



# Ashley Cricket Club

Incorporating Old Altrinchamians C.C.

Founded In 1888

The Railway Field, Ashley Road, Cheshire WA14 3QE

## Annual Report and Yearbook

### 2009



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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ashley Cricket Club will be held at the LMRCA (Railway Club) next to Navigation Road train station in Altrincham on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 starting at 7:45pm.**

**Any proposals for changes to club rules should be submitted to the secretary fourteen days before the meeting.**

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Present**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Obituaries**
- 4. Minutes of last AGM 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008**
- 5. Acceptance of Officers Reports**
- 6. Election of Officers**
- 7. Proposals for Rule Changes**
  - (i) Senior Annual Subscriptions - £100 for the 2010 season (reduced to £90 if paid before end of May 2010)**
  - (ii) Junior Annual Subscriptions - £40 for the 2010 season.**
  - (iii) The £1 junior match fee and £1 junior training fee to be scraped.**
- 8. Any other business**

**All those interested in cricket at Ashley are most welcome to attend.**

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## Annual General Meeting

### NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

OFFICE	HOLDER	NOMINEE	PROPOSED	SECONDED
<b>PATRON</b>	<b>Vacant</b>			
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Geoff Garnett</b>			
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>Dave Jackson</b>			
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>		
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>		
<b>BAR CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>Jeff Thorpe</b>			
<b>LEAGUE REP</b>	<b>Ally Horn</b>			
<b>LEAGUE REP</b>	<b>Dave Jackson (retiring)</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI CAPTAIN</b>	<b>Ian Barber</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI VICE CAPTAIN</b>	<b>Matt Wilson</b>			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI CAPTAIN</b>	<b>Ally Horn</b>	<b>Ally Horn</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI VICE CAPTAIN</b>	<b>Vacant</b>			
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI CAPTAIN</b>	<b>Peter Burgess</b>	<b>Peter Burgess</b>		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI VICE CAPTAIN</b>	<b>John Burt</b>	<b>John Burt</b>	<b>Liam Cusack</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> XI CAPTAIN</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>			
<b>4<sup>th</sup> XI VICE CAPTAIN</b>	<b>Steve Coleman</b>	<b>Liam Cusack</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>	<b>Rish Agrawal</b>
<b>JUNIOR ORGANISER</b>				
<b>CHILD WELFARE OFFICER</b>	<b>Dave Woods</b>	<b>Dave Woods</b>	<b>Matt Wilson</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>
<b>GROUNDSMAN</b>	<b>Dave Twiney</b>	<b>Dave Twiney</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>	
<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b>				

#### NOTES

1. For all positions the consent of the nominee must be obtained.
2. All nomination forms shall be returned to the Secretary by 31st December 2009.
3. A seconder can be sought on the night of the AGM.
4. Anyone wishing to become a Vice President is invited to contact the Treasurer. For an annual donation of the member's choice a Vice President receives an invitation to the Annual General Meeting and to join the match ball sponsors at a home league match of their choice.

**OFFICE BEARERS – 2009 SEASON**

<b>Patron:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>		
<b>President:</b>	<b>Geoff Garnett</b>		
<b>Honorary Life Vice-Presidents:</b>	<b>Alan Booth &amp; Arthur Lamont</b>		
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>Graham Park CBE</b>		
<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Dave Jackson</b>		
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>		
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>		
<b>Bar Chairman:</b>	<b>Jeff Thorpe</b>		
<b>League representatives:</b>	<b>Dave Jackson &amp; Ally Horn</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> XI captain:</b>	<b>Ian Barber</b>		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> XI captain:</b>	<b>Ally Horn</b>		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> XI captain:</b>	<b>Peter Burgess</b>		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> XI captain:</b>	<b>Brian Birtles</b>		
<b>Junior managers:</b>	<b>Darren Hatchell, Stuart Oldbury, Sefton Kwasnik, Rish Agrawal, Ian Gallagher &amp; Brian Birtles</b>		
<b>ECB Club Coaches:</b>	<b>Liam Cusack, Steve Logan &amp; Rob McKie</b>		
<b>Level II Coaches:</b>	<b>Dan Shelston &amp; Craig Knight</b>		
<b>Child Welfare Officer:</b>	<b>Dave Woods</b>		
<b>Assistant CWO:</b>	<b>Dave Rice</b>		
<b>Groundsman:</b>	<b>Dave Twiney</b>		
<b>Webmaster:</b>	<b>Simon Ferris</b>		
<b>Life Members:</b>			
<b>J C Owen</b>	<b>(1920)</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs V H Howe</b>	<b>(1960)</b>
<b>Robert Hall</b>	<b>(1921)</b>	<b>C H Sayers</b>	<b>(1961)</b>
<b>A Walkden</b>	<b>(1928)</b>	<b>G F Turton</b>	<b>(1972)</b>
<b>R Lambert</b>	<b>(1929)</b>	<b>G E (Ted) Worthington</b>	<b>(1974)</b>
<b>C Vickers</b>	<b>(1931)</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs G W Sutcliffe</b>	<b>(1976)</b>
<b>Col F I Bentley</b>	<b>(1937)</b>	<b>L O Milner</b>	<b>(1980)</b>
<b>F E Hill</b>	<b>(1948)</b>	<b>R Arnoll</b>	<b>(2007)</b>
<b>F Worrall</b>	<b>(1949)</b>	<b>G Garnett</b>	<b>(2007)</b>
<b>W H Short</b>	<b>(1950)</b>	<b>S Havery</b>	<b>(2007)</b>
<b>Mr &amp; Mrs T M Frost</b>	<b>(1950)</b>	<b>S Tyrell</b>	<b>(2007)</b>

**HONOURS****Cheshire Cricket League****1st XI**

Division Two Champions	1990 & 1999
Division Two Runners Up	2006
Division Three Champions	2005

**2nd XI**

Division Two Champions	1988 & 1996
Division Two Runners Up	1997, 1998 & 1999
Division B West Runners Up	2004
Division B Runners Up	2006
Knock Out Winners	1981* 1987 & 1995
Twenty20 Cup Winners	2006

**Club**

Division Two Aggregate Championship	1996 & 1999
Club of the Year	2005

**Cheshire Association****1st XI**

Knock out Winners	1975
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**2nd XI**

Knock Out Runners Up	1972
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**Cheshire Cricket Club Conference****1st XI**

BP Stanway Trophy	Unknown
BP Stanway Trophy	1957*
Pennant Knock Out Winners	1965* 1967
Pennant Knock Out Runners-up	1969

**Cheshire County League**

3 <sup>rd</sup> XI League runners up	1989
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**Colts**

H S Brown's Cheshire Colts Competition	
Runners up	1976
Walker Cup Knock Out Winners – Cheshire League	1978

\* indicates won by Old Altrinchamians.

## **OBITUARIES**

The club regrets to record the passing of past players and members, with apologies for any omissions.

**George Grantham Garner** was born on 14th November 1926 and died on 25th November 2008 aged 82. He played for the club in the mid to late 1950's and was the 2nd XI's leading run scorer in 1956 and leading 1st XI run scorer the year after. He also played in the game against the Pakistani Eaglets in 1958, which contained future Test player Mushtaq Mohammad; he served the club as treasurer in 1959.

We also extend our sympathy to all members who suffered bereavement during the season.

## **REPORTS**

### **Chairman**

2009 has been another successful season with good progress being made both on and off the cricket field. There have been many excellent contributions on the field from all teams and at all levels; these highlighted in the captain's and junior section reports. All teams have performed admirably and have been a credit to our club.

One area of disappointment on the field of play has been our position in the "fair play" league, third from bottom; we need to do far better.

I would like to thank all the captains of the senior teams for all their efforts over the season. I would also like to thank everyone who has been involved in the continual development of our junior section which is growing from strength to strength, parents, helpers, coaches, organisers, everyone, not to forget all our junior players, a great effort, the future of the club is looking good in your hands.

I must not forget one of the most important contributions of all and that is for Dave Twiney who yet again has provided excellent playing facilities, the ground and square have been excellent.

Off the field a great deal of progress has again been made with club facilities continuing to improve, we all owe a great deal to Brian Birtles for all his work and effort to make this happen and we need to support him more.

We need to continue this progress to develop as a club, to do this we need to make sure that there is an increased effort from all in helping to raise funds, there really needs to be a concerted effort from all to do this, without the funds we cannot get the practise net facility or score-box that we want next season.

I would like to close by thanking all the funding organisations that have helped the club in recent years as well as all our sponsors; they are listed on the last few pages of this report. I would especially like to thank Mike Woollard and the office of the Cheshire Cricket Board for their help and support in recent years.

### **Bar Chairman**

First of all, a huge thank you to all captains for observing the bar rules.

The introduction of the bar shutters and door closer (now broken), together with only authorised personnel behind the bar has improved the bars profitability significantly.

The introduction of a new till has also helped and I propose that the till next year be used to record the payments by team matches, nets, junior games and hire matches and fund raising. This will give us a better indication of where we derive most of our income.

