

Stapleford's two cricket clubs are hoping for another enjoyable summer following successful seasons for each in 2024.

Stapleford Phoenix, the village's midweek evening side, has expanded to two teams this year, the result of a fine crop of youngsters coming through.

Phoenix plays T20s in the Business House League plus friendlies.

Stapleford Cricket Club, the Saturday league side, successfully introduced a second side last summer for their 40-over fixtures.

Many of us play for both clubs (some Phoenixers prefer Great Shelford) and anyone who wants to join can email [staplefordphoenix@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordphoenix@gmail.com) for either team.

We have worked hard over the last couple of years to get the pitch up to standard so special thanks for their efforts to Gareth Everson, Ralph Minter, Sajog Gangadharan and Tim Harrison to name but a few.

Thanks also to the Messenger Fund for a generous donation towards making the surface safe for the youngsters (and our older members too, whose reflexes may not be quite what they were).