Sussex Head Coach last week



Sports Shots Andy Bone spoke to Jason after the fixture was announced

Farby and I spent five years on the playing staff at Middlesex so it will be fantastic to play against his team in August.

The day is a fantastic opportunity for all the players. Last season against Surrey we grasped that with both hands. It will be a fantastic day for all involved in our county.

NCCA SHOWCASE MATCHES 2023

Sunday 30th July

Gloucestershire v Wiltshire (Cheltenham)

Bedfordshire v Essex (Dunstable)

Berkshire v Middlesex (TBC)

Cambridgeshire v Northamptonshire (TBC)

Cheshire v Yorkshire (TBC),

Cumbria v Lancashire (Sedbergh)

Devon v Somerset (TBC)

Dorset v Hampshire (TBC)

Hertfordshire v Kent (West Herts)
Herefordshire v Glamorgan (Eastnor CC)
Lincolnshire v Derbyshire (TBC)
Norfolk v Nottinghamshire (TBC)
Northumberland v Durham (TBC)
Oxfordshire v Sussex (TBC)
Shropshire v Worcestershire (Shrewsbury)
Staffordshire v Leicestershire (Knypersley)
Suffolk v Surrey (Woolpit CC)
Wales v Warwickshire (TBC)

Tuesday, August 1:

Cornwall v Somerset (TBC)
Sussex v Buckinghamshire (Hove)



BUCKS CCC GOLF DAY and DINNER at BURNHAM BEECHES - 7th October

Simon Stanway struck a perfect 7-iron to the 13th green but didn't see it drop, first bounce into the hole. His playing partners though did witness the finish and rushed to congratulate him on this feat. Although Simon has played golf for many years this was his first hole-in-one. Simon was playing in the Bucks Golf Day held at Burnham Beeches Golf Club on Friday 7th October which was followed by the Annual Dinner. Simon very generously put a bottle of wine on each table. Twenty-eight golfers played in the day which was won by Greg Rowland with a score of 36 points playing off a handicap of 10. The Team competition was won by Serena Hodgson, Julie Sheffield, Sue Holdship and John Phillips. At the dinner afterwards Peter Bowler, the former Somerset, Leicestershire and Derbyshire batsman, gave an excellent speech that amused and informed. During the evening the Bucks 100 annual draw took place with Jonathan Royals winning the 1st prize of £400. The 2nd prize of £300 went to Paul Dean, who also won first prize in the raffle of a case of wine. (Rather a good evening for Paul!). The 3rd prize of £200 was won by David Tuberville and the 4th prize of £100 went to Ian Hodgson. This was the first time the Golf Day and Annual Dinner had been combined and held at Burnham Beeches. It was deemed a great success and will be repeated next year

LOCAL BUCKS CRICKET NEWS

Berkshire CCC Skipper Dan Lincoln joins High Wycombe C.C. for 2023

22nd November 2022 by [Andy Bone](#)

High Wycombe have swooped to sign Dan Lincoln for their 2023 Home Counties Premier League, Division 1 campaign. Lincoln's arrival at London Road shows a statement by the Warriors in their forthcoming bi-centenary season. Lincoln has previously played for Slough CC and Finchampstead in the HCPCL and also represented Middlesex and Kent at 1st and 2nd team level. A destructive Keeper Batter, Lincoln also captained the NCCA England representative team which won the European Cricket Championships in 2021 and finished runners up in 2022. Wycombe's Eliot Callis was also a member of the 2023 squad.

HWCC 1st XI Captain Dan Marles knows Lincoln well from their Finchampstead days and said "I've played with Dan for a number of years, he brings a brilliant skills set to our squad that will help us work towards the title we will be pushing for."

Gerrards Cross promotion to Home Counties Premier League for 2023 confirmed

10th November 2022 by [Andy Bone](#)

The Home Counties Premier League have accepted Gerrards Cross as a member club for the 2023 season. Gerrards Cross, who won the Thames Valley League, Division 1 last season will return to the second tier of the HCPL after being relegated from the competition in 2016.

