

England Men's Best XI squad - picture produced for the Test match programme

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## ECB reveals the nation's best-ever England Men's Test XI

England cricket fans have voted for their best-ever men's Test XI to celebrate the 1000<sup>th</sup> England men's Test match at Edgbaston, starting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Cricket fans from across the country were invited to pick their team from over 100 players ranging from W.G. Grace in the 1880s to current Test captain Joe Root in a survey completed by over 6,000 England cricket fans.

After two weeks of voting and, with some selections coming down to only three votes, the official nation's best-ever England men's Test XI, is:

1. Alastair Cook
2. Sir Leonard Hutton
3. David Gower
4. Kevin Pietersen
5. Joe Root
6. Sir Ian Botham
7. Alan Knott (w)
8. Graeme Swann
9. Fred Trueman
10. James Anderson
11. Bob Willis

The team will be celebrated with a day of activity at Edgbaston on day three of the Specsavers Test against India on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Selected players will be invited to a parade to thank the fans for their votes.

Speaking about the poll for the nation's best-ever XI and his inclusion in the side, England Test captain **Joe Root** said:

"To be selected in the best-ever England men's Test XI side by cricket fans across the country is incredibly humbling.

"When I think of some of the incredible players who haven't made the cut, legends of the game such as Denis Compton and Wally Hammond, I'm not sure I would have voted for myself, but I certainly want to thank the fans for thinking of me.

"It's great to see my current team-mates Alastair Cook and James Anderson be recognised for their contributions to England Test cricket too."

ECB Chief Executive Officer **Tom Harrison** added:

"To be playing our 1000<sup>th</sup> men's Test is a true testament to the enduring importance of Test cricket. It is the pinnacle for players and fans at home and abroad.

“This selection, chosen by England followers, has Test careers ranging from 1937 to the present day and encapsulates both the history of this great game and showcases the fine players we’ve produced in this country.”

## Notes to editor

The online survey was completed by 6,108 people between Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

It was shared via the We Are England Cricket Supporters network and opened to the public across digital and social media channels

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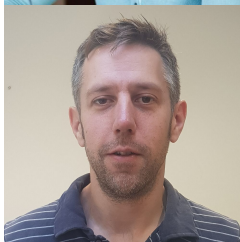


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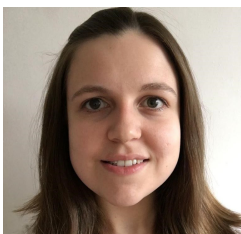
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