We only sold one barrel of Boddingtons due to a protracted issue of getting our account sorted out with Classic drinks. As a result we only covered our cost on draught beer (cost or purchase + gas = £150). If we sold next year 3 x 88 pint Kegs (the price per pint would need to be £2.50 providing a mark-up of 63%

All other bottled beers and soft drinks sold well.

Income for 2009 was generated as follows:

Income		Expenditure	
Junior Nets:	£464.00	Parfetts – Bar stock	£1684.32
Senior Teams:	£1420.00	Classic drinks – Boddingtons	£107.13
Junior games:	£513.50	Tygas – bar gas (Includes £8.81 from last year)	£44.44
Hires & Fund Raising:	£1094.30	Bar security (Closer & Security Lock)	£47.94
Total income:	£3491.80	Total expenditure:	£1883.83
Profit for 2009:	£1607.97	Average mark up on cost:	85%

Finally, congratulations to all teams for a relatively successful season and my special thanks to Brian, Ian and Rish for their support with the bar during the season.

### **Secretary**

It was 8 or 9 years ago when Ashley held a meeting with a local club to discuss the possibility of a merger as both clubs were struggling for players and volunteers; Ashley CC was close to folding.

How things have changed, thanks to the hard work of so many people in the intervening years we now have 4 senior league teams, an occasional Sunday friendly XI and junior sides at U18, U15, U13, U11 and U9 age groups. This year 79 different players played for one of the senior sides; 24 of these were Under 18.

For 2010 we hope to have 2 teams at U9 and U11 each week. That's a total of 12 teams playing at Ashley; as more volunteers come forward the number of junior teams we run is only likely to increase, the challenge now is to get the junior section producing the best players for the senior teams soon. We are also in the process of organising a mid-season tour after a break of 2 years, with 3 games being played in and around Worcestershire; we hope very much that another two games will be arranged for an Ashley Under 21 side.

By the time pre-season nets start we will have 8 coaches with recognised coaching awards as well as more than a dozen willing, dedicated and hard working helpers and team managers. I would like to see talented players moved up to play the highest grade of cricket they are able and reduce our reliance on having to constantly recruit players to the senior sides

In recent years we have invested heavily in new equipment, new pitches, drainage, machinery, sightscreens, batting cages and coaching expertise with the help of grant funding, club fundraising and increased match fee and annual subs

collection. Grants are getting harder to source; items like sightscreens and batting cages will need to be paid for out of club funds. All of Sport England's funding is directed at clubs via the ECB and we are hoping to install new practice nets at the club and these will be 75% funded by the ECB; we will need to find several thousand pounds ourselves. So we still have to rely on club members and supporters to back the club financially. There are plenty of opportunities for members to raise funds and receive appropriate local media coverage and I would ask everyone to consider if they can help. We have a database of 300 people with whom we are in regular contact via our newsletter; all sponsors would have access to this list.

We also have plans for a score-box; this project will have to be self-funded hopefully with more donations of free materials, many thanks to Ian Gallagher for sourcing a large amount of bricks and some lintels. We could do with 2 more new sightscreens; those bought this year are excellent and involve less maintenance than the wooden ones. Once the score-box and nets are up we need to continue our programme of replacing the outfield drains and reducing the amount of thatch in the outfield; we may also look to level the outfield where we can. Any drainage project might cost £20,000 to £30,000 and ECB funding for such projects is far from guaranteed.

It is great to see so many parents getting involved in the club so soon after joining us; I wish a few more players would do a bit more for the club, you can all help by attending training sessions, writing your teams match reports for the website or by attracting sponsors.

Mid way through the season we achieved Clubmark re-accreditation, this shows we are a safe and child friendly club. A lot of our recent improvements can be put down to using the Clubmark process as a basis for club planning and development. It shouldn't be seen simply as a box ticking exercise. We will continue to be monitored to check that we are adhering to all we promise in our Club Development Plan and that we are maintaining the standards of Child Welfare we promised in Clubmark. Anyone willing to see the club through to the next renewal in 2012 is encouraged to make themselves known to the current committee.

The 4 senior teams have had good seasons; the difficulties of selecting 4 teams eased with the increased club membership; although we appear to have too few Saturday players and too many lads only willing or able to play on Sundays. I had some full and frank discussions with some senior players who disagreed with the way I wanted the club to operate and we appear to be moving in the right direction as we seek to produce young, talented and loyal Saturday players. It is still my belief that the strength and ability of the 1st XI is of over-riding importance now we are in an integrated Cheshire league set up. We cannot afford to drop down a division as this makes player recruitment more difficult.

I also realise that we need players of all abilities to fill the dozen or so teams we will have in 2010. Hence we will continue our policy of playing junior cricket in such a way that all the players get an equal opportunity to play and practice. Talented players will still be identified and given the chance to play up a level, but we will not pursue a policy of the best one or two players doing all the batting and all the bowling on a match day.

We now have a large number of junior players at the club; approximately 50 youngsters in the U11 and U9 group. We need to fully review how we run indoor and outdoor nets and possibly consider 2 outdoor sessions in mid-week and book

a venue for longer than 1 hour. All the options will involve more expense and more volunteer time.

Senior outdoor nets were either a slog fest with precious cricket balls disappearing into neighbouring fields or well-run and effective practice sessions. I think that we lack a natural lead from the senior sides, someone who will encourage and invigorate those who attend. Maybe in 2010 6 senior players and/or coaches can take it in turns to run nets and to encourage as many seniors and juniors to turn up. Perhaps a coach is responsible for a block of 4 Tuesdays and co-ordinates all the practice for those sessions? I am aware everyone has other commitments but if we make training nights an intensive 90 minutes session with new and different ideas it will give everyone the chance to benefit and make sure they can fit it into their lifestyles.

We were fortunate to have a great overseas player in Ash Bradshaw; he conducted himself in an exemplary fashion throughout his time at Ashley. Thanks to Ian Barber for all his work in getting Ash to play for us, he starts work on the overseas player almost as soon as the season finishes and I hope 2010's recruit is just as good. Ash plays for Noble Park in the Victorian Sub District Cricket Association and has said he would be more than happy to help the club if one of our players wanted to travel to Australia to play.

2009 has been another great year for the club, many people have been responsible for the progress we have made and I thank them all wholeheartedly. Anyone with new ideas is welcome to come forward and join the committee; we especially need people skilled at attracting sponsors and creating innovative social events. We have plenty of work to do at the ground in the pre-season and I would ask everyone to consider helping out in anyway they can; in association with ECB Cricketforce 2010 we have 7 or 8 projects that need to be completed by April 2010 and each of them needs a project leader and a number of volunteers.

The 2012 season will mark the 125<sup>th</sup> year since Ashley was founded, as always I look forward to receiving any ideas and suggestions anyone might have as to how we celebrate such an event. Since 1995 we have been a club without a Patron, anyone with any suggestions as to who might fill this role is welcome to get in touch with the club.

Based on current information opponents for the senior teams in 2010 are as follows (new opponents for next year are highlighted):

1 <sup>st</sup> XI Division 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Division A	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Division 3 West	4 <sup>th</sup> XI Division 4
<b>Oakmere</b>	<b>Oakmere</b>	New Brighton	Bredbury 4ths
Mere	Mere	<b>Runcorn</b>	Nantwich 4ths
Northwich	Northwich	Northwich	Mobberley 3rds
Hale Barns	Hale Barns	Middlewich	Macclesfield 4ths
<b>Stockport</b>	<b>Stockport</b>	Winnington Park	Woodford 3rds
Alvanley	<b>Alvanley</b>	Widnes	Bollington 3rds
Davenham	Stretton	Oulton Park	<b>Sale 4ths</b>
Malpas	Barnton	Stretton	<b>Prestbury 3rds</b>
Trafford MV	Runcorn	<b>Oxton</b>	<b>Elworth 4ths</b>
<b>Weaverham</b>	Old Parkonians		
Winnington Park	Winsford		

## Treasurer

The club made a loss this year of £3,945 and at 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2009 had £4,619 in the bank. The club bought 2 batting cages and 2 sightscreens, costing £5,800, with the help of a grant of £3,000 from the Foundation for Sport and the Arts; we had to contribute £2,800 to this project. Other contributors to this year's loss include the cost of installing a gate and fence around the lock up (£388) the cost of sending 5 coaches on various courses (£520) and the paving stones at the front of the pavilion (£625)

Ignoring grants received income streams have increased by nearly £5,000, this is because of increases in: annual subscriptions (£195), bar takings (£449), fund raising events (£1,035), match fees (£1,131), race night (£194), general sponsorship (£1,067), Gift Aid (£756) and the sale of the old roller (£400), which is included under miscellaneous income.

With the help of grants we also spent heavily on the flooring in the changing areas and on the bar area with tables and chairs; we also updated the white goods in the kitchen and bought a bar cooler. All these purchases will help us to provide better facilities and will help the club put on effective fundraisers.

