



***The Chess Telecom Cheshire County Cricket Club***

**Duffy bows out as Cheshire ring the changes for 2015.**



***Chairman of the Cheshire CCC Cricket Committee, Andy Newton (right), presents James Duffy with his Cheshire sweater as the popular Hyde man steps down.***

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**After three years at the helm of Cheshire CCC, James Duffy steps down as captain due to outside commitments.**

**The Hyde ace hands the reins to Danny Woods for Cheshire's 2015 three day Championship programme and the KO Trophy one day tournament. Chester Boughton Hall's Lee Dixon becomes vice captain and will lead the side in the inaugural Unicorns T20 Tournament.**

**Duffy took over from Andrew Hall at the start of the 2012 season and proved a popular choice.**

Ready-made replacement Danny Woods has skippered the side when Duffy has been unavailable including the 2013 Championship Final at Cambridgeshire.



*New Cheshire CCC skipper, Danny Woods*

And with Woods returning to play his club cricket alongside Duffy at Hyde in 2015, he'll have plenty of advice available.

“James has been a great asset for Cheshire for many years,” he said. “He’s an outstanding batsman and his style of captaincy has really helped the side develop.

“James and Andrew (Hall – Duffy’s predecessor) are two of the best captains I’ve played under. I’ve learned a lot from both which will hopefully stand me in good stead.

“I’ll be looking for support of course from the senior pros and I’m delighted that Lee Dixon will be my vice-captain.

“I can’t wait to get started and am really excited about seeing some of our exciting new talent develop”.

Woods also paid tribute to the work undertaken by the Cheshire Committee and the bold step forward as a specialist T20 captain is appointed in Dixon.

Dixon has a sound T20 pedigree, leading Chester Boughton Hall CC to T20 national glory in 2014.



*Cheshire CCC vice-captain and T20 skipper, Lee Dixon*

“Working with Danny will be really exciting,” he said. “We’ve built up a great rapport over the years and know each other well. And to be named T20 skipper is a real privilege”.

Cheshire have exciting plans for 2015 that include time away at a training camp and a pre-season warm up game to include existing and potential players.

**Cheshire fixtures 2015**

*Unicorns KO Trophy (1 day): 19 April Lincolnshire (A), 26 April Shropshire (H), 3 May Cumberland (A), 17 May Northumberland (H), 14 June quarter-final, 26 July semi-final, final tba.*

***Unicorns Counties Championship (3 days): 7,8,9 June Shropshire (A), 21,22,23 June Wales MC (A), 5,6,7 July Dorset (H), 19,20,21 July Cornwall (A), 2,3,4 August Berkshire (H), 16,17,18 Herefordshire (H).***

***T20 Tournament: 31 May Cheshire v Cumberland, Northumberland v Shropshire (at CBH), 12 July Finals Day.***

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