Buckingham Town CC appoint Ewan Cox as skipper for their 2023 HCPL campaign

22nd November 2022 by [Andy Bone](#)

Ewan Cox will skipper Buckingham Town 1st XI for their 2023 Home Counties Premier League, Division 2 campaign. The appointment was confirmed at the Bourton Road outfit's annual general meeting on Friday evening. Ben Ungretti and Richard Pengelly take charge of the Town 2nd XI and 3rd XI respectively, while Dane Tuttlebee again skippers the 4th team. The Sunday side will be led by Adrian Freeman.

Kevin Clark continues in his role as Town's director of cricket, with Jason Ell the club captain.

Off the field, Ade Johnson continues as chairman and Jo Peacock stays on as secretary. Stuart Beck has returned to the club to take over as the new Treasurer, while Bob Hutt takes charge of his 25th season as fixture secretary. Graham Fryer is the club's President.

EUROPEAN CRICKET NETWORK T10 CHAMPIONSHIP



Seven members of last year's triumphant squad returned to Spain for the National Counties XI's defence of the Dream 11 European Cricket Network T10 Championship in October.

National Counties, who were again representing England in the multi-nation tournament at the Cartama Oval near Malaga, beat Belgium by ten wickets in last year's final. As defending champions, National Counties entered this season's competition in the Championship Week which started on October 10 with the final on October 14.

Dan Lincoln, who captained Berkshire to a National Counties Championship and Trophy double this season, again led the side in Spain with Arthur Godsall, Harrison Ward, Tom Bevan, Alex Russell, Sam Pearce and Andy Rishton also returning with him. Newcomers to the squad included Eliot Callis from Bucks.

The early rounds of the Championship began on September 10, with England, as defending champions being exempt until Finals week starting on October 10. However they sadly relinquished their title to Netherlands after they were edged out by five wickets in a tense Final at the Cartama Oval in Malaga. Netherlands got home by with five balls to spare in an intriguing contest under floodlights.

National Counties had reached the final the hard way. They lost their first four group matches, which left them with no margin for error, but then won four on the bounce to clinch third in the Championship Week table and a place at Finals Day. National Counties made it six wins in a row by beating Scotland by eight runs in their eliminator and they again held their nerve to overcome hosts Spain by 15 runs in their qualifier contest – effectively the semi-final. **(keep up at the back- it's not straightforward like the F.A.Cup!)** Unfortunately England came up just short in the final, their third match in a row at the end of a long day, but made Netherlands work hard to chase down a target of 100. While Netherlands had more than six hours to rest before the final, National Counties had just 75 minutes to catch their breath after they had beaten Spain.



NATIONAL COUNTIES CRICKET UPDATES

1.SUFFOLK: Suffolk CCC have appointed George Rhodes as their professional for 2023. 29-year-old Rhodes has signed a one-year contract as Suffolk's professional for the 2023 season, after impressing in the role last summer. Rhodes, who left first-class county Leicestershire in the summer, made his debut mid-way through the campaign and played in three of Suffolk's NCCA fixtures plus the NCCA Trophy quarter-final. He made his debut in the three-day defeat to Norfolk, before playing a prominent role in Suffolk winning their final two matches to stave off the threat of relegation and finish second in the Eastern Division One table. In the KO Trophy v Oxfordshire, he top-scored with 95 in the 3 wicket defeat. Rhodes, is the son of former Worcestershire and England wicketkeeper Steve Rhodes, and is currently in Australia playing as the professional for Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club in the Geelong Cricket Association Premier Division.

Suffolk head coach Andy Northcote said: "We are delighted to have George commit to a full season with us. Last season he fitted in tremendously well, both on and off the field. "He's a model, modern-day pro; expected to perform on the field and add value off it in equally proportion. George has the skill set required to help push our youthful squad to success and we can't wait to welcome him back.

2. STAFFORDSHIRE: Staffordshire have made two new appointments for the 2023 season - James Kettleborough joins from Bedfordshire as captain and Andy Carr takes on the head coach role working alongside director of cricket Dave Cartledge.

Kettleborough's move to Staffs brings an end to a lengthy association with Beds, which saw him make his debut in 2009, following in the footsteps of his dad John. However, Staffordshire has played a developing role in his life, with Kettleborough now living in Trentham and, for the past two seasons, playing his club cricket for NSSCL Premier Division side Checkley. He also helps to coach the county's under-18 team. He replaces Peter Wilshaw as red-ball skipper and Alex Mellor as leader of the white-ball format" Firstly it was a really difficult decision to leave Bedfordshire because they are my home county," said Kettleborough.

