

## Tattenhall CC Over 40's Captain's report 2023

Many thanks for the privilege of being allowed to captain the team over the last few years, but it is now time for a change. I've done all I can. Hopefully the club can infuse the current wealth of experience and undoubted quality within the team with a little bit of youth (and quality) as many of us approach and surpass the age of sixty!

It is a very similar report to last year. There are essentially 2 leagues within the league – Boughton Hall, Neston, Wallasey in one and Tattenhall, Oxton, Caldby and Upton in the other!

We tend to be competitive on the whole and run CBH and Neston close a couple of times but can never get over the line, always a little missing with ball or bat. Probably a combination of age, depth of squad and a little bit of quality? It was often the case that, when looking at the games and results and just how it felt at times when captaining, that when we bowled well, we batted indifferently and vice-versa.

However, we did manage to get a team out every week, unlike other teams and therefore thanks for the support of everyone who rallied to the cause when required.

All in-all, though I complain at times and live up to my 'grumpiness', we have had another enjoyable year, particularly in the bar afterwards, with some all-round highlights being;

Johnno's bowling – CBH particularly

Adam's multi-ball over at Caldby – no idea how many, defending 160 and I was worried in the middle of the over!

Keith's wicket-keeping – outstanding

My dislocated finger at Neston – along with bowling being smashed!

Home Tea's – outstanding!

Oxton's teas – strange combo!

Annual curry

- I had to take Monday off and Hilly failed to turn up for his cycle ride Saturday am

Phelo not pulling up injured during a game

Rob Okell's debut – the start of a 20+ year career!

That's all from me and best wishes to the next captain.

Regards

Gary