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Cricket in the village is thriving and its two clubs, both sponsored by The Three Horseshoes, are working closely together to make sure this continues. Stapleford Phoenix, the midweek T20 side, made its Business House League Division One debut last summer but is now back in the second-tier. Stapleford CC, the Saturday side, has expanded to include two teams for this summer, both playing in the lower reaches of the county-wide circuit (southern section).

A bumper crop of junior players has just come through and it is hoped they will enjoy their transition to adult cricket both in midweek and at weekends.

Work has been carried out on the square in the hope it will make the grass pitch more of a smooth surface but the artificial strip, despite being a bit bowed these days, continues to be a reliable alternative option.

If anyone fancies a game, or has expertise on pitch preparation, please contact the <a href="mailto:staplefordphoenix@gmail.com">staplefordphoenix@gmail.com</a> email address.

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