

Stapleford Phoenix

2022 was a momentous year for Stapleford Phoenix, the village's T20 midweek cricket club. Not only did we have no fewer than 30 players turning out for us, including some promising teenagers, we also won a competition for the first time.

And to top that off we also set off on our maiden tour, to the German island of Heligoland. The Phoenix will be playing in Division One of the Cambridge Business Houses League this summer after we finished top of the Division Two table (winning seven game and somehow contriving to lose the Stapleford derby in the last over to the Outlaws).

Left-handers Ralph Minter and Aidan Swain, captain Gareth Everson, wicketkeeper David Garman, all-rounder Jeff Wilson and teenage gun bat Ben Swinton were our main run-getters. With the ball, our most successful bowlers were Jon West, Fazel Lee, Stuart Creed, Venkatesh Pilla Reddy and Stuart Rushby.

In total we won 14 of our 20 matches, drew one and tied another.

So here's to another fun summer on Stapleford Rec.

Jon West