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Welcome to the 2019 edition of the Lytham Cricket Club Yearbook. I hope you are looking forward to another season of cricket and socialising down at Church Road. We can only hope for another hot summer similar to last year, although I'm sure our groundsman Adam may be praying for the odd shower!

Firstly reflecting on last year, another successful season for the Club in what are undoubtedly becoming tough times for amateur cricket clubs all over the UK. Senior cricket numbers are on the slow decline throughout the country and the days of club volunteers dedicating themselves to their local club are few and far between. Ironically, at the same time the ECB seems intent on raising not only standards but red tape, and this requires resource - a resource that many clubs simply do not have. Sadly, we are now starting to see some effects of this already, some clubs have folded whilst others have merged. Who knows what the future will bring!

On a much more positive note, the committee's pioneering decision to invest in an overseas coach certainly improved playing standards across both junior and senior sections during 2018 and provided a boost around the club in general. Peter Buchanan's typical Australian charm certainly lifted morale both on and off the field, in the dressing room and at the bar! Both parties were keen for PB to return, with Peter even leaving his coaching kit at his rented accommodation in anticipation of a swift return. However he received an offer he could not refuse and took the job of Head Performance and National Coach of the Island of Vanuatu. A quick google of Vanuatu shows it would have been a pretty easy decision once he was offered the position but we have parted on excellent terms and certainly wouldn't rule out Peter returning to Lytham in years to come.

We realise this leaves us a bit short on the specialist technical coaching that was in such demand last year. Due to the timing of the decision it wasn't really viable to engage another overseas coach, such is the difficulty with visa and work permits.

Fortunately we have a skilled coach and pretty experienced cricketer right here on our

doorstep!!! Steven Croft who needs no introduction has obviously played the last couple of seasons with Lytham 1st XI but with Croft planning for the future, already in possession of his Level 3 coaching badge and currently undertaking the ECB Elite Performance Level 4 coaching qualification, I think you will all agree that we have found a capable and popular replacement. Croft's diary obviously won't be as flexible as Peters so unfortunately slots will be limited and may change at short notice during the summer due to Steven's current Lancashire commitments but we hope you can bear with us during his first season in this role.

That leads me to Steven's testimonial year in 2018 and on behalf of Croft and the Club we thank for your support at the T20 day last summer which was a fantastic event and the weather was certainly kind to us on the day! We hope to put on similar events in the years to come.

Whilst on the Lancashire theme it was great to see both Steven Croft and also Toby Lester regularly turning out for the Red Rose, especially Tobes who became a regular, opening the bowling during the Vitality Blast T20 competition and his bowling at the death in the Roses thriller against Kane Williamson was nerve wracking and exciting for all associated with the club. We are lucky to be able to call on these quality players when they do become available and our club's youngsters should look up to these guys and remember them for years to come.

Finally, thanks to Susan Chiekrie for once again coming to the rescue and pulling together this year's edition of the yearbook. We also thank our many sponsors, the majority of whom have supported the club over many years, others you will notice have advertised with us for the first time. Please help promote these businesses and likewise next year, if you or your friends have business that would like an opportunity to be part of this book, let us know!

Have a great summer season!

Antony Mulligan
Lytham CC Committee Representative

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A View From The Box

Well here I go again! Looking back to 2017 the 1st XI had finished in the bottom half of the league for the 2nd consecutive season but balanced it with an adventurous Cup run. We needed to improve for the 2018 season.

The Committee started off the year by appointing Ben Saunders as Captain, an all-round Clubman, hoping for an exciting season ahead. Ben started by strengthening the squad by recruiting players. A return of wicketkeeper James McDonagh from Vernon Carus, Matt Shawcross from Glastonbury CC, Tom Jefferson from neighbours Blackpool CC and finally we welcomed Peter Buchanan from Australia, an inspiring coach with years of coaching experience.

First up on a sunny April afternoon was a trip to Wallasey. We won the toss and elected to bowl, and WHAT A START! Opening was Toby Lester who bowled a lovely straight one which rapped the batsman's pads. An instant cry from all 11 Lytham players of "Howzat!" and that magic finger of the umpire was raised. Wallasey were dismissed for 133, a fantastic start to the season. However, it wasn't meant to be, with Lytham losing narrowly by 2 runs.

Next up was Fulwood & Broughton in the National Knockout. A steady, unbeaten 52 from Tom Hessey saw us to a comfortable 8 wicket win and into the next round. With our first win under our belt, the lads were keen to keep the momentum. We hosted Rainhill. With overcast conditions, Ben elected to bowl which led us to dismissing them for just 69 - Lester, Mulligan and Holden sharing all 10 wickets. The following week saw Highfield bat 58 overs, leaving us not enough time to chase, match drawn.

Then came our first T20 of the season, a destructive 97 not out from Taylor Cornall against Hightown St Marys saw us cruise into the next round. Soon after was a weekend to forget with defeats to Champions, Ormskirk and neighbours Blackpool, ending our National Knockout hopes.

Another shock the following week, we crashed out in the 1st round of the Lancashire Cup against Palace Shield side Eccleston. This is would also be the theme in the coming weeks, heavy defeats from Bootle and Formby at Home, a League Cup exit against Northern...AGAIN! and a T20 exit against Southport & Birkdale...AGAIN! Things can only get better!

Next up in the League was New Brighton, a team that were struggling to register a win. A quality all-round performance saw us crush them by 9 wickets. In action once again we



The 1st XI 2018 team

hosted League leaders, Northern the week after. With wet conditions Northern won the toss and elected to bowl. With a solid knock of 78 from Steven Croft, we were all out for 175 in 46 overs. A superb bowling and fielding performance saw us bowl them out for 97:- My personal favourite of the season. Followed by 2 great wins came great weather! We made the short trip to Rainford on one of Lytham's busiest days of the year, Club Day. Ben won the toss and elected to bowl. They amassed 243-5 off 55 overs. Some solid batting performances saw us win narrowly by 2 wickets. A Great Game!