As you may know we are currently applying to the ECB for funding for a 3 lane artificial practice net (total cost £41,000) and if our application is approved we will need to find another £1,000 or more a year to pay off an interest free loan for up to 25% of the cost and that will be paid back over the next 5 years. We also need to try and recoup as much of this years loss as possible. Our proposed score-box will have to be self-funded.

The main fundraising events were the Race Night and the Bonus Ball, thanks to Dave Jackson and Ian Horn for running these; we need to make sure we maintain interest in the race night and maximise the profit making potential. Late in the season the football pontoon raised over £500, with a dozen or so entrants still to pay the £10 entry fee.

Martin Howe organised a very enjoyable Darts Night and we should look to extend this to 3 or 4 nights across the season. Hiring of the pavilion and ground continue to contribute to club funds and we should look to expand this if we have the artificial nets, we can practice and at the same time as the ground is hired out. The efforts of Dave Rice and Ally Horn in completing the Wilmslow Marathon raised £600 for the club and the same amount for The Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital.

Match fees and annual subscriptions continue to rise and this reflects the extra teams and players we now have. It is my suggestion that annual subs increase to £100 for seniors, reduced to £90 if paid before the end of May and Junior subs increase to £40, and we remove the £1 charge for outdoor nets and matches. The cost of indoor nets for seniors and juniors will increase in 2010 and we need to charge players £4 and £2 to cover these increases.

We have to invent new ways of attracting sponsorship so I would again ask everyone to consider approaching family members and your managers at work to consider sponsoring one of our teams. We also want all teams to try and raise money on match day by selling football cards. Any enthusiastic fund-raisers should make themselves known to the committee. All corporate sponsors are welcome to get in touch; we have the capacity to offer club sponsors a great deal of exposure and a good return on their investment. We need to underwrite the cost of running our junior section and would welcome any interest from most

sources of sponsorship, perhaps we consider creating a Trust that works hard to raise the money we need to run a junior section each year.

		<b>Ashley CC Final Accounts</b>			
		<b>12 months to 21st Dec 2009</b>			
<b>2008</b>				<b>2009</b>	
<b>£</b>		<b>INCOME</b>		<b>£</b>	
3,330	Annual Subscriptions			3,525	1
3,043	Bar			3,492	2
77	Clothing			125	
520	Fund raising events			1,455	3
	Gift Aid			756	
19,732	Grants & Donations			6,750	4
1,300	Hiring			950	5
292	Refunds			107	
216	League Dinner			196	
1,000	Match fees			2,131	6
296	Miscellaneous			540	
929	Nets			976	
660	Race Night			854	
650	Sponsorship			1,717	7
<b>31,827</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>23,572</b>	
<b>£</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
2,252	Bar			1,937	
494	Clothing			338	8
122	Clubmark			590	9
2,829	Coaching				
890	Cricket Equipment			6,917	10
	Donation			606	11
	Expenses			382	
362	Fees & Fines			259	
110	Fund raising events				
7,750	Ground			4,932	12
1,080	Insurance			1,176	
216	League Dinner			196	
10,103	Machinery				
782	Miscellaneous			370	
1,054	Nets			1,112	13
1,293	Pavilion			7,587	14
1,421	Rent/Rates/Lease			743	15
390	Utilities			373	
<b>30,930</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>27,517</b>	
897	Profit/(Loss)			- 3,945	
7,667	FUNDS AT THE START OF THE YEAR			8,564	
8,564	FUNDS AT END OF THE YEAR			4,619	

<b>Notes for accounts</b>			
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
1 Annual Subs			8 Clothing
37 Seniors	2,450		5 Ashley CC caps in stock (£50)
53 Juniors	1,075		
2 Bar			9 Clubmark
Spent £450 less than last year, but takings this year were £400 higher	3,492		1 UKCC I, 2 UKCC II & 2 CDW
			Courses
			First aid kits
3 Fund raising events			10 Cricket Equipment
Bonus ball	780		Balls & other kit
Darts night	55		Junior kit
Fantasy cricket	25		Sightscreens
Quiz	85		we overpaid for sightscreens, and were refunded £102
Pontoon	510		
4 Grants & Donations			11 Donations
Manchester Airport	3,000		The Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital
Macclesfield Council	500		
Foundation for Sports and the Arts	3,000		12 Ground
CCCC (Clubmark contribution)	50		Groundsmans expenses
North Cheshire and Trafford Forum	200		Drainage
			Gate and fencing for lock up
5 Hiring			Fertilizer, loam grass seed etc
Colin Dixon	400		Mower services
Shell	-		Hedges
Ashley Shoot	375		Equipment
Village	60		13 Nets
Steve Coleman Band	55		Altrincham Grammar School
Meritek	60		Old Trafford
6 Match fees			14 Pavilion
1st XI	265		Flooring
2nd XI	590		Paving
3rd XI	623		Tables & Chairs
4th XI	387		Bar Shutter
Junior nets	115		TV Licence and Aerial
Junior Matches	151		
7 Sponsorship			15 Rent, Rates & Lease
Wilmslow Half Marathon	597		New lease solicitors cost
John Longworth	150		Rent
Martin Leah	600		Rates
Other match ball sponsors	370		

2008 accounts cover the 13 month period from 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 07 to 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 08, this years accounts cover the 12 month period to 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2009.

## Groundsman

No diary this year just some numbers –

2008 Autumn renovation of pitches 3-12 (inc) – 80 bags Mendip Loam

Contractor re-laid pitches 13-15 (inc) with Boughton Loam (higher clay content)

12 bags of fertiliser were spread (6 winter, 6 summer)

From Oct – March worked at the club approx 44 times

April-Sept did 21 weeks mostly 6 part days per week (126 visits)

Total of roughly 170 visits to the club over the year, which involved driving 1,360 miles and 1,530 key operations to unlock/lock all the locks to get to the mowers etc.

The outfield was cut around 40 times (2 hours a go) and the square 36 times (1 hr)

As far as I can see 80 home fixtures were played and 13 lost – mainly because of rain.

Pitch use -

Pitch	No Games	
1	3	Under 9
2		Practice
3	6	U11
4	9	U13/15
5	7	U18/Hire
6	1	County U11
7	9	Seniors
8	5	-- " --
9	6	-- " --
10	4	-- " --
11	5	-- " --
12	9	-- " --
13		relaid
14		relaid
15		relaid
16	16	Hires
17		U9

NO robberies, NO pitch invasions by hoofed animals – but significant amounts of dog \*\*\*\*.

Concerns: -

- (1) Fence on railway side is looking as if it will soon be pushed down by the horses.
- (2) Outfield needs some more drains.
- (3) Where to keep the practice nets so the car park is usable?
- (4) Pitch mower (Ransomes) is showing some signs of wearing out.

Dave

## 1st XI Captain

The 2009 season for Ashley CC 1st XI will be remembered with fondness and frustration in equal measure. A squad that on paper looked to be promotion candidates at the start of the season, finished in a tense relegation dog-fight only securing first division status in the second to last game of the campaign.

In total nearly 30 players turned out for the 1st eleven in 2009 with only Aussie star batsman Ash Bradshaw donning the whites for the full allocation of available games, (one of many aspects of Ash's visit that made it such a success for Ashley Cricket Club this year). This lack of stability in the squad meant that we were unable to build on any momentum gained from the good performances we sometimes produced. This coupled with our inability to deliver either the "knockout" blow, or the steel required to see out an innings landed us perilously close to the drop zone at the business end of the season.

New faces at the club included all-rounder Rick "Cheads" Gandy, pace bowler Paul "The Jackal" Hanrahan, bowling all-rounder and nightclub aficionado Andy "Bill" Shakespeare and the aforementioned overseas opening batsman Ash "The Colonel" Bradshaw. All performed fantastically well for the firsts with both Cheads and Hanners making the handbook for wickets taken, (20 at 11 and 28 at 10 respectively), and Ash contributing 743 runs at 42 including a debut ton, (our only one of the season!), against the highly volatile attack at Congleton. Shakey also rocked up for the second half of the season and bowled creditably for 15 wickets at 19, which could potentially have been more had not a certain vice captain had a brain freeze against Northwich at home, and not brought him on until it was almost too late! In the batting department we saw the inclusion of Alex "Spanky" Wigfield and Steve "Bubba Roy Coleman" Logan who made valuable contributions in a season lacking in runs off the willow.

2009 also saw the return to Ashley of Nadeem Alam whose naggingly accurate and metronomic medium pace saw him toil through 167 overs to take 21 wickets at 27. Naddy's often thankless graft on some flat decks was invaluable to the team's cause when absentees meant we were very short of bowling options. Great effort sir!

However as far as performances of the season go, special mention must be made for the "Captain with a thousand nicknames" Ian Barber. Barbs record for the season stands at 410 runs at 32, and 28 wickets at 14 from 16 matches played. He was present in 6 of the highest partnerships per wicket in the season, and despite batting cautiously at times, he was there when others had given it away. As well as captaining the often depleted team, this has to be seen as a fantastic effort with his 6-18 against Davenham, (successfully defending a very small total), the cherry on the icing of his cake for the season.