"There's a lot of history there, with my dad playing for them, so it meant a lot to me that I could represent Bedfordshire. "I've relocated to Staffordshire with my partner and play cricket in the county, so when the opportunity came up to play for Staffs, it really excited me.

Staffordshire have also signed former Lancashire quick bowler Liam Hurt for the 2023 season. The 28year old progressed through the Lancashire system, going on to make 30 appearances for the county and helping Lancashire reach the Royal London 50 over final, where he took 2-64. Hurt also spent short stints with Leicestershire and Derbyshire

in his career.. Hurt still has ambitions to return to the pro circuit, but will feature in all three formats for Staffs next summer.

3.WALES NC: Cricket Wales(Wales NC) and NV Play have announced a partnership that will see NV Play become their Cricket Technology Partner and Preferred Steaming Provider. In 2022 Wales NC experimented with the NV Play match coverage package across the white ball format, and is now ready to roll out this provision across all home games for the 2023 and 2024 seasons in all formats, which will include a match highlights service.

The partnership between NV Play and Cricket Wales will help enhance the digital profile of the National Counties side across Wales which has seen a significantly improved following over the last few years. Cricket Wales website will have a dedicated match centre for all National Counties games(including Wales National Counties North) to help their audience and supporters stay connected with all their matches during the season.



FESTIVE MUSIC QUIZ

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1. Which boy band reached the UK Christmas Number one spot in 1994 with 'Stay Another Day'?
- 2 Who recorded the original – and still the most famous – version of 'White Christmas' in 1942?
3. Which famous Christmas song begins with the lyrics: 'the mood is right, the spirit's up, we're here tonight and that's enough'?
4. Which band scored an unlikely Christmas No. 1 in 2009 thanks to a public revolt against winners of 'The X Factor'?
5. Which music legend had a 1964 hit with 'Blue Christmas'?
- 6 How many 'las' are after the 'fa' in 'Deck the Halls'?
- 7 Who had a huge hit in 1976 with the Christmas classic 'When a Child is Born'?
8. How many versions of 'Do They Know It's Christmas' have been released?

9. Who had a hit in 1985 with the theme tune to 'The Snowman' Walking in the Air?
10. Who duetted with Mariah Carey on a re-release of her festive hit 'All I Want for Christmas' in 2011?
11. What's the second line of "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas"?
12. Which movie star turned to singing during Christmas 2001 scoring a number one hit single across the world in a duet with pop star Robbie Williams?
- 13 In the Fairytale of New York song, what were the boys of the NYPD choir singing?
14. Complete the next line of this song – 'Does he ride a red-nosed reindeer? Does he turn up on the his sleigh?...''
- 15 Who sings the opening line of the original Band Aid single in 1984?

Stowe School sensation Aadi Sharma taking progress in his stride

The young allrounder is moving from strength to strength having hit 97 on debut for Bucks 1st XI and a century on debut for Northants 2nd XI



Nestled within the pastoral landscape of Buckinghamshire, there aren't many more picturesque places providing a cricket education than Stowe School. With director of cricket James Knott at the helm, all bases are covered. And he has a protégé on his hands. Aadi Sharma, 16, has only just begun studying his A-levels, yet he is already making waves in men's cricket, excelling with each new challenge, while on the cusp of first-class cricket. If not for pesky administrative procedures, he would have already made his first-team debut for Northamptonshire. Having hit more than 1,000 runs and claiming 47 wickets (he is a leggy) for Stowe last season, he went on to make 97 on debut for Bucks 1st XI (agonisingly out lbw), before going on to hit a century on his first appearance for Northants 2nd XI. Performances like that helped him scoop Academy Player of the Season. He also starred for the Midlands in the ECB U17 Super 4s, with the second highest tally of runs in the whole competition, while notching another century against London & East. On the back of all of this, he was then invited to play in a three-day Young Lions trial/observation match scoring 94 in the first innings. The way he has emphatically raised his game at each new juncture speaks for itself.