Another High-Scoring game was picked up the week after against Leigh at Church Road. In scorching hot conditions Leigh won the toss and elected to bat. They posted 291-6. We made a fantastic effort with a great 3rd wicket partnership of 156 from Taylor Cornall (104) and Tom Jefferson (80) but fell short by 16 runs with 7 wickets down. Our good run of form ended with a defeat to Ormskirk, always a tough place to go and a defeat to Rainhill soon after.

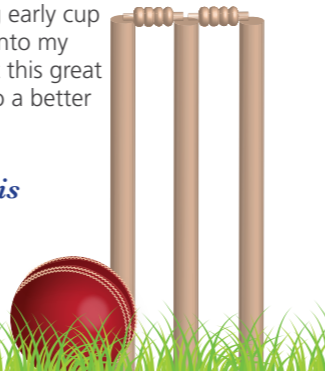
On Saturday 4th August, Colwyn Bay made the "short trip" to Church Road. The away side won the toss and elected to bowl, we amassed 220-8 off 58 overs. A solid knock of 58 from Josh Holden and a blistering 60 not out from Ben. A superb bowling performance saw us skittle them for 69! Sharing the wickets were the Saunders brothers, Holden and Croft.

The end of the season was nearing and out of a possible 100 points, we accumulated only 29 - 15 of which were matches

abandoned. On Saturday 1st September we travelled to Northern on a day where a win would see them as league champions. Northern won the toss and elected to bat and had posted 236-8. In reply we got off to a good start, 42-0, but a soon collapsed to 80-7. In to the crease came, who I thought was Toby Lester. Half way through his crunching innings I realised that it was our skipper!! Oops!! Sorry Ben! A superb 8th wicket partnership of 106 between Ben (86) and Matt Taaffe (47) got us into a better position. However, the game ended in a nail-biting draw...phew! This mistake also led me to wearing "The Suit" as punishment! Cheers Lads!

Last game was now here, away to Leigh. In wet conditions, Leigh won the toss and surprisingly elected to bat. They had posted 190-8. With a steady knock of 32 not out from Tom Jefferson we saw the game out with a narrow 2 wicket win, finishing the season off on a high. A special mention to Ben who claimed yet another hat-trick in his career, all of which were LBWs! The league petered out and we finished in a better position than we did in 2017. Overall some better league performances but disappointing early cup exits. Going into my 9th season at this great club, here's to a better 2019!

Luke Norris
Scorer



Season Preview - 1st XI

As many of you will probably know, last season was my first as captain. Having played cricket here at Lytham since I was ten years old, it was a real honour to be given the captaincy. I wasn't sure what to expect from the season only that it would require hard work and some great performances if we were to prove wrong those people who had us tipped for relegation.

As it happened, we finished the season seventh in the league, our highest finish since 2014. It wasn't as straightforward as it sounds though. We struggled to string all parts together and were frustratingly inconsistent. There were games when the bowling was superb but we failed with the bat and vice versa. We found ourselves hammering top of the league Northern at home yet could only manage two draws against bottom of the league and ultimately relegated Highfield. Even I found myself getting a bit grumpy at times!

However, we managed eight wins throughout the season, again a feat not achieved since 2014 when we won ten games and finished third. The highlights for me were chasing down 246 in the penultimate over away to Rainford, bowling out eventual champions Northern for 97 to win the game and a wonderful win away at Colwyn Bay, topped off by a very noisy bus drive home (thanks to my mum and grandad for their driving duties that day). We are a young team too, so good results like those were important in giving us confidence. Most notable performances included another comp hundred for Taylor, 5 wicket hauls for Josh and I. Taaffe and TJ having good years with the bat, both scoring over 400 runs throughout the season. Four hundred partnerships: - Taaffe was involved in 3 of



these, TJ in 2 and Matt Cartmell and Taylor and I involved in one each. These are all good, solid performances to build on next season.

Overall it was a good season and it has certainly given us a great starting point to build on for this year. At the time of writing, we've already signed some new and exciting players 2019.

Talented spin bowler, Alex Mason has joined us from Ormskirk, where he took over a hundred wickets in two seasons. Left handed bat, Scott Howarth has left Thornham CC for Church Road and Ross Zelem is joining us from Leigh CC. Ross scored over 4000 runs for Leigh in all competitions, averaging 40. We look forward to seeing them play and I hope you will all help welcome them to the Club. We are also hopeful to have much more game time from Guy Roberts this year.

Peter Buchanan, our overseas coach, who was with us for the first time in 2018, unfortunately will not be returning this year. Getting the chance to manage the Vanuatu national side is a huge honour and opportunity for Pete and I am sure that everyone at the club including myself will be gutted that he won't be coaching us again this year. We wish him all the best

and look forward to hopefully welcoming him back in future years. Thanks again Pete and good luck.

We also say goodbye to Taylor Cornall who has spent the last 3 seasons here at Church Road. Taylor has made the decision to join fellow Liverpool Competition side Northern. We wish him all the best for the future.

Looking ahead, I'm hoping that we can build on last year's performance, find some real consistency and continue to develop a strong collective mentality. A main aim of mine is to bring all the sides together and create a very positive competition for places. Once again I am hoping for the very best from all the players, whichever side they're in and I hope we can continue to entertain our loyal supporters who come along to watch us every week. So much goes on behind the scenes at a Club like this and I'm grateful to everyone who plays their part in enabling us to play our cricket.

I'm looking forward to an interesting season on and off the field and I hope all our Club members will continue to get behind the teams. Here's hoping for a great summer of cricket throughout 2019!

Wishing you all the best this season!

Ben Saunders
1st XI Captain



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A challenging season

The 2018 season was quite the rollercoaster for the 2nd XI, starting with a fantastic 5 wicket win at Church Road against a strong Northern side. This included the 2nd XI's performance of the year award by Jack Henriques with figures of 7-23 from 10.3 overs.