Our batting, (Ash's performance aside), was the real issue this season. Too often we collapsed in the middle order to injudicious shot making when chasing modest totals, (Ashton on Mersey at home), or when we'd got off to a good start. This needs to be addressed, but it must come as no surprise that the lack of first teamers at nets was reflected in the Saturday performance. Whilst work and family take precedence to many, a greater effort has to be made to attend practice.

So, what does this mean for next season? If we can keep hold of the new signings from this year and find an overseas of the calibre of Bradshaw we will start in good shape. However, with a squad of a "certain age", and weddings and injuries likely to take their toll we cannot rest on our laurels and new recruits should be

always encouraged. We also need to see more players from the rest of the club putting their hands up and challenging for a first eleven berth.

2010 is going to be a tough season with Stockport and Weaverham coming into the mix from division 2, there will be no easy games next year. We need people to commit to the club, not just on Saturday's but for practice as well. Looking forward to nets in January...See you all there!!

Matt Wilson – vice captain

### **2nd XI Captain**

The season has proved to be quite a successful one. Not only in terms of results and final league position, a creditable fifth position, (the division perhaps did not have the strength in depth as the season before, but as the adage goes you can only beat what is put in front of you), but also giving young players league cricket experience. Harry Hatchell's batting, with his debut senior fifty against Congleton, James Semple's improvement as the season progressed, the highlight being his 26 against Barnton, Martin Blain keeping wicket making a vast improvement which showed with 21 catches and 7 stumpings, he showed excellent technique both standing up to the bowlers and standing back and finally, Matt Wardle demonstrated his all-rounder potential with his slow bowling, he was very quickly able to adapt to how the batsmen played him, and continued to show some promise as a correct and elegant batsmen when given the responsibility of a top four berth versus Winsford and Congleton.

In fact the spinning department looks well stocked with Rick Axon joining later on in the season and taking wickets with his fizzing off breaks. We also had a glimpse of a potential match winner in the form of leg spinner Mukarram Iqbal who perhaps just needs to get more overs under his belt before coming a real force.

Playing at a higher standard of cricket and with the help and advice of senior players can only benefit them.

On the bowling side Rob McKie emerged as a genuine wicket taking opening bowler, with 22 wickets at 17, Chris Pendlebury (47 wickets @ 11) continued to take wickets and offer his Skipper control later on in an innings and he was the divisions leading wicket taker, whilst Nick Holt rediscovered his 'nip' (23 @ 21), alongside the dependable George Power (16 @14) and the aforementioned Rob McKie. Rish Agrawal also continued to develop as a strike bowler.

The batting overall was a little inconsistent until the return of John Ward later in the season added some backbone thus enabling bigger first innings totals to be built. The main contributors here were Captain Ally, who demonstrated excellent middle order hitting later in the season, Dave Rice, Zak Power and Dave Royle. A mention should also be given to Nick Holt who showed correctness of technique when pressed into opening batting duties.

The senior players – George Power, Nick Holt, Chris Pendlebury Dave Rice, John Ward and Harry Horsfall all offered helpful advice to the new skipper; George did have a few injuries through the season but didn't disappoint when he did play with his selection of jokes! My highlight of the season, - Rob McKie taking the last wicket of the innings off the last scheduled delivery to beat Winnington Park and get the full 25 points.

Ally



U18 player of the year Martin Blain.



2<sup>nd</sup> XI player of the year Chris Pendlebury



Back Row (left to right): Harry Hatchell, Harry Horsfall, Chris Pendlebury, Dave Woods, Ally Horn (captain) and Dave Royle.

Front Row (left to right): Martin Blain, Zak Power, Rish Agrawal, George Power and Dave Rice

### 3rd XI Captain

This turned out to be on paper the best 3rd team performance in 20 years with a finish in 3rd place and only 6 points off taking runners up spot. It was close to being so much more but the last few games against 1st placed Tattenhall and 2nd placed New Brighton along with Middlewich away sadly saw promotion slip from Ashley's hands.

Skippering mostly from the sidelines due to injury has been very frustrating however my Vice Skipper John Burt did an excellent job. I look forward to leading Ashley 3rds next season injury free.

Getting out a 3rd team was much easier this year than seasons past as more Under 18s joined Ashley CC, which is great to see. I have to thank Brian Birtles and Rish Agrawal in helping me with the 3rds; it was much needed at times. We also saw the benefit of the likes of more senior players with Andy Murray

dropping to the 3rds and Si Ferris coming back into the 3rds after flirting with time as the 4th team batsman/wicket keeper.

In total 30 players were used with 12 of them playing just the one game however regulars such as Burt, Brownhill, Murray, Griffiths, Blain, Agrawal and new acquisition from Mobberley George 'Bongo' Harrison saw a good team spirit (mickey-taking) right from the start.

The attitude this year was more positive from last season with losses taken much closer to heart and if the situation was going pear shaped people stood up and were counted rather than sat back and let someone else do it. This was shown most when Ashley were 46-6 at home to Widnes and managed to get to 146 with the help of Zain Sadozai (Who wins the champagne moment of the season) who hit an amazing 46 with George Aspden holding up the other end on 3rd team debut. Ashley tore through Widnes to win by 62 runs. Last year no doubt 46-6 may have ended up 60 all out and a heavy loss.

The batting this year was very strong at times fielding 11 players who could all get decent runs. Six players in total scored 135+ runs with Brownhill (398) and Burt (317) leading the way along with Shelston, Ferris, Murray and Griffiths they are forming a formidable top 6. The innings of the season was John Burt's 106\* at Winnington Park, big hitting at its best and the first century in a number of seasons for the 3rds. Both Brownhill and Burt made the league handbook.

The bowling on the whole was good although on a few occasions we just didn't finish off teams when we might have done. The new opening bowling partnership which developed in the middle of the season was Harrison and Agrawal which when it clicked was unplayable; Harrison's swing and pace and Agrawal's line, length and pace were a great combination. Harrison made the league handbook in his first season, which is a great achievement. It was good to see Mike Burgess back bowling again and taking wickets. Matt Wardle's spin was effective and he will be no doubt disappointed in just missing out on the book.

The fielding was at times sublime with some rather outstanding catches being taken in the slip cordon and in the outfield and with Martin Blain's keeping, which just gets better and better, the signs are good.

Winner of the player of the season and also the Captain's player of the season was John Brownhill scoring 398 runs averaging 44.22 with 4 fifties and a highest score of 76. He was great to watch and put good attacks to the sword and even managed to invent a new shot against some hostile short pitched stuff (even to him) from a fiery red head which involved falling backwards and scooping round for 4. You had to be there to see how bizarre it looked, a bit like Crouch's scissor kick for Liverpool.

On the whole a great season that I think everyone enjoyed until the last few games and something to build on in the 2010 season. Thanks to the Horn ladies for the excellent teas and thanks to Dave Twiney for again preparing quality pitches which offered plenty of runs.

Captain's player of the season – John Brownhill  
Players Player of the Season – John Brownhill  
Champagne moment – Zain Sadozai  
Right Guard Sweaty Kit Award – George Harrison

Pete

## 4th XI Captain

We finished the season 8<sup>th</sup> in the Sunday Division 4 of the County League, one place higher than last season.

The season started very brightly with 43 points earned in the first 3 games, we posted 165 at home to Bollington after being 27 for 6, were rained off at Woodford and won our first game in two seasons with a comprehensive victory against Bredbury. After a draw at home to Nantwich, when Ged Shedwick, a good mate of Liam Cusack turned out at the last minute not having played for 20 years, manfully batted out the last over; we were thrashed at Cheadle Hulme on their 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch. So, 5 games in we had won one, lost two, drawn one and had one rained off.

Then the next 8 games put a huge dent in our season, the stop start nature affected our form and performances; Brooklands had dropped out of the league, a poor effort from a club with hundreds of players, it smacked of a team not wanting to play unless it could be sure it would win. Not only did they deny their own players cricket but also we were scheduled to play them twice in three weeks. We also had 3 games called off due to rain, against Macclesfield and both games against Mobberley, teams we would normally fancy our chances against and they were called off after heavy showers that rendered the ground unfit, before the downpours the grounds was fine to play. And we lost to Runcorn having posted 170. In the other game, with hindsight, we should have gone for a few runs less at Bollington and then should have knocked them off. This game saw a 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket partnership of 166 between Si Ferris and John Brownhill, possibly one of the highest partnerships for any Ashley senior team.

In the last part of the season we didn't score more than 125 in any of the 5 games, we were regularly 30 for 5 off 20 and spent the rest of the game trying to post a competitive score. We didn't have an effective opening attack that could take a few early wickets, and most of our bowlers went for over 5 an over.

We only bowled 330 overs in total all season (13 games); 90 of those 330 were in 2 games. So were barely managed an average of 22 in each of the remaining matches.

We picked up nearly 30 more points than last year, in 2 less games, but this may have something to do with the 9 points we got for each cancelled game.

