

# HOUSE!

Friday 6th August 2010

Santorini, Greece

## Exclusive

Blissful Blez

&

Lovely Linz

Tie the knot

**£1.00** All proceeds to The Club

# Summer Wedding Belles



**Lowerhouse v Church**

Saturday 21st August





# THE TEAMS

## LOWERHOUSE

Russell  
Bailey. F  
Beneduce  
Bleazard  
Doughty  
Finch  
Heap  
Martin. J  
Martin. P  
Whitehead  
Heal

## CHURCH

Mirza  
Woolfenden  
Mehmood  
Fergusson  
Hussain  
Greenwood  
Gilrane  
Bentley  
Tucker  
North  
Brent

Editor - Mark Whitehead,  
The Future - Stan Heaton  
Meet The Teams - Paul Hargreaves  
Design - Helen Laycock  
Printing - School Stars



# MEET THE TEAMS

In this week's game we see a battle of the West Enders, with tenth placed Lowerhouse entertaining fourth placed Church and Oswaldtwistle C.C. Church are having a fine season and reached the 20-20 final as well as being prominent in the League. Ammer Mirza is a great batting recruit from Blackburn Northern. Levi Woolfenden is as fine an all-round prospect as any in this area and Andrew Bentley is a more than decent bowler. With this core of players and a high riding second eleven, Church should have hopes of ending their trophy drought sooner rather than later. Last Sunday they had an emphatic 10 wicket win against Worsley Cup winners Colne. Meanwhile Lowerhouse meandered their way up the A56 to the Snake Pit a.k.a. Bentgate. The 'House had surprised the reptiles in the reverse fixture chasing down a daunting 264 for victory. No crocodile tears were shed. Fangs for the memory! It was always going to be a tough task versus a chameleon-like Haslingden eager for revenge. Although the Hassy alligator teeth were filed and sharpened, 'House began strongly and had the croc by the tail at 35-4. Dearden, Hugo and Read responded and grafted through the jungle quicksand to make a much above par score of 189. At half-time 'House's chances were roughly equal to the Light Brigade going into the Valley of Death. Lizards to the left of us, salamanders to the right. Extras (25) and Joe Martin (16) top scored before the Hassy boa constrictor strangled and crushed all breath from the Lowerhouse body on the score of 99.

Maybe because there are so many teams in the Accy area, and talent is therefore spread, their teams haven't won as many honours as many other Lancashire League clubs. That sentiment certainly applies to Church C.C. They have won 5 Championships but only 1 Worsley Cup. The team first won the League in 1939 and turned that into a hat-trick. They also concluded the Second World War in 1945 with a fourth win in 7 years. This short period of time was clearly Church's golden era. The next and, so far, last title success, came in 1962, with that fine fast bowler Chester Watson to the fore. He took 119 wickets at less than 8 as well as scoring around the 400 runs mark.

Church had lost 3 Worsley Cup finals before decisively defeating Nelson in the 1974 final. Nelson had defeated the 'House in the semi that year in a game dominated by Collis King. Trevor Jones swears he had the exciting West Indian plumb L.B.W. long before he'd achieved his 125(out of 188) final score, but his frantic appeal was rejected. Nelson's luck ran out versus Church as they went from 29-0 to 68 all out. That prolific amateur bowler Jack Houldsworth took 6-24 and a 8 wicket victory became Church's last honour. Since then it's been near misses only for the club and they have the longest trophy drought amongst Lancashire League clubs. In the 2002 season Church thrashed the 'House in the Cup semi-final before losing an unsatisfactory final at modern day cup kings Ramsbottom. In 2004 pro Ruwin Peiris had a superb year but Hassy just pipped the West Enders by 5 points. Both sides had won 16 games but what should have been the showdown was waterlogged off. There were thoughts that the Bentgate ground could have been fit if an effort had have been made. Would the reptiles have been happy to win in that fashion? You decide.

Some of Church's famous pro's have included the ill-fated Frank O'Keefe, Polly Umrigar, Tommy Lowe jnr, Shafiq Ahmed and Mike Watkinson.