The following six fixtures saw us collect only 29 points. With two of those fixtures we struggled to score more than 60 runs. That said, against Orrell Red Triangle CC, we set them 210 to see them make no effort to chase down the target. The week prior to that, we just fell short of chasing down Wigan's 155 after being 68-8. Young Callum Doyle and I put on 77 from 10 overs leaving us 9 runs short. Seven games into the season with only one win and three draws, it was looking quite bleak for the 2nd XI with a lot of the senior members of the team anticipating a long challenging season.

June 9th saw us welcome fellow strugglers Ainsdale CC. Phil Watkinson, who was captain at the time, was unavailable and he asked me to stand in that weekend in a must win game, no pressure Ryan! I won the toss and made the bold decision to bat first going for the maximum 25 points. Myles Child (59), Jason McGreehin (58) and myself (52) saw the 2nd XI post 209-8 from only 38 overs. With intentions of strictly winning the game and the current points tally in the league table, I felt it best to not give Ainsdale the opportunity to pick up 5 bowling points and declared before tea. This gave us 40 minutes before tea to bowl at Ainsdale which I saw as a key opportunity to pick up a couple of wickets. We managed to bowl 11 overs before tea, Ainsdale 36-0. We bowled well with no reward. A change at both ends I felt was needed after tea; Peter Burn and I were the changes. Peter got the breakthrough and then at the other end I got the other opener out. Peter continued to bowl very tight however the number four took a liking to my bowling and slapped me for 22 in one over, without any hesitation I was off. I looked around at the options as to who I could bring on: - Morgan Davies, a much slower bowler of leg-spin. I felt that the opposition would look to target him. Quite the opposite happened with Morgan finishing with 1-9 from 7 overs. He really frustrated the Ainsdale batsman who then decided to target Peter Burn instead, bad idea! Peter finished with tremendous figures of 4-10 from 10 overs. We won, happy faces all round, 25 Points and out of the relegation zone... For now!

The following week saw us travel to Bootle CC. I was unavailable for this fixture nevertheless I kept in touch with the lads to see how the game was proceeding. Two great knocks from Josh Eales (82) and Phil



Watkinson (90*) not to forget a quick fire unbeaten 32 from just 18 balls from Joe Davies saw Lytham post 241-4. Bootle from 40 overs never really showed any intention of chasing the target down and finished 133-4. Disappointing end to a great first half display from Lytham.

Two weeks later we made the short journey to New Brighton CC, also struggling at the foot of the table. Phil won the toss and elected to bat. I think that was the biggest cheer of the day with the expected temperature to reach mid-high 30's. The whole outfield was basically straw. The heat wave that the country has endured leading up the game was evident and I'm confident to say nobody saw one green blade of grass that day. An aggressive approach from the lads saw us post a challenging 231-6 from only 39 overs. New Brighton knew they had to come out and win. Exactly how cricket should be played! The game was evenly balanced with NB 154-3 with the last hour being called. Phil turned to Dan Yates and me, the bowlers who had shared the 3 wickets. A fantastic spell from Dan Yates, controlled, aggressive, quick and accurate, saw Dan finish with figures of 7-70 from 17 overs, in blistering heat. Very well done Dan Yates! NB 206 all out. A massive 25 points!

The following weekend we had two games at church Road, the first saw the 2nd XI fall just 2 runs short of chasing down Wallasey's 217. Lytham finishing 215-7 with performances of note:- Joe Davies (62) and Kyle Macaulay (46). Great effort lads!

The day after saw us play New Brighton in the quarter final of the Chester cup at home. A fantastic knock from Joe Davies (99) and two great contributions from Matthew Cartmell (42) and Phil Watkinson (36*) saw us post 256-8. NB never really got going. Everyone bowled very well and NB was all out for 126, performance to note Christopher Cartmell 4-29. Into the Semi-final draw!

The following week saw us narrowly lose to Southport & Birkdale on the final ball, defending 234, which included the batting performance of the year from Christopher Cartmell (101*) supported by Jason McGreehin finishing unbeaten on 53. This game led to a change in management for the 2nd XI. Phil Watkinson had given his all for the team and unfortunately it wasn't to be and Phil stepped down as 2nd XI captain. I was approached by the committee and asked if I would be happy take on the captaincy and see the team through to the end of the season, to which I accepted. My first four official games in charge were nothing to shout about. Away to Wigan was abandoned and we couldn't quite get the last wicket away to Formby to claim the victory. The following Sunday we were in the semi-final away to cup favourites Ormskirk, Unfortunately none of the lads turned up and we comfortably lost by 122 runs. However, we still had to keep our heads held high and concentrate on maintaining our Premier Division status.

In the weeks ahead, we had a rain affected draw against Sefton Park, a rather comfortable win over Ainsdale, thanks to another destructive knock from Joe Davies (71) and unfortunately another narrow loss to Orrell Red Triangle - we all set out to chase the target and marginally fell short by 20 runs. Next up, Bootle at home, quite the eventful game, we scored 259-5 from only 33.3 overs which was a run rate at an explosive 7.77. Performances to note were Matt Stevenson (79*) and Jason McGreehin (83). I'm confident to say that declaring after just 33½ overs is something I can't imagine has happened very often in the Liverpool Comp, leaving the opposition, 40 minutes before lunch 90 minutes after, plus the last 20 overs. We bowled 58 overs, to see them not attempt to win the game from the first ball of their innings, Bootle finished 205-7. This would all but condemn them to relegation, with New Brighton above Bootle. More importantly, this

result saw us pick up 8 bonus points which confirmed our premier division status for the 2019 season.