High praise indeed, but does Sharma feel the pressure? "I was playing a club game on the Saturday when my dad told me Bucks first-team were a man short [having been picked up by them at 11 years of age] and they wanted me to play on the Sunday. I was just excited,

but the best thing was I didn't have time to process it. I turned up Sunday morning with a bag of clothes and I was ready to play. Luckily, we batted first, so again I didn't have much time to think about it and just went out there and played."



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Sports Shots raises money for Macmillan Cancer Support & Vasculitis UK
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By joining Bucks County Cricket Club

The County Club and the Bucks Cricket Board are working actively to promote and develop cricket at all levels and ages throughout the county

You can support these efforts by joining the Bucks County Cricket Club

The Annual Subscription is: -

£25 for individuals

£35 for partners living at the same address

£10 for juniors (aged under 18)

£15 for students in full time education ((aged under 24)

Life membership is also available

Membership forms are available from the membership secretary Susan Klyne

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December 2022

Over 50s Final wash up

The season had been of limited success for both teams. A particular disappointment had been that the 1st XI had defeated Surrey, one of the strongest teams, only for the result to have been overturned when it emerged that they had accidentally fielded an under-age player. Of some consolation, was that he had successfully negotiated for no penalty to be carried forward to next year. Temoor Alam was stepping down as captain, in order to facilitate the introduction of a successor before he moved into the O60s age group. There

were two candidates to take over from him. The Secretary observed that both the O50s and O60s 1st teams were in the strongest group of their respective competitions.

The 2nd XI were in the process of transferring from the Home Counties League to the Southern Counties League, which was likely eventually to become part of a national league.

BUCKS C.C. C. PLAYER SPONSORSHIP 2022

PLAYER	SPONSOR (S)
Tom Hampton	Sports Shots
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Very many thanks to all of the sponsors, both individual and businesses, above for your very kind sponsorship of a player over the past season. It is much appreciated by all of the players, and by the Club itself of course, as it does help to raise much needed funds.

For more information, please contact Bill Scholes 01420 560290

HOLD THE BACK PAGE

All at Bucks C.C.C. would like to congratulate Jason on his appointment from January 1st as Bucks Cricket Head of Performance.

JASON HARRISON

APPOINTED BUCKS CRICKET

HEAD OF PERFORMANCE



About the Role

In a new full time role, Jason's role will expand from the Bucks's men's teams to also lead the County Women's Programme, as well as well as coaching across the other older County Age Group Squads. He will work alongside Jason Rance, Bucks Cricket 's Head of Pathway, to ensure Buckinghamshire is producing the best possible male and female cricketers and teams.

Jason commented on his new role:-

“With the forthcoming merger between the County and the Board, Bucks cricket is at a very exciting stage. My passion for Bucks was born in 1987 when I had my first taste of the County at U-15 level so now having the opportunity to be Head of Performance some 35 years later makes me feel immensely proud.

Working together with Jason Rance, our Head of Pathway, plus the other coaches and captains, I see a fun and exciting ride ahead, for both the men's and women's teams.”

Ron Hedley's Prostate Charity Walks update for Coloured Trousers

Prologue

Having been challenged to do one more walk for Prostate Cancer UK by the CEO Laura Kerby the Buckinghamshire CCC Over 60s and Over 70s Chairman, Ron Hedley, has gone totally mad by taking on another 33 walks over the next two years. I am sure he was heard to say he would not be doing anymore walks after the last one completed in April 2022.

His latest idea was for every County playing Over 60s cricket to organise a walk, raise money and Ron will join every walk. This means walking in 32 English Counties and in Wales, a total of 33 walks.

As of July 2022 several Counties had agreed to walk for this great cause. Ron knows of four cricketers diagnosed with prostate cancer in the past two weeks.

On announcing his intentions to the other Counties he was offered a walk from New Road, Worcester by Worcestershire County Cricket Club took place during the 4 day match v Middlesex CCC at the end of September 2022.

On top of that there were talks for walks from Edgbaston, Birmingham and from the County grounds of Derbyshire, Essex and Kent.

The idea is for the last walk to be on the 15th September 2024, which is Ron's 75th Birthday.