Only 4 batsmen scored 100 runs or more, and one player did that in one game; well done Shakey.

All of the above may sound negative, but it was still an enjoyable season; several younger players were selected for the team on merit and then moved into the 3rds on merit. I do think one or two more senior players should be in the 4ths next year though, just so we can have some runs to bowl at.

We batted first 10 times and batted second twice, at Woodford they elected to bat but rain saw the game called off before we could reply. Both times we batted second we secured a draw. We were more than happy to bat first, all of the wickets and outfields were excellent and we should encourage our players to bat first and try to play positively.

We used 33 players in 2009, compared to 48 last year. This year 11 players played only 1 game and 5 played only 2. James Semple was ever-present and he deservedly picked up the Player of the Year award; Dan Eadie, Martin Howe and

myself played 12. Simon Ferris played the first half of the season but was then lost to the 3<sup>rd</sup> team, and he was the 4<sup>th</sup> team's leading run scorer despite playing his last game at Bollington on the 12<sup>th</sup> July. We also lost last year's leading run scorer Darren Griffiths due to an accumulation of injuries; Darren has been under the knife several times recently and hopes to be fit for 2010.

We only had 2 five fors all season, in fact we only had bowlers take 3 wickets or more in an innings 4 times. Dan Eadie took his usual bundle against Nantwich and Matt Wardle bowled superbly to take 7 for 65 at Bollington, it should have been 8 for but a young square leg umpire wasn't watching and a rotund home team umpire at the bowlers end couldn't wait to get to the tearoom. Matt and Dan finished up as the team's joint leading wicket takers. Tommy Smith came into the 4ths late on and proved himself to be an excellent opening bat and bowler. He and a few others should be encouraged to play higher-grade cricket.

For next year I would like a few old heads to play 4ths regularly, then have a few young pups learning their trade, and being prepared for Saturday cricket.

I also think we need to re-establish a selection night at the club, too many times sides were picked with little reference to other sides and too many people were happy to hear what they wanted to hear about a players availability.

A selection committee should instruct which junior players are to be picked and what role(s) they must be given in each side; this should be done with a view to prepare the best juniors for the Saturday sides.

It was great to see Rish Agrawal step up and help the club as a volunteer, he worked very hard at nets, on the Under 18 side and in helping to get players for the senior sides. I did think people were happy to let him get involved and he ended up with too much work to do. I don't think the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams managers/senior players communicated enough, for one week the 3rds selected 4 wicket keepers in their team after having incorrectly being told the 4ths had a keeper. This was soon rectified with a switch of players, but it showed some people simply accepted what they were hearing without speaking to the right people. We have got a group of senior players who are keen to net on Tuesdays and I think we should further encourage this in 2010 to lead to a full club night.

Twice this year we turned out a 5<sup>th</sup> XI and they managed to beat Knutsford 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and were abandoned away to Hartford, thanks to Martin Howe for giving up his 100% appearance record to skipper the 5ths. Maybe we should try and pursue a 5<sup>th</sup> team next year, although the side would have to play away from Ashley and one of the reasons we all play for Ashley is that you play at home every other week.

Our opponents next year will include three teams promoted from the 5<sup>th</sup> division: Prestbury 3rds, Elworth 4ths and Sale 4ths; all three teams will provide tough opposition. The Sunday league continues to expand with Wistaston, Warrington, Alvanley and Cheadle providing new sides for the bottom division.

Thanks to everyone who played for the 4ths this year, thanks to Dave Twiney for giving us great wickets to play on and very many thanks to Wes and Dee Semple who were loyal spectators for all our games and transported a lot of the juniors that played for us, some straight from Under 15 matches; Wes even played a couple of games, possibly taking the catch of the season at Runcorn.

Brian

## **Child Welfare Officer**

This is now my second year as CWO and I would like to state clearly from the start that it has been a role I have enjoyed and that I am willing to stand for re-election for 2010. I believe there are elements we as a club do very well, and several areas where we need to be a little more organised and structured in our approach, and I am keen to meet these challenges as our junior section continues to go from strength to strength.

With the club rapidly evolving from the one I joined some fifteen years ago, and now as one of the senior and long standing players at Ashley, it fills me with great pride that we have so many juniors at the club who are clearly enjoying their sport and their time down at Ashley irrespective of their abilities. As one of the club's less naturally talented players I take great pleasure in seeing our junior players improve on a weekly basis, and some making the step up to senior cricket and not only enjoying it but making a genuine contribution to the game and just as importantly, to the team spirit. Equally I feel frustration when talented players are not making the most of what they have, or drift away from the game and the club for whatever reason. Whilst it can be common place for young children to drift in and out of sports & other interests I want Ashley to become a place which people remain attached too, both as players and parents. We have a duty to make sure the environment is conducive to the building of strong bonds and long lasting relationships and the promotion of good values. This culture should permeate throughout the club and I think by and large it does, but we can always do more.

2009 saw a huge increase in participation across all age levels and especially at practice nights both during the winter and the summer season. With the exception of a couple of injuries, both on one night, the practice nights went very well. I believe there are lessons to be learned on that score to ensure the CWO (and managers perhaps) take a little more time to keep in touch with injured players and keep them involved where possible.

The increasing numbers of juniors threatened at one point to become a little difficult to manage, however a call to arms provoked a very welcome response as several senior players and parents provided much welcome assistance in many and varied ways, each vital to the forward momentum of the junior section.

Sadly I do have to report an incident where two of our junior players were verbally abused during a senior game. The abuse stemmed from one adult opposition player in reaction to two of our junior batsmen smashing them all over the park to set up what was to be an unlikely win. To my mind it was a surprise that it happened at a club where they place great emphasis on junior players. Nevertheless, I have spoken to the Ashley players involved and of course the captain and subsequently sent a report to the Cheshire Cricket Child Welfare Officer. This matter remains under investigation, with suspension inevitable I would have thought given the facts of the case. I will update as and when I receive further information. I must add that Ashley CC are committed to protecting our players from any kind of abuse and the committee will take all appropriate action available to us to do so, whether our players are victims or perpetrators.

Looking forward to the 2010 season the junior coaching team are keen to develop a framework to provide greater focus on individual skills and to encourage more support to team managers across the age groups. This could include anything from assisting with transport, making sure players are kitted up correctly for

batting, making cups of tea for supporters, or simply being there to encourage all the players and contribute to a happy and safe environment.

One or two incidents this year lead me to suggest that our captains attend one of the Child Welfare / Protection courses that are held over the winter. If this is going to be difficult to commit to then perhaps I can produce some 'highlights' from the course material for each of the captains to digest. Obviously the formal training is the correct option, and is a single 2-3 hour evening session at a local cricket club. One of these options must happen and it would reflect better on the club if more people undertook the formal training.

I feel that we as a club are learning each year and making great strides forward with our junior section. However we can't think of everything or provide everything we want to do. If any junior or senior player, or parent/supporter have any suggestions as to what we can do better, or how you could help us to do better then please let the junior staff know and we will do what we can to take that forward.

Finally I would like to thank all junior coaches, team managers, parents and players for an enjoyable season. Also to Brian Birtles for his unstinting commitment and enthusiasm for cricket at all levels.

Yours in sport

Dave Woods

Over the last few seasons the junior section of the club has developed thus:

#### Players

	U9	U11	U13	U15	U18	Total
2007	9		11		7	27
2008	18		14	7	5	44
2009	27	27	17	11	11	93

#### Teams

	U9	U11	U13	U15	U18	Total
2007	1		1			2
2008	1		1	1		3
2009	2	1	1	1	1	6
2010	2	2	1	1	1	7

## **Junior managers**

### **Under 9**

We managed to put two sides out for every game bar one this season. It was a great effort by all involved to get to all the games on time and with a full compliment of players.

The two teams were usually made up of one side with the older, more experienced guys playing the league game and the young lads, usually aged 6 and 7 playing a friendly. The first game at home to Toft saw 8 lads making their Ashley debut and they lost by 20 runs. During the season we played lots of talented teams but only once, away to Bowdon early in the season, were we well beaten, by 60 runs. That evening was an eye opener for Ashley as what seemed like a few hundred people and players were on the Bowdon outfield or in the bar that evening, they had one Under 9s side playing us, another 40 or so receiving coaching from half a dozen track-suited coaches, a large number of older lads receiving coaching in the nets and numerous parents and guardians eating and drinking in the main bar, on the patio and on the outfield.

Our nets nights on Monday were well attended by players, usually 40 or so at nets, plenty of parents watching and using the bar, and sometimes an Under 11 team of 10 players playing an away game. We have come along way in the last few years and with a junior section of nearly 100 players we need to draw up a considered coaching plan so that we can get the best out of our volunteers and offer the best practice sessions to all our players.

We won 2 games, one by default against Barnton and one against Grappenhall where our lads beat them in the league game and also the friendly game. A reward for all the hard work the players and coaches put in during the indoor and outdoor training sessions.