Briefly looking back at last season, there are plenty of positives that, we as a team, can carry into this season. The likes of Alex Higham and Morgan Davies, pushing to cement a permanent place in the side and with the three or four new faces into the squad from other teams, I'm confident that a lot of the lads will be playing for there places in the two senior teams. Competition for places, I'm sure will bring out many more key performances and team results. So here we are now, with the season fast approaching. Four indoor net sessions in, the structure and intensity of training sessions has been great. There really does seem to be a lot of positivity around the squad. Great to see!

The main aspect of the game that I would encourage all of the lads to strive to improve on is fielding. Too many times in seasons gone by have we lost games due to our fielding,

it is after all the most important part of the game! Ben and I are keen to work on this at training, with help from David Cartmell. We're looking forward to having very well structured net sessions every single week. Part of this is will be discussing plans with one another, understanding our roles and identifying areas of where each individual wants to improve, working on them to build a competitive, exciting and great squad bond.

When growing up, my Dad never let my brother or I win at anything; we had to earn the right to win. This is the mentality that I will encourage in the 2nd XI this year. I'm confident that the XI that is selected every week will back this philosophy. With the talent that the squads have this year, with competition for places, I'm happy in the right conditions and circumstances to elect to bat first and go for 25 points every single week. As a team, and in comparison to the teams we faced last year, I'm sure that everyone will be disappointed if we finish in the bottom half, why shouldn't we be aiming to challenge

for the league? Aim High!

To do this this, it is vitally important that everyone is committed and willing to give 110% for all their team mates. We as a team ideally need a minimum of three batsmen to score 500 or more runs, and three bowlers to take 40 plus wickets. Not forgetting the fielding, chasing every ball, diving for those slim opportunities of a catch and encouraging one another if mistakes happen, after all nobody drops a catch on purpose. Constant backing of the bowlers with 11 voices on the pitch and applause from the spectators for runs being scored.

I hope to see plenty of you down at the weekends supporting the lads with positive expectations for 2019. With a competitive and can-do attitude, I'm confident of great team spirit and positive results, it's going to be a great season for Lytham 2nd XI.

Ryan Norris
2nd XI Captain

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3rd XI 2018

2018 was a successful year for the 3rd XI by any measurement. A number of young players were blossoming for the first time, there were no points conceded following cancellations and the team finished a proud 3rd in the league.

It is not uncommon for the first few games of the season to set the tone for the year and this year was no exception. Morgan Davies carried his bat and took 3 wickets in the game first game of the season. His performance over the remaining weeks would further improve.

Nathan Wood put up a determined 107 against Highfield in the second game and narrowly missed his 50 at 48 against the double champions Leigh the following week. Once again Morgan put in a match winning performance of 74 not out and took 3 for 30 to humble the champions on their own ground against our young team. On that occasion the team was captained by Ryan Norris who also contributed a valuable 41.

Morgan's performance continued throughout the season leading us to victory against Orrell with a bowling performance of 4 for 16. 2018 yielded a number of other notable performances including good batting performances by the Child brothers: - Myles scoring 101 against Wigan and who can



forget Harrison's valiant 48 against Spring View. Kuli Virdee also contributed a winning 109 in the last full game of the season against Orrell but the most welcome surprise of all came from Ari Holloway who blasted 5 wickets for 15 runs the following week.

The report would not be complete without mentioning 1 or 2 of the other up and coming young players. Freddie Hackett who can now be regarded as an accomplished all-rounder opened the batting at home to

Leigh and took the top score of 25.

Finally, if anyone is looking for a young player who has great promise look no further than Tristan Woodman. Tristan is a popular young man who has a good eye for the ball and a wonderful batting technique. Whilst his bowling also shows promise we perhaps saw a glimpse into the future when he stood in as replacement in the first team plucking a wonderful catch out of the sky with both hands at mid-off.

Senior Award Winners



SENIOR CRICKET AWARDS 2018

1st XI

Batting: Taylor Cornall
Bowling: Josh Holden
Performance: Ben Saunders

2nd XI

Batting: Jason McGreehin
Bowling: Dan Yates
Performance: Jack Henriques

3rd XI

Batting: Nathan Wood
Bowling: Morgan Davies
Performance: Morgan Davies

Under 17's

Batting: Alex Higham
Bowling: Morgan Davies
Performance: Alex Higham

Over 35's

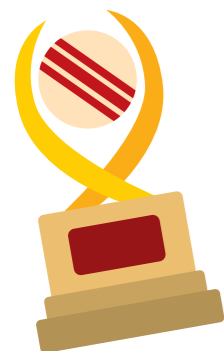
Batting: Russ Thomas
Bowling: Simon Long
Funniest Moment: Rob Hezel

Under 18's Player of the Year: Morgan Davies

Under 21's Player of the Year: Tom Jefferson

Clubman of the Year: Luke Norris

Life Membership: Len Hackett



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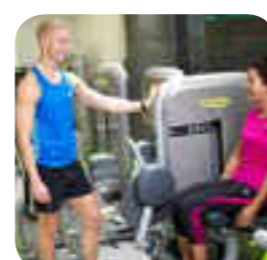
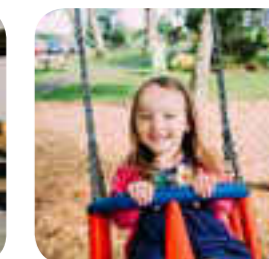
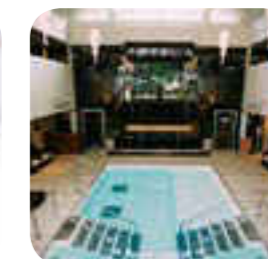
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U17's

In a season of only four games we had 10 attempted fixtures with the opposition constantly rearranging at the last minute which was very frustrating to say the least!

Unfortunately this meant that the core of the U17 team were on a Rugby tour to the Antipodes for many of the fixtures. Thanks and well done to the U14's who not only stood up and played for the U17's but also the 3rd XI which helped to generate a good team atmosphere – May it continue into 2019.