The club's lack of on-field success hasn't daunted them and they have the most loyal fan base in the Accy area. Their ground is always neat and tidy and they've managed to list all their scorecards since 1892 on their excellent website. This must have been a monumental task and it is a commendable achievement.

One of the loyal fan base is Keith Fairhurst of Royal Mail Accrington. Keith, like our own Charlie Chipps, has a great repertoire of songs, from those of Frank Sinatra to Dean Martin, and Tony Bennett to Matt Monro. No offence meant Keith but I hope you're singing "Portrait Of My Loss" to-night, softly while you leave us.



# THE FUTURE

A successful wicket keeping course run by Qas Ali took place at the club with 10 LHCC keepers in attendance along with others from other clubs.

LCB coach John Brierley ran a Masterclass for a dozen under 12s at the club over 2 days.

LHCC 2XI - 152-9

Haslingden 2XI 153-3

Josh Lavin 43

Michael Lee 21

Shaun Heaton 15\*

Max Humberstone 14

Jack Herbert 11\*

The win drought continues and until the youngsters get a break we can only look at positives. Having been 30 for 5, to reach 152 was an achievement.

Lowerhouse 3XI 69 all out

Accrington 3XI 72-2

Max Humberstone 35

Corey Hope 16

Despite getting the sticky end of a wet wicket there can be no excuse for this poor batting show. Only Max Humberstone dug in and his partnership with Corey Hope brought more than half the runs.

Longridge u13 (2) 185 - 9

LHCC U13 Cougars - 253 -4

Adam Stubbs 14

Tom Bullock 12\*

Kean Craig 12\*

Ainslie Wolstenholme 3-7

The Cougars (under 12s) moved closer to silverware with this comprehensive win. Still unbeaten this season.

Accrington U11 231- 4

LHCC U11 Koalas 210-3

Tidy bowling from the team with wickets shred round but very few runs off the bat. Lauren Blackburn top scored.

LHCC U9s 209-7

Clitheroe 273-0

Top scorer Henri Wilkes

A long lay off and a young side did not help the cause against a strong Clitheroe side. There are 20 under 9s this season and playing them all regularly has been difficult. This side had a six, seven and two 8 year olds in it.

Accrington U9s 263- 6

LHCC U9s 216 -5

Sam Harrison 2- 23

Top scorers Ben Woodall and Josh Moodie

A disappointing performance in the field and with the bat. Jake Turner continues to set a good fielding example however



# THE FUTURE

Continued.....



## Team left to right as viewed

Ainslie Wolstenholme (captain),  
Lauren Blackburn, Hannah Scott,  
Sophie Greenwood,  
Stan Heaton (coach),  
Laura Burrows, Hannah Till,  
Tanisha Rahman, Jessica Nixon,  
Georgia Clough and  
Samiya Rahman

Following on from their County success, Burnley District u13 Girls became Northern Region champions at the Nat West National Knockout held at Sheffield Cricket Club.

The girls were undefeated and accounted for the county champions of Cheshire, Cleveland, Northumberland and Yorkshire.

Coach Stan Heaton commented that the standard of cricket played by the Burnley team was outstanding in all 3 disciplines.

He added that it was a real team effort with all the girls scoring runs, taking wickets and holding difficult catches.

The girls, drawn from Burnley CC and Lowerhouse CC will now travel to Shropshire for the National finals.



# HOUSE!

Friday 6th August 2010

Santorini, Greece

# Exclusive





# HOUSE!

Friday 6th August 2010

Santorini, Greece

# Exclusive





# HOUSE!

Friday 6th August 2010

Santorini, Greece

# Exclusive



Always be on your guard! Even in a tranquil place like Santorini, crime dunt crack itself.