Moving forward to next year we hope to put out 2 sides each week and we hope to push some of the more talented Under 9s into the Under 11s sides as soon as possible. This will be done after careful consideration and consultation between the coaches and the player's parents.

I don't want to highlight a player unnecessarily because all the lads put everything into their practice sessions and matches, but Joe Evason scored 39 without being dismissed at Grappenhall; in only 4 overs, a great innings and one that marks Joe out as a player of some potential.

Thanks to everyone for all their help and hard work in 2009, I am always available for a chat about how junior cricket is organised at Ashley and I welcome any feedback and suggestions anyone may have.

Special thanks to Ruth Gallagher and Lorna Schora for taking the register on Monday nights, to Ian Horn for running the bar and kitchen, to all parents, especially Senga Farfan, who brought refreshments to matches, to all coaches and volunteers, Liam Cusack, Steve Logan, Rob McKie, Rish Agrawal, Ian Gallagher, John Brownhill, Stuart Oldbury and Darren Hatchell plus Matt Wilson and Ash Bradshaw who offered advice and coaching to some of the older juniors attending senior nets.

See you all at indoor practice in January 2010.

Brian

## **Report on the Woodford Under 9 Tournament**

After a few delays the end of season under 9 tournament took place with Ashley sending a squad of 7 players to Woodford: Joe Evason, Matt Smith, Aaron Schora, Ben Grime, Ed Loveland, Dan Gallagher and Alfie Johnston.

Every single player contributed to a successful and enjoyable day as we won our group to progress into the final group where we came up against two exceptionally strong sides in Bowdon and Prestbury, who we managed to push closely and continued to play the game in the right spirit.

By the end of the day several players had excelled and made sacrifices, Aaron stayed on late to support team-mates and turn up late to party he had been invited to, everyone took their turn to step down as we operated a squad system to give everyone equal game time.

Dan Gallagher took on the challenge of wicket keeping and did not let a single bye go past in 5 games, we were the only team that achieved this, he also hit some lusty blows, Ben Grime stepped up from wicket keeping to reveal hitherto hidden talents as an opening bowler, Joe experienced the highs and lows of smashing sixes all over the ground in one game but then getting out first ball in the next (which he took with good grace) he also bowling a constantly threatening line and was unlucky to not take more wickets, Matt Smith again bowled and batted very well as he has all season and despite his coach telling him he was too close to the batsman took a blinding catch at midwicket to remove the opposition danger-man against Woodford, a catch that he can be proud of, Aaron bowled consistently as usual including his trademark 'Malinga' and a leg spinner thrown in for good measure, Alfie played with his usual enthusiasm bowled at a good pace and fielded exceptionally well, his running between the wickets earned Ashley many extra runs and put opposition bowlers under pressure, Ed at one stage was leading wicket taker in the tournament and also batted with his usual style, also like Alfie his running between the wickets was exceptional as was his awareness in the field.

I can say as coach to the lads it was a pleasure to see the hard work they had put in pay off with medals as group winners, also the enjoyment that the boys got from the tournament and the support of the parents made all those Monday nights in the damp at Ashley worthwhile; can't wait to start again in January at Altrincham Grammar and North Cestrian's Grammar Schools.

Liam Cusack

## **Under 11**

The season was almost too successful in terms of numbers; we were overwhelmed with the recruits.

At the end of last season I was apprehensive about numbers, indeed we lost players like, Dan Glicher, Rory, Danny Tomlin, Bryn Thornton, Sam Corbishley, and the Thompsons, so when outdoor sessions started it was astonishing to see the numbers who turned up.

Outdoor training needs to be completely re thought though; on one occasion I had to control 25 boys, and with the best will in the world it was very difficult.

It is vital to maximise the use of time and space and coaches. There are so many different skills that need to be learned and not just batting and bowling, but catching, fielding, throwing, running between wickets, plus rules such as no balls, short runs etc.

I have previously emailed the committee with my thoughts on nets/training, but we must think very seriously about this going forward, starting with indoor nets in the winter.

If we get upwards of 20 under 11's say, they may only have 1 lane to bat in, then if 6 bat per session, it means boys will get 10 minutes batting practice every 3 weeks which is not beneficial.

I don't have the solutions because of cost but there is a brand new indoor facility at Ashton (Tameside), to which I am taking Ben as an experiment. I reckon we could get 10 sessions of 1 hour for £200-00, or 10 boys @£2-00 per time.

I had to pick the teams for most matches. I tried to be as fair as possible, and picked on availability rather than merit...the problem was if you weren't in my email list the offer didn't reach you. There were several other reasons that rendered selection difficult.

I think we should run 2 teams at Under 11 age group next season with squad sizes of say 13/14.

Clear, early communication to parents and a full list of addresses, emails and contact numbers are vital

I would also suggest:

A pre season Parents Meeting

A post Season Meeting

On the playing front the results weren't important, the development was; this was our first season with pads, hardball and boxes. We only played 7 league games and we lost them all. I organised numerous friendlies to retain interest; we won 2 of these games, both v Poynton

Some boys played for South Trafford district team and they all held their own. Some of the squad also played for U 13's and did well

Going forward I would suggest the following:

Keep interest alive between now and April 2010

Run 2 teams next year

Look at professional coaching (see my Ashton idea)

Create an effective distribution list

Plan dedicated training sessions

Sit back and enjoy.

I'll do what I can to promote proper development. Thanks for giving me the opportunity; I hope I can continue to contribute. All in all a staggering success; there was a massive improvement from some in their skills and personal development also there was great keenness and enthusiasm from players, parents and coaches, that must be retained.

Sefton

### **Under 13**

The under 13's had an indifferent season to say the least.

We started the season without a full squad and therefore we were not too disappointed when poor weather intervened on the opening fixtures.

The lads that we did have had very little experience and it showed, when the first few fixtures exposed them to very good opposition and severe defeats.

However, the positives far outweighed the negatives. What we had was a squad with little experience but big endeavour.

They turned up week in, week out to nets.

Not only did they turn up en-masse every week but also they worked hard, listened well and tried to implement their learning into their game.

Thanks here must go to our seniors (Ricey, John Brownhill, Stuart, Rish, Steve, Woodsy and many more) who dedicated their time to coaching the team and as I said before, credit the lads for their hard work.

With 3 or 4 games left of the season the performances started to improve, the lads posted their highest score of 26, yes 26. The next week saw them almost double that at 42 and we started to take wickets

The season finished far too soon, but, it did see the lads best performance in the very last game. A number of the coaches promised that by the end of the season they would all be cracking shots off the square with regularity. It was so pleasing to see this actually happen in their last game. A number of them were 'pinging' fours all around the wicket, posting a score of 120 odd for 4.

A number of the lads played for the 3rd and 4th teams in the latter end of the season.

I need to state that it was an absolute pleasure to be around the under 13 squad, they are a cracking bunch of lads. May I also thank their parents / carers who were very supportive of their children and the club. It was a brilliant season.

Darren

### **Under 15**

Another excellent season for the team, with further progression made.

The team were achieving some very good results and halfway in they were well placed in the top half of the league and had progressed through the early rounds of the cup.

Loads of the squad were featuring for senior teams and were performing very well.

In the middle of the season there were a few communication problems, which coincided with a few lads struggling to get out of bed for early Sunday morning fixtures. This led to the team losing their way a wee bit as there were a number of fixtures where we had 9 or 10 players only, so the team ended up with mid table security.

They also put in a cracking cup run, demolishing Bowdon and Urmston; the Urmston game being the highlight of the season. They went out to a very unsporting Lindow side at the semi-final stage.

A number of the squad will stay in the under 15-age group with a few moving on to under 18's. It was again a pleasure to be involved with the lads and the parents / carers.

Darren

### **Under 18**

For the first time in 30 years Ashley CC had an Under 18s league team. The season was a mixed one, although we didn't manage to win a game (the league table shows us with 2 wins, these were wins given to us by the league because our opponents failed to submit a result sheet), it was on the whole an extremely enjoyable one. Playing many teams that bolstered county and 1st team standard players; we knew that it would be a very hard season. We finished 12th in the league of 16.

In total 25 players played, all with great enthusiasm and a positive attitude. George Harrison and myself were the only bowlers who took over 5 wickets in the season, with myself being leading wicket taker (7).

5 players scored over 40 runs in the season, these being (in order of runs scored) – Harry Hatchell, Sarabjit Ranshi, Alex Eaton, Zain Sadozai and Fahad Usmani. The best performance of the season has to go to Sarabjit Ranshi for his 49 against Timperley. When spirits were low, Sarabjit managed to find boundary after boundary against experienced bowlers, some of whom play 1st team level at Timperley.

Close to the end of the season, we put out an Under 21s team against Shell. Alongside the Under 18s, Andrew Shakespeare, Harry Horsfall, Mike Burgess and Rick Axon all played in a close match that we managed to just win. This further shows how much the U18s have developed playing at such high standards.

We managed to attract 9 new players to the U18s team which meant that the senior teams were full of more U18s leading to the club eventually being able to put a 5th team. I think this achievement is extremely special and hopefully one we can replicate next season.