Sadly we managed to find ways to lose all our games. Had we played by the league rules, taking the points instead of rearranging the fixtures, we would have come 1st or 2nd in our league having played and lost 1 game! But the objective is to encourage and enable cricket to be played so with that in mind we put out a team and played the game!



Although the U17's are technically classed as juniors they make such a large contribution to senior cricket so it makes more sense for them to be presented with their awards at the Senior Presentation Evening. This year the awards were as follows:

Batting - Alex Higham with a total of 111 runs, double that of the next nearest player. A high score of 44 and an average of 27.75.

Bowling - Morgan Davies winning on efficiency 5.08, average 10.17 and a strike rate of 12. Most number of wickets 6.

Performance - Alex Higham for fielding and general performance on the field. He had a safe pair of hands, taking the most catches for the team, frontline bowler and always contributing with the bat.

We say goodbye to our Captain of the last two years Callum Doyle and his side-kick Nathan Wood as they progress to senior cricket. We wish them continued success and hope to see them both progress to 2nd XI and 1st XI.

Richard Wood
U17's Coach's

U14's

2018 was a fantastic summer for the weather and Lytham U14 cricket! We won the league!! A limited league programme for our boys at this age group, but all 6 teams were competitive. None more so than the team that had won the league in the last 3 seasons, Longridge.

Kirkham (A) - Weeks after a friendly at Kirkham that was approx -20C, this game was played in sweltering heat at the start of the long, hot summer. That didn't stop Nathan Evans hitting a 50 retired, some other batting highlights in a big total of 148-4 were a quick-fire 27 from Tristan Woodman and 37 from Morgan Davies. Some tight bowling from Charlie Nixon and wickets from Tobias Parkinson, Ben Gregson and Kieran Ellison restricted Kirkham who never looked like getting the runs required and ended up 30 runs short.

Penwortham (H) - A good bowling performance, with Kyle Rodgers, Tim Woodman and Charlie keeping it tight early on and wickets across the board, including an excellent 3 for 10 from Zayd Ali restricted Penwortham to a fairly small total of 111-8. Matt Duncan also bowled well at the end of the innings and was his usual athletic self in the field. After a brief wobble at the start of our innings a 51 retired from Morgan and a great example of clean hitting from John Barraclough with 39 not out took us to victory with 5 overs to spare.

Longridge (A) - Our nemesis over the last few years, we elected to bat and Nathan's 36, Morgan's 41 and a fantastically unorthodox innings of 22 from Tobias got us to 137-4. A good total, but one that had to be defended against a good side. We did just that thanks to some great bowling in particular from Tim and Ollie McIntyre who both bowled 4 overs taking 2-19 and 1-6 respectively. In addition to some excellent fielding we restricted Longridge to 118-8 for a big away win.

Leyland (H) - Played in the middle of the heat wave in July, the pitches were struggling to cope and this made for a tricky surface. Batting first we toiled to a relatively small total of 103-5. The stand out innings was Morgan's 51 retired a fantastic effort. We won this game with what has to be our best fielding and bowling performance of many seasons, restricting Leyland to just 81-6. Tim, Ollie, Ben and Kieran took the wickets, but all bowled well, including Morgan's 4 overs going for only 7 runs. Some of our less distinguished fielders threw themselves around in the field for the cause, Ben leading by example! Nathan's younger brother, Sam helped us out in this one and ended up bowling more overs in the league than his brother!

Fulwood & Broughton home - The big game! Both teams unbeaten, the pitch back to its best and pressure on because bonus points could come into the equation and Fulwood & Broughton had more bowling points going into the game. We batted first and put up a formidable total of 157 with Nathan hitting a retired 50, Morgan 40 not out and a return to form for Tristan with 36. Importantly we only lost 2 wickets meaning Fulwood & Broughton got no bowling bonus points. A good side, they didn't lie down, but it somehow never felt like they would get the runs even on such a good pitch. We bowled well enough despite also only taking 2 wickets, with Tim and Tobias our most economical bowlers and fielded well again to ensure they didn't reach the total (146-3) and the title was Lytham's!

Dan Gregson
U13A's Coach's

U10's

We had finished 2017 on a high so expectations were also high for this season. None of us were disappointed!

We started the 2018 season with two teams and broad mix of boys and girls and a truly amazing year came for all of the kids. Including finals day, only 2 games were lost all season. The children were a credit, showing great enthusiasm and team spirit.

Sunday 8th July – A scorching hot finals day at Leyland CC - saw two Lytham U10 teams playing at the same time on separate wickets. Our U10A's semi-final group consisted of Eccleston CC, Fulwood and Broughton CC and Longridge CC.

Semi Final 1 saw Fulwood and Broughton defeating Longridge by 31 runs scores Fulwood 140 for 5 (net 315) Longridge 109 for 5 (net 284).

Semi Final 2 between Eccleston and Lytham saw Lytham triumph by 42 runs. Eccleston 94 for 7 (net 259), Lytham 136 for 7 (net 301).

After lunch Lytham and Fulwood took to the field for the final and one could feel the tension amongst the spectators. Consistent batting throughout the Lytham innings saw them score 140 for 4 off their 20 overs (net score 320). The main Lytham contributors with the bat were: Brody Bateson 21 runs, Archie Legge 20, Harry Jackson 13, Samuel Curran 12 and Daniel Burgon 10.

Faced with a large total to chase Fulwood lost a couple of early wickets and were always behind the clock in their run chase finishing on 117 for 6 (net 287) giving Lytham victory by 33 runs. The Lytham wicket takers were William Wyles 1 for 5, Samuel Curran 1 for 10 and Alfie Kelly 1 for 28.

Lytham U10A team was: Brody Bateson, Lewis Bentley, Archie Blackburn, Daniel Burgon, Samuel Curran, Harry Jackson, Alfie Kelly, William Kelso, Archie Legge and William Wyles.