Main Course

The idea of walking in every County which plays Over 60s cricket to raise funds for prostate cancer research began at the beautiful New Road, Worcester cricket ground on September 28th during the four-day match against Middlesex CCC. We thank Worcestershire Over 60s for joining us and to ex Buckinghamshire player, Steve Coleman, for organising the local walkers

Thirty-three people took part in the walk with about a dozen from Buckinghamshire and Middlesex Over 60s joining the walk. Worcestershire CCC very kindly invited all of the walkers to watch the days cricket and provided car parking. Before the walk started we were joined by some of the Worcestershire players for a photo shoot and we are most grateful to the players for giving up their time. The walk was around the river bank with the glorious Worcester Cathedral as a back drop.



We then spent a lovely day watching cricket, lunching and chatting. Several people watching the match asked about our cause and many donated to the fund. We were even supplied with a delightful lemon drizzle cake by the ladies of the Ladies Pavilion.

The fund is indebted to Worcestershire CCC, David Hoskins and The Chairman of the Club for their incredible help in raising over £1000 on the day.

On November 3rd a small band of walkers arrived at Devizes CC, Wiltshire to walk along the Kennett and Avon canal and take in the amazing twenty-nine Caen locks, a most amazing feat of engineering. We were joined on this walk by the CEO of Prostate Cancer UK, Laura Kerby, who we are sure enjoyed a lovely day out. The torrential rain of the previous two days and of the early morning gave way to sunshine and blue sky just before the walk commenced. The canal is a thriving hive of activity and well worth a visit. We chatted to several people along the canal banks and some donated to our cause.



Wiltshire Over 50s player Justin Wagstaff decided walking was a bit boring and decided to run the five miles in full cricket kit, bat, pads and all. We think he raised over £300 and we thank him so much. Lunch was taken at The Barge Inn and during the lunch the heavy rain returned, we have been so lucky with the weather so far. The walk raised over £800 towards The Bob Willis Fund and Prostate Cancer UK. Our thanks go to Nigel Hill for organising the day.

Suffolk Over 60s invited us to join them as part of their monthly Over 60s and Over 70s walk on Wednesday 7th December for a walk from The Jolly Sailor pub in the lovely village of Orford. Pat and Ron were supported by Richard Vasey and Tony Smith plus Nick Goode from Essex who joined the Suffolk walkers to make up 27 people and several dogs walking around Orford and the surrounding woodland. We also stopped at Sudbourne Hall CC to remember 3 Suffolk Over 60s who had passed away in 2022. We then retired to The Jolly Sailor for an excellent lunch. We thank Ken Jones for his organisation and all of those who have donated. Again around £1000 was raised and more importantly these walks are raising awareness of the need for men to get a PSA test to make sure they catch any problem as early as possible.

The walks now take a rest until March when we start again in earnest. We already have walks arranged at Edgbaston Cricket Ground, Birmingham through Warwickshire Over 60s, in Essex and Norfolk and several more are being discussed. The Edgbaston walk has an array of sports stars and tv personalities lined up to join us. We are indebted to everyone who takes part or donates.

To see photos of our walks please visit www.bobwillisfund.org/ronsmarch or www.6070cc.co.uk and on the left of the page scroll to prostate cancer walks.

I am told we have even been mentioned on the National Counties Cricket twitter feed, a bit too technical for me though.

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Once again, many thanks to all those who have helped and contributed to Coloured Trousers over the past year particularly Kevin Beaumont, Andy Bone, Ron Hedley, Steve White, Su Klyne, Mike Knox, Jonathan Lilley, Douglas Miller, County Cricket Matters and Yahoo Over Cow Corner. All contributions gratefully received of course - why don't **YOU** make a New Year's resolution to write an article and join our happy band of literary contributors.

All that remains is to wish you all

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR

.....and hope to see you, either in a deck chair or wandering around the boundary, somewhere in the coming season.

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FESTIVE MUSIC QUIZ ANSWERS

1. East 17, 2. Bing Crosby, 3. Wonderful Christmas Time by Paul McCartney, 4. Rage Against the Machine, 5. Elvis Presley, 6. Eight, 7. Johnny Mathis, 8. Four- 1984, 1989, 2004, 2014, 9. Aled Jones, 10. Justin Bieber, 11. Just like the ones I used to know, 12. Nicole Kidman, 13. Galway Bay 14. Do the fairies keep him sober for a day, 15. Paul Young

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