



Transform Your Team – 1st January 2018 -Take a step in the right direction in 2018

View from @PhilJBish- In 2018 should this be the year that we are Caring, Listening and Helping.

It may seem like yesterday that we bid farewell to the 20th century and the first “millennium babies” were welcomed into the world but 18 years have passed and those babies are on the brink of adulthood. So, as we look back and then look forward to 2018 what have been the milestones for the millennials.

“Maybe we’ll need to take a step back and look at things again” Andrew Strauss England Director of Cricket

This was the quote issued by Andrew Strauss after the issue of the drinking culture raised its head once again in 2017. As I reflect on what 2018 has in store for us these thoughts won't go away, what have we created. They have been reinforced after watching the Australia and England test matches through the last month and as your chaplain I have felt compelled to commit my thoughts to you as we begin a new year. Cricket is a sport where socialising is part of the sport’s DNA but should we take additional measures to help our “millennium babies” to protect them better with improved awareness and education on subjects like drinking.

This thought has been prompted by the reporting of the early-morning activities of Ben Stokes and Alex Hales and the consequences after that event which the media news cycle has taken on a life of its own. What were the inherent issue and overriding question in this event? Was it just how does a professional, international sporting organisation create a culture where it is deemed acceptable to be out at 2.35am in the morning in the middle of a series? Regardless of anything else that is alleged to have occurred, this is the key to everything. But if we are really being honest the real cause was the drinking culture we have in the UK. Of course, every individual has to take responsibility for their own actions but the wider environment they operate in also has to take a share of the blame.

Time goes very fast and action is required just look at the last 18 years events. So, the question remains what can we do about this in our culture in 2018 and beyond. Maybe the time has come to take a step back and put in place something that educates and makes a difference in 2018 to help protect not just the “millennium babies” but also everyone. I hope you have a blessed and fantastic New Year.

Year	Events	Year	Events
2000	The Nokia 3310 is released	2009	Bitcoin is launched
2001	The first iPod released	2010	First Instagram posts
2002	Twelve countries introduce the Euro	2011	Prince William and Kate Middleton were married
2003	Concorde makes its final commercial flights	2012	London Olympics
2004	Facebook opens	2013	Nelson Mandela died aged 95
2005	You Tube gets going	2014	2014 was the UK’s warmest year since records began
2006	Debut of twitter	2015	Paris attacks kill more than 120 people
2007	Apple first iPhone is introduced	2016	The UK votes to leave the EU
2008	Barrack Obama wins the US presidential election	2017	Inauguration of Donald Trump
2009	Bitcoin is launched	2018	??????

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