Our U10B's were to take on Penwortham CC in the U10's plate final. The game itself saw Penwortham overcome Lytham by 57 runs. Penwortham 127 for 2 (net 317), Lytham 100 for 8 (net 260).

For Lytham B Edward Brown 1 for 2 and Cody Winnemore 1 for 11 were the wicket takers. Henry Roberts with 15 runs (aged 7) and Oliver Atherton 10 were the main scorers.

Lytham U10B team was: Maisie Atherton, Oliver Atherton, Edward Brown, Sebastian Cartmell, Christopher Guest, Zac Legge, Jake Rae, Henry Roberts, Cody Winnemore and James Wood.

Exhausted but jubilant parents and kids all headed back to Lytham CC to celebrate in style with some well-earned pizza.

The performances of the teams were recognised at Junior Presentation and the following individual awards were also presented.

U10A Batting Award - Archie Legge - top scorer at Lytham across all age groups in pairs cricket and 2nd top scorer across the whole league. Well done Leggey!



U10A Bowling Award - Sammy Curran - Consistent, reliable wicket taker, natural bowler and great times ahead young man.

U10A Coaches Award - Brody Bateson - Once his confidence was sorted he regularly dispatched the ball around the ground none more so than on finals day, top scoring, batting last, seeing us home. Believe Brody, believe! Well done!

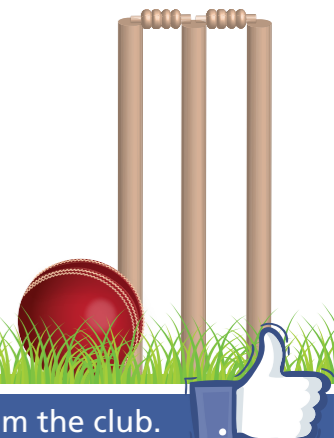
U10B Batting Award - Jake Rae, only out once all year, when he watches the ball he can't half give it some wellie! Pretty good at bowling too!

U10B Bowling Award - Oli Atherton, deserved after mastering his run up. His natural power and great action saw wickets coming his way. Many more to follow Oli, well done!

U10B Coaches Award - Chris Guest. He always tells me he's no good. Well you are Chris!!

Natural wicket keeper and after endless practice and some individual coaching he secured a victory using the bat on our last game under massive pressure at the time. Well done Chris, stick at it.

Peter Legge
U10's Coach



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Junior Award Winners



JUNIOR AWARD WINNERS 2018

Under 10A

Batting: Archie Legge
Bowling: Sam Curran
Player of the Year: Brody Bateson

Under 10B

Batting: Jake Rae
Bowling: Oliver Atherton
Player of the Year: Christopher Guest

Under 11 GOLD

Batting: Felix Twitchett
Bowling: Eddie Hodgkinson

Under 11 SILVER

Batting: Ethan Burgon
Bowling: Harvey Barber

Under 11 BRONZE

Batting: Ethan Brown
Bowling: Bruno Bowker

Under 11's

Player of the Year: Mason Wilkins

Under 14's MVP

Batting: Morgan Davies
Bowling: Nathan Evans

Under 17's

Batting: Alex Higham
Bowling: Morgan Davies
Player of the Year: Alex Higham



Junior Training Sessions

Friday Night Junior Training is a great start to the weekend for all the family!! Coaches and Helpers always needed.

If you would like to volunteer please email Susan@LythamCricket.co.uk



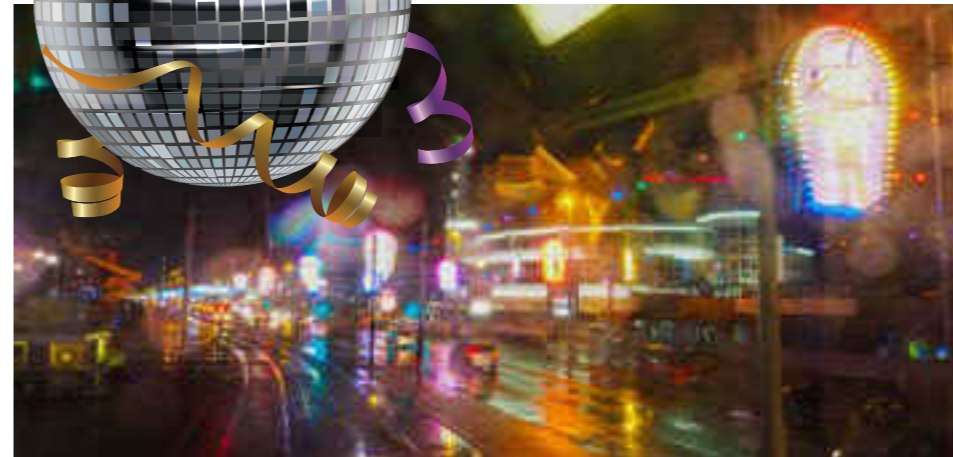


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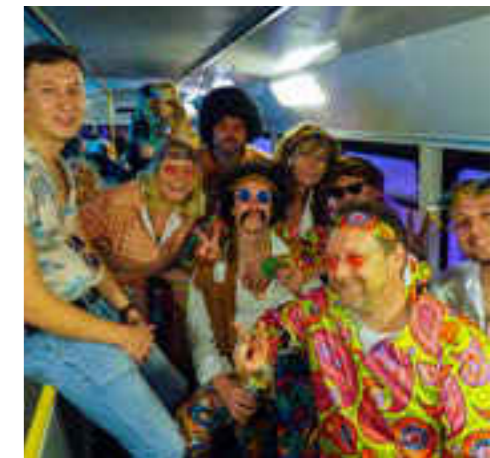
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A Brassy Night Out



Friday 12th October saw members from all sections take their own private tram through the Illuminations to The Sheraton Hotel in North Shore where they enjoyed a delicious buffet meal and were entertained by the fantastic Rod Stewart tribute "Rock Stewart".