The U18s was seen as a stepping-stone for youngsters playing on a Sunday moving to play Saturday cricket. Sarabjit Ranshi and Harry Hatchell were handed 1st team debuts. Martin Blain and myself played over 10 games for the 2nd team. 11 other Under 18s also played for the 2nd team. I think it will also be worthy to take note that newcomer George Harrison made the 3rd team league handbook for taking 15 wickets at an average of 24.87. Matt Wardle (13 at 23.31) and myself (14 at 17.00) narrowly missed out.

All in all, we had an enjoyable season and even though we failed to win a game, our main aim of attracting new players and preparing youngsters for Saturday cricket was achieved.

I'd like to thank Brian Birtles, Liam Cusack and Darren Hatchell for all their help and making it possible and Josh Wardle, George Harrison and Harry Hatchell for helping me make sure I could put a team out every week, especially during examinations.

Rish



The square, pictured above, in early April ready for 2009 season; 3 new pitches can be seen in the foreground.

The picture below shows the ground in early January 2010, barely 100 days before the start of the new season.



**AVERAGES & TABLES**

The following pages list the statistics from the 2009 season; data going back to the 1888 season can be found on the club's website under the STATS section

**Juniors**
**Ashley CC Under 18s league averages  
Not including SW Manchester (A) 2nd June**

	<b>Innings</b>	<b>N. O.</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Ct</b>	<b>St</b>		
Alex Eaton	4	1	53	17.67				
Zain Sadozai	3	0	45	15.00				
Harry Hatchell	6	0	85	14.17	1	1		
Fahad Usmani	3	0	41	13.67				
Sarabjit Ranshi	4	0	54	13.50				
Rob Oldbury	2	0	20	10.00				
Hamzah Chaudary	1	0	10	10.00				
George Harrison	5	1	39	9.75	1			
Matt Wardle	4	0	34	8.50	1			
George Aspden	3	1	12	6.00				
James Semple	4	0	22	5.50				
Will Brown	2	0	11	5.50	1			
Ally Berryman	1	0	5	5.00				
Tommy Smith	4	0	19	4.75	1			
Jack Roberts	1	0	4	4.00	1			
Prithpal Sohal	1	0	4	4.00				
Rishabh Agrawal	4	1	11	3.67	2			
Martin Blain	3	0	9	3.00				
Ben McKie	2	1	2	2.00				
Josh Wardle	3	1	4	2.00				
Toby Hawksley	1	0	0	0.00				
Dominic Paine	1	0	0	0.00				
J Faupel	1	0	0	0.00				
Chris Hewitt	1	1	11	-				
Mukarrum Iqbal	2	2	16	-				

  

	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>	<b>S/R</b>	<b>E/R</b>	<b>Average</b>
Jack Roberts	4	0	16	2	12	4.00	8.00
Mukarrum Iqbal	7	1	23	2	21	3.29	11.50
Hamzah Chaudary	3.1	0	13	1	19	4.19	13.00
Rishabh Agrawal	21	0	117	7	18	5.57	16.71
Ben McKie	4	1	19	1	24	4.75	19.00
George Harrison	19	1	119	6	19	6.26	19.83
Matt Wardle	7	0	42	2	21	6.00	21.00
Toby Hawksley	4	0	37	1	24	9.25	37.00
Alex Eaton	15	1	83	2	45	5.53	41.50
Josh Wardle	18	0	131	1	108	7.28	131.00
Rob Oldbury	5	0	66	0	-	13.20	-
Sarabjit Ranshi	14	0	115	0	-	8.21	-
Zain Sadozai	4	0	40	0	-	10.00	-

**Ashley CC Under 15 league averages  
2009 season**

	<b>Matches</b>	<b>Innings</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>Ct</b>	<b>St</b>
H Hatchell	9	9	2	274	68	39.14	2	
A Oldbury	1	1		20	20	20.00		
T Hawksley	8	4	3	14	9	14.00	3	
A Berryman	8	5	1	55	46	13.75		
B McKie	9	7	3	51	18	12.75		
M Blain	10	9	1	92	32	11.50	1 & 4	5
R Oldbury	10	7	1	69	24	11.50		
A Eaton	7	7		72	40	10.29	3	
J Smith	8	4	3	10	8	10.00	1	
C Hewitt	7	5		43	28	8.60		
J Semple	10	10	2	65	19	8.13		
G Aspden	8	8	3	30	10	6.00	3	
T Graham	1	1		1	1	1.00		
L Rutledge	4	1		0	0	0.00		
G Paton	3			0	0	-	2	
J Wright	2			0	0	-		
M Coffey	1			0	0	-		
C Farfan	1			0	0	-		

	<b>Ovrs</b>	<b>Mdns</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>S/R</b>	<b>E/R</b>
G Paton	8	1	34	5	6.80	10	4.25
H Hatchell	3.2	0	27	2	13.50	10	8.44
J Smith	19.4	1	123	9	13.67	13	6.34
A Eaton	21	3	67	4	16.75	32	3.19
T Hawksley	16	2	86	5	17.20	19	5.38
B McKie	27	7	118	6	19.67	27	4.37
L Rutledge	15	0	73	3	24.33	30	4.87
M Blain	4	0	28	1	28.00	24	7.00
C Hewitt	21	1	90	2	45.00	63	4.29
J Semple	20	0	110	2	55.00	60	5.50
R Oldbury	13	0	108	1	108.00	78	8.31
J Wright	2	0	18	0			9.00
C Farfan	1	0	5	0	-	-	5.00
A Berryman	2	0	15	0	-	-	7.50
A Oldbury	3	1	12	0	-	-	4.00

**Ashley CC Under 13 league averages  
2009 season**

	Matches	Innings	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	Ct	St
Sean Joyce	2	2	1	11	7	11.00		
Michael Coffey	6	6	2	31	14	7.75	1	
Harry Brittain	5	5		29	28	5.80		
Joe Wright	7	7	1	24	11	4.00		
Kuran Mahadev	5	5	1	15	8	3.75		
Sam Goodall	3	3		10	8	3.33		
Robert Gill	4	3		5	3	1.67		
Joe Gallagher	1	1		1	1	1.00		
Max Youds	4	3		2	1	0.67		
Liam Headd	2	2		1	1	0.50		
Christopher Farfan	6	5		2	2	0.40	1	
Harry Swingler	6	6	1	2	1	0.40	1	
Shantanu Niak	4	3		1	1	0.33		
James Sadler	2	1		0	0	0.00		
C Hines	1	1		0	0	0.00		
Josh Brookes	4	1		0	0	0.00	1	
George Bannister	1	1		0	0	0.00		
Adam Atkin	1	1	1	2	2	-		
Ben Ashworth Kwasnik	1	1	1	0	0	-		
Rory Coleman	1			0	0	-		
C James	1			0	0	-		

	Ovrs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Ave	S/R	E/R
Josh Brookes	3	0	22	2	11.00	9	7.3
Kuran Mahadev	11	1	64	4	16.00	17	5.8
Robert Gill	4	0	29	1	29.00	24	7.3
Max Youds	3	0	30	1	30.00	18	10.0
Joe Wright	18.2	0	101	3	33.67	36	5.5
Christopher Farfan	9	0	48	1	48.00	54	5.3
Sean Joyce	2	0	12	0	-	-	6.0
Michael Coffey	6	0	41	0	-	-	6.8
Harry Brittain	5	0	37	0	-	-	7.4
Sam Goodall	3	0	14	0	-	-	4.7
Adam Atkin	4	0	24	0	-	-	6.0
Harry Swingler	4	0	38	0	-	-	9.5
Shantanu Niak	3	0	22	0	-	-	7.3
James Sadler	5	0	54	0	-	-	10.8
C Hines	0.3	0	7	0	-	-	14.0
Ben Ashworth Kwasnik	1	0	9	0	-	-	9.0
C James	2	0	11	0	-	-	5.5

**JUNIOR TABLES**

South Manchester Junior Cricket League - Under 18s							
	P	W	L	C	T	NRR	Pts
1 Cheadle	10	7	1	2	0	3.47	32
2 Lindow	10	6	1	3	0	0.40	30
3 Stretford	10	5	2	3	0	1.13	26
4 Timperley	10	5	2	3	0	0.98	26
5 Urmston	10	5	2	3	0	0.42	26
6 Didsbury	10	5	2	3	0	0.17	26
7 Ashton-on-Mersey	10	5	3	2	0	0.00	24
8 Brooklands	10	4	4	3	0	1.36	20
9 Sale	10	3	3	4	0	-0.58	20
10 Newton Heath	10	4	5	1	0	-0.84	18
11 Wythenshawe	10	4	6	0	0	-0.77	16
<b>12 Ashley</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-2.54</b>	<b>14</b>
13 Stockport Georgians	10	2	6	2	0	-0.89	10
14 Bowdon	10	2	6	2	0	-1.07	10
15 SW Manchester	10	2	6	2	0	-1.06	6
16 Poynton	10	1	8	1	0	-1.08	2

