



New Year's Day Match at the 'Cradle of Cricket' to Launch the 250th Anniversary of First Class Cricket Commemorations

Broadhalfpenny Brigands CC	Versus	Hampshire Huskies CC	
Gerry Northwood ©		David Henderson ©	<i>MCC</i>
Guy Ladenburg		Rory Tennant	<i>Hursley Park CC</i>
Dougie Henderson		Huw Turbervill	<i>The Cricketer</i>
Mike Beardall		Ben Turbervill	<i>The Cricketer</i>
Neil Wood		Pete Hayward	<i>Havant CC</i>
Ben Jones		Matty Hayward	<i>Havant CC</i>
Adam Jay		Chris Pratt	<i>Hambledon CC</i>
David Hemsley		Jonny Pratt	<i>Hambledon CC</i>
James Dingemans		Rick Marston	<i>Portsmouth CC</i>
Paul Bailey		Simon Jones	<i>Hampshire CB</i>

Twelfth Man: Dan Rickards

Umpires: Nick Harris, Bryan Burns, Jon Musters, Clive Barnett

Scorers: Peter Danks, Sue Bailey, Caroline Beardall

With thanks to Harry and Rod for preparing the ground, the Bat and Ball for nourishment, to Fullers for their ongoing support and to Hambledon Vineyard for the Player of the Match award.

Previous New Year's Day Games featured The Eskimos v The Invalids in 1929, and Hambledon v Adi Aymes Benefit XI in 2000.

In the 18th Century, Broadhalfpenny Down was home to the legendary Hambledon Club, then the acknowledged authority on the Laws of Cricket, and was the location of the inaugural First Class cricket match in 1772 between Hampshire and an All-England team. It was here that important changes to the game were developed and codified, from the addition of a third stump to the size of the bat.

The ground is now maintained by Broadhalfpenny Down preservation trust and donations to help preserve this historic venue are appreciated by clicking "Donate" on the website at www.broadhalfpennydown.com.

Dates for the diary include Sunday 5 June Queen's Diamond Jubilee Match, 24-26 June 250th Anniversary weekend featuring 3 matches and Thursday 11 August match v MCC. Further details available on the website or on Instagram @cradleofcricket.