All proceeds from the evening went to Lytham Sports Foundation for Phase 2 of our Club Development Plan - to build a much needed new Clubhouse and Changing Rooms.



Tickets will be on sale soon for "Brassy Night Out in Blackpool 2019" which will be held on Friday 11th October, with music from Robbie Williams tribute JK. A night not to be missed!!



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New Nets



now either stopped playing cricket or have moved on to play at the senior level. We decided it was time to hand the reins over to a new set of parents; however there was still a large sum of money left, which we wanted to put to good use.

I felt that it would be a fitting tribute to use the money in the junior fundraising pot, alongside Ray's generous donation, to add the fourth lane to the nets ensuring that even more of our juniors can improve their batting and bowling skills.

We were also lucky enough to receive a new junior bowling machine courtesy of parent Simon Thompson and his company Key Retirement.

Improved facilities and equipment as well as the coaching services of Peter Buchanan all seemed to have been a worthwhile investment. Our U10 A & B's and U14's all brought home silverware in 2018.

Last April saw the arrival of our much needed and long awaited four lane practice facility, just in time for the start of the 2018 cricket season. Literally.

But then unfortunately our contractor became ill meaning that work could not commence until the New Year.

The handover of the nets was at 2pm on Friday 13th April, (of all dates!) with junior training commencing at 6pm that evening! Talk about taking it to the wire!

Work on the nets finally started on the 10th January, 2018. What else could go wrong? The Great British weather, of course! Rain, sleet and snow halted progress on several occasions, pushing the expected completion date further and further away. Poor Adam, our groundsman, was at his wits end trying to get the ground ready for the new season as well as keeping an eye on the contractors to make sure their machinery was not churning up the football pitch (when the weather allowed them to work of course). At one point Adam had to tow their van off the outfield as it was completely stuck in the mud!

Being superstitious I had everything crossed in the hope that there would be no more delays, especially since 150 kids would be descending upon the grounds expecting to have a go in the much anticipated new nets. Thankfully, luck was on our side that day,

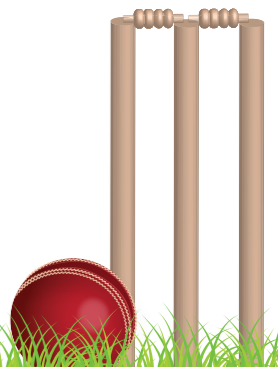


Luckily, the weather improved and allowed the contractors to work. And we are very pleased with the end result.

We had an official opening of the nets on the 28th July, 2018. It was attended by special guest, Sally Melling, daughter of the late Ray Beesley who was a long-time member of the Club. Ray sadly passed away in 2017. He kindly left a bequest in his will, and I felt that we owed it to him to do something worthwhile with it.

and the nets were enjoyed by our juniors. The new nets had been under discussion for a long time, and after much to-ing and fro-ing we received planning permission for them in October 2017. This meant we could then submit our application to the ECB for funding. One month later, we were good to go. Things were going well.

Several years ago, a group of parents and I, formed a Junior Fundraising Committee, specifically to raise funds to buy equipment for the junior section. Over the years, we have raised over £10,000 from BBQ's, cake sales and tombola's. All of our boys have



Oh What A Night...

Annual Ball 2019



Lytham Cricket Club Annual Ball 2019 was another sell out evening! Hosted at a new venue, The Clifton Arms Hotel on Friday 15th March.

The Cricket Club Easter Ball was attended by a record 161 players, parents and supporters who enjoyed a delicious meal and danced the night away to The Deadbeats, who once again filled the floor.

A big thank you to Dom & Nigel for organising yet another fantastic evening.



Patron's Tea



It was lovely to see so many Patrons down for our annual Patron's Tea on Saturday 28th July and I would like to thank Sonia, Marie, Janet and Julie for preparing such a lovely spread.

A special mention must go to our Patron's Rep, Alan Yates, who has been organising this event for several years now. Alan will be standing down from his role for the 2019 season but I am delighted to say that Nigel Seddon will be taking over the reins. We wish Nigel well and thank Alan for all the hard work he has put in over the years in increasing the Patron Membership at the Club and keeping you all up to date with the club news

Susan Chiekrie



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Family Funday!



Well done to Antony Mulligan for organizing the T20 FAMILY EXTRAVAGANZA which took place on Wednesday 4th July 2018.

A gloriously hot day set the scene for Stephen Croft's Testimonial T20 match, Lytham CC Invitational XI v Steven Croft Lancashire XI.



A huge thank you also goes to all the volunteers who made it possible.

Great food, Great beer, Great Cricket and a Fantastic Atmosphere!!!



View From The Bar

It comes as no surprise that our finest cricketers grab their passports and head off to play in warmer climes in winter. That dull, wet, cold and windy season is not cricket's friend!

Often stretching out its icy fingers way too far into spring; winter's leftovers put pay to many "pre-season" matches. Eager players who've spent six months waiting. Wrapped in the thickest jumpers, with several layers of kit on, they try to kickstart their season whilst praying that the groundsman has managed to magic-up a fit pitch from the muddy field that was.

Around here, a cricketer in winter is a rare, but very welcome sight!

So winter might be looked upon by some as a miserable time of year, but we whose views are from the bar, cannot allow ourselves such a position. We must hold winter in a chilly



embrace and carry on regardless.

Our club is open all year round, we put on numerous events to attract members, raise funds and hold meetings – all to keep the club-house and its four sports sections ticking-over throughout the winter.

The beer is just as good, as is the wine. The food continues to be cooked, the winter sports continue to be played. The big TV sports are still being shown. All we need is

for those hibernating until "wickets pitched" to drop by and look in on us from time to time. Our opening times are on-line and (for the less-digally inclined) on the doors.

In the meantime, members – YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

All our clubs need voluntary assistance to run their sports. So, if you find yourself with a few hours a month to spare and would like to help in some way, there are numerous roles and ways you can do that – just ring us up and ask.