South Manchester Junior Cricket League - Under 15s							
	P	W	L	C	T	NRR	Pts
1 Burnage	10	9	1	0	0	1.34	35
2 Didsbury	10	8	1	1	0	1.89	33
3 Whalley Range	10	8	2	0	0	1.05	31
4 Urmston	10	7	3	0	0	1.02	28
5 Lindow	10	6	3	1	0	1.55	25
6 Bowdon Vale	10	6	4	0	0	1.36	24
7 Woodford	10	6	4	0	0	1.13	23
8 Stretford	10	6	4	0	0	0.49	22
<b>9 Ashley</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>20</b>
10 Hale Barns	10	3	6	1	0	-0.14	14
11 Bowdon	10	3	6	1	0	-0.55	14
12 Sale	10	4	6	0	0	-2.58	12
13 SW Manchester	10	2	7	1	0	-1.68	9
14 Ashton-on-Mersey	10	1	7	2	0	-2.35	8
15 Newton Heath	10	2	7	1	0	-3.73	8
16 Wythenshawe	10	0	10	0	0	0.00	0

South Manchester Junior Cricket League - Under 13s								
		P	W	L	C	T	NRR	Pts
1	Stretford	11	9	0	1	1	1.53	41
2	Woodford	11	6	0	5	0	1.68	34
3	Timperley	11	5	1	4	1	2.02	31
4	Whalley Range	11	7	3	1	0	0.99	30
5	Urmston	11	6	3	2	0	1.62	28
6	Didsbury	11	5	2	4	0	0.86	28
7	Hale Barns	11	5	3	3	0	0.63	26
8	Sale	11	4	2	5	0	0.33	26
9	Wythenshawe	11	4	4	3	0	0.98	22
10	Brooklands	11	4	5	2	0	0.73	20
11	Lindow	11	4	5	2	0	-0.01	20
12	Cheadle	11	3	6	2	0	-1.18	16
13	Newton Heath	11	2	5	4	0	-1.77	16
14	Cheadle	11	2	5	4	0	-2.01	16
15	Trafford Metrovics	11	2	6	2	1	-0.62	15
16	Bowdon Vale	11	2	7	1	1	-1.85	13
17	Ashton-on-Mersey	11	1	6	4	0	-1.16	12
<b>18</b>	<b>Ashley</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-4.34</b>	<b>2</b>

Cheshire County Cricket Junior League - Under 11s							
		P	W	L	C	T	Pts
1	Elworth	9	8	1	0	0	40
2	Neston	9	7	1	1	0	37
3	Toft	9	6	1	2	0	34
4	Winnington Park	9	5	3	1	0	27
5	Warrington	9	4	3	2	0	24
6	Grappenhall	9	3	4	2	0	19
7	Timperley	9	2	3	4	0	18
8	Bowdon	9	1	6	2	0	9
<b>9</b>	<b>Ashley</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
10	Mobberley	9	0	9	0	0	-12

Cheshire County Cricket Junior League - Under 9s						
	P	W	L	C	T	Pts
1 Romiley	10	9	1	0	0	45
2 Bowdon	10	8	0	2	0	44
3 Alderley Edge Hedgehogs	10	8	0	2	0	44
4 Stockport Georgians A	10	8	1	1	0	42
5 Prestbury A	10	8	2	0	0	40
6 Cheadle Hulme	10	5	1	4	0	33
7 Prestbury B	10	5	4	1	0	27
8 Woodford	10	5	4	1	0	27
9 Cheadle	10	4	3	3	0	26
10 Toft	10	5	5	0	0	25
11 Macclesfield	10	4	4	2	0	24
12 Bramhall	10	2	2	5	1	23
13 Heaton Mersey	10	4	4	2	0	22
14 Stockport Georgians B	10	4	5	1	0	22
15 Mobberley	10	3	5	2	0	19
16 Alderley Edge Eagles	10	3	5	2	0	19
17 Grappenhall	10	2	4	4	0	18
18 Marple	10	2	5	3	0	16
19 Timperley	10	2	5	3	0	14
20 Disley	10	2	6	1	1	13
<b>21 Ashley</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>
22 Bredbury St Marks	10	1	7	2	0	9
23 Poynton	10	1	7	2	0	9
24 Barnton	10	0	10	0	0	-20

**AVERAGES & TABLES****Seniors****Ashley CC 1st XI averages 2009**

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Ave	Balls	S/R	Mins	4s	6s	Ct	St
Ash Bradshaw	19	19	1	743	102	41.28	1121	66	1256	111	14	10	1
Ian Barber	16	16	3	410	67	31.54	969	42	1098	51	5	1	
Rick Gandy	10	9		154	34	17.11	235	66	300	16	3	3	
Harry Horsfall	7	6	3	51	20	17.00	88	58	115	5		3	
Alex Wigfield	15	14		229	61	16.36	337	68	408	29	2	3	
Harry Hatchell	1	1		14	14	14.00	18	78	17	3			
Seamus Sons	6	6	1	65	30	13.00	130	50	145	6	3		
Andy Shakespeare	9	9	2	85	33	12.14	150	57	202	3	3	3	
Steve Logan	14	12	1	130	36	11.82	178	73	230	14	4	3	
Dave Alves	17	10	6	38	13	9.50	77	49	83	5		2	
Matt Wilson	17	14	3	98	21	8.91	326	30	355	13		11	5
Ross McKinstry	12	12	1	92	19	8.36	222	41	252	11		1	
Dave Royle	1	1		8	8	8.00	10	80	10	1			
Zak Power	5	4		30	20	7.50	58	52	84	5			
Jon Griffiths	5	4		26	15	6.50	96	27	117	3			
Paul Hanrahan	9	7	2	32	12	6.40	101	32	135	5			
Nick Holt	2	2		10	10	5.00	24	42	33	1		1	
Jamil Felix	1	1		5	5	5.00	9	56	10	1		1	
Craig Knight	11	10		46	17	4.60	125	37	139	7		3	
Dave Woods	5	3		12	6	4.00	29	41	31	2			
Savvi Ranshi	1	1		4	4	4.00	2	200	4	1		1	
Nadeem Alam	14	11	2	29	10	3.22	91	32	98	2			
George Power	2	2		5	5	2.50	16	31	20	1		1	
Sean Flynn	1	1		2	2	2.00	21	10	25				
Ed Hall	2	2		2	2	1.00	24	8	30			1	
Dave Deans	3	2		0	0	0.00	9	0	12			1	
Richard Axon	2	1		0	0	0.00	2	0	3				
Ally Horn	2	1	1	1	1	-	5	20	15				

	O	M	R	W	Ave	S/R	E/R
Paul Hanrahan	106.3	28	299	28	10.68	23	2.81
Rick Gandy	69.5	19	225	20	11.25	21	3.24
Ian Barber	116.4	26	407	28	14.54	25	3.50
Ash Bradshaw	28.2	4	111	6	18.50	28	3.94
Andy Shakespeare	94.1	24	283	15	18.87	38	3.01
Dave Woods	42.4	10	131	6	21.83	42	3.09
Nick Holt	10.0	4	25	1	25.00	60	2.50
Nadeem Alam	167.0	41	575	21	27.38	48	3.44
Dave Alves	96.4	14	344	10	34.40	58	3.57
Ed Hall	15.1	2	72	2	36.00	45	4.77
Dave Deans	7.0	0	38	1	38.00	42	5.43
George Power	15.0	5	48	1	48.00	90	3.20
Savvi Ranshi	5.0	0	26	0	-	-	5.20
Craig Knight	1.0	0	8	0	-	-	8.00
Richard Axon	4	0	31	0	-	-	7.75
Steve Logan	3.2	1	12	0	-	-	3.75

**Ashley CC 1st XI stats - 2009**

<b>Wicket</b>	<b>Partnership</b>	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Batsman</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Batsman</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st	148	Malpas (H)	Ash Bradshaw	1	81	Ian Barber 2 67
2nd	93*	Northwich (A)	Ash Bradshaw	1	86*	Ian Barber 3 9*
3rd	70	Winnington Park (A)	Ian Barber	3	64	Alex Wigfield 4 42
4th	42	Barrow (A)	Ian Barber	3	56*	Alex Wigfield 5 25
5th	46	Congleton (A)	Ash Bradshaw	1	102	Steve Logan 6 13
6th	58*	Hale Barns (H)	Ian Barber	3	35*	Steve Logan 7 36*
7th	41	Congleton (H)	Harry Horsfall	7	20	Matt Wilson 8 21*
8th	32	Mere (A)	Alex Wigfield	5	61	Nick Holt 9 10
9th	13	Winnington Park (A)	Ian Barber	3	64	Ed Hall 10 2
10th	20	Ashton (A)	Andy Shakespeare	7	33*	Dave Woods 11 6

**Other notable partnerships**

1st	77	Mere (H)	Ash Bradshaw	1	91	Rick Gandy 2 34
1st	81	Trafford MV (H)	Ash Bradshaw	1	68	Rick Gandy 2 24