## WEDDING INVITATION

Blez and Lindsay  
warmly invite all players, fans and  
members to their evening celebration  
here at the home of Cricket tonight  
Saturday 21st August  
after the Church game



# LANCASHIRE LIFE



## LANCASHIRE FESTIVAL CHAMPIONS



**Joe Martin (16), Jonny Whitehead (15) & Josh Lavin (15) featured in the side that won the Lancashire two day festival.**

**Also Josh Lavin completed a successful season with Lancashire U15's last week, while Jonny Whitehead and Joe Martin made their debut for Lancashire U17's. Jonny Whitehead scored a debut half-century and Joe Martin scored 34 & 22\* and claimed four victims with the gloves.**

**Jack Edgar also completed his Lancashire U14's season on tour at Taunton.**



# GROUNDSMAN OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS



Peter Tighe has won the groundsman of the month award for the 5th month running. The award is judged by our readers and he receives a cream bun out of Oddies window.

Inspite of all the rain, he has managed to keep the tracks hard and true and the outfield short and fast.

We are expecting his groundsman's beginners course to be flooded out with applicants next season.

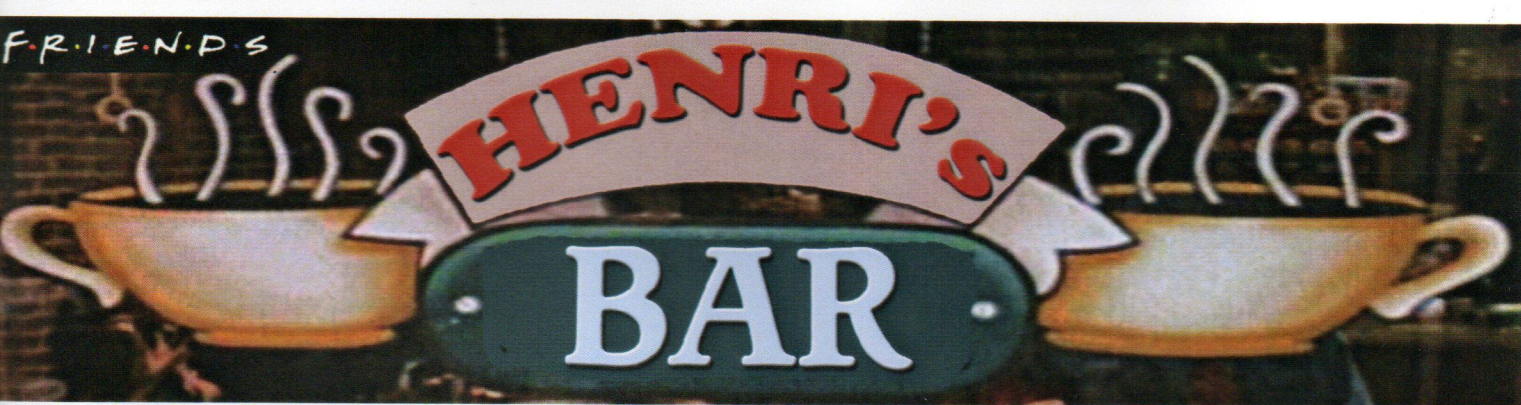


## THE HISTORY BOYS

Against Todmorden 7th August 2010

The youngest ever first team in Lancashire League History with an average age of just 20 years old, including 6 under 18's





# Drinks Menu

## 1. WKD In A Minute

Everytime you hear Charlie sing this classic line simply rush to the bar & quickly order your next ice cool wicked - simples!

## 2. Six In A Minute

Everytime you hear Charlie sing this classic line simply rush to the bar & quickly choose one of our six classic beers - Go on beer devil.

## 3. Wine Not Give It A Go

Try one of our chilled 'HOUSE' wines from places that are loads n loads of miles away beyond pronunciation - You won't believe how much better off you'll feel in your pocket.

## 4. W.A.G 'n' Wheel

All sit round in a circle on our brand new sumptuous leather sofa's and discuss how wonderful your fella is while you sip the cocktail of your choice at a strike rate of 1 every 20 balls.

## 5. On Your March

Try to beat Henri to the top and back after a full beer deal (No Stuarts allowed) - Get Set Go!