I'd make the call just after you've turned up the central heating.

Or you could just grab your passport.....

Terry Batty
Club Steward

2019 Events in The Clubhouse:

Sun 26th May Ladies 40 over match (tbc)

Sun 16th June Hockey v Cricket Match and Family Fun Day, BBQ and stalls

Sat 6th July Scandoovi Night (Scandinavian themed night with Abba tribute)

Sat 27th July Patrons Tea

Fri 6th Sept Junior Presentation Evening

Fri 11th Oct Brassy Night Out 2019 (with Robbie Williams tribute)

Thurs 21st Nov Cricket Club AGM

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Tues 31st Dec New Years Eve Ball



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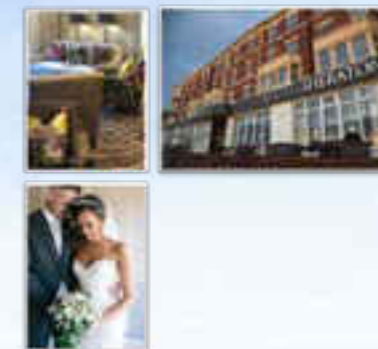
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April	20th	Colwyn Bay	H
April	27th	Southport & Birkdale	A
May	4th	Wallasey	H
May	11th	Ormskirk	A
May	25th	Formby	A
June	1st	Leigh	A
June	8th	Orrell Red Triangle	H
June	15th	Northern	H
June	22nd	New Brighton	A
June	29th	Rainhill	H
July	6th	Bootle	A
July	13th	Ormskirk	H
July	20th	Colwyn Bay	A
July	27th	Southport & Birkdale	H
Aug	3rd	Wallasey	A
Aug	10th	Leigh	H
Aug	17th	Northern	A
Aug	24th	Formby	H
Aug	31st	Orrell Red Triangle	A
Sept	7th	New Brighton	H
Sept	14th	Rainhill	A
Sept	21st	Bootle	H

2nd XI

2nd XI PREMIER DIVISION			
April	20th	Southport & Birkdale	A
April	27th	Wallasey	H
May	4th	Wigan	A
May	11th	Ormskirk	H
May	25th	Sefton Park	H
June	1st	Northern	H
June	8th	Orrell Red Triangle	A
June	15th	Formby	A
June	22nd	New Brighton	H
June	29th	Liverpool	A
July	6th	Colwyn Bay	H
July	13th	Ormskirk	A
July	20th	Southport & Birkdale	H
July	27th	Wallasey	A
Aug	3rd	Wigan	H
Aug	10th	Northern	A
Aug	17th	Formby	H
Aug	24th	Sefton Park	A
Sept	7th	New Brighton	A
Sept	14th	Liverpool	H
Sept	21st	Colwyn Bay	A

3rd XI

3rd XI SUNDAY NE DIVISION			
April	28th	Southport Trinity	A
May	5th	Ainsdale	H
May	12th	Orrell Red Triangle	H
May	26th	Fleetwood Hesketh	A
June	9th	Rainford	H
June	23rd	Maghull	A
June	30th	Wigan	H
July	7th	Spring View	A
July	21st	Ainsdale	A
July	28th	Orrell Red Triangle	A
Aug	4th	Fleetwood Hesketh	H
Aug	11th	Rainford	A
Aug	18th	Maghull	H
Aug	25th	Wigan	A
Sept	8th	Spring View	H
Sept	22nd	Southport Trinity	H

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Liverpool And District Cricket Competition Points System

- 5. Points awarded in league matches
- 5.1 Teams winning a match – 20 points.
- 5.2 Bonus points:
 - 5.2.1 1st XI matches
 - 5.2.1.1 Batting: - 1 point at 100 runs, 2 points at 130 runs, 3 points at 160 runs, 4 points at 190 runs and 5 points at 220 runs.
 - 5.2.1.2 Bowling:- 1 point for 2 wickets, 2 points for 4 wickets, 3 points for 6 wickets, 4 points for 8 wickets and 5 points for 10 wickets.
 - 5.2.2 2nd and 3rd XI matches:
 - 5.2.2.1 Batting: - 1 point at 100 runs, 2 points at 125 runs, 3 points at 150 runs, 4 points at 175 runs and 5 points at 200 runs.
 - 5.2.2.2 Bowling:- 1 point for 2 wickets, 2 points for 4 wickets, 3 points for 6 wickets, 4 points for 8 wickets and 5 points for 10 wickets.
 - 5.2.3 all matches:
 - 5.2.3.1 Full bowling bonus points will be awarded in the event of the dismissal of a batting side whose number comprises less than 11 players, or when there are no further players available to bat.
 - 5.2.4 Batting bonus points will be awarded up to and including the 55th over (45th over in 2nd and 3rd XI matches) of the first innings and for the whole of the second innings.
- 5.2.5 If a team batting first declares, or is all out, before or on the completion of 55 overs (45 overs in 2nd and 3rd XI matches) and wins, all batting bonus points awarded will be retained in addition to the 20 points for a win.
- 5.2.6 If a captain loses the toss and his team bowls first and wins, all bowling bonus points awarded will be retained in addition to the 20 points for a win.
- 5.3 Teams drawing or losing a match will retain all bonus points awarded.
- 5.4 Tied matches: 15 points will be awarded to each team.
- 5.5 abandoned matches:
 - 5.5.1 Matches abandoned without a ball being bowled will be regarded as 'abandoned' and each team will be awarded 5 points.
 - 5.5.2 Sunday 3rd XI matches which cannot be rearranged because of ground non-availability, see Clause 1.3.3 above, will be regarded as 'abandoned'
 - 5.5.3 Matches abandoned after the start due to weather and/or light conditions will be regarded as 'no decision'. In 'no decision' matches each team will be awarded 5 points or will retain its bonus points gained (if more than 5) if 15 overs or more of the second innings have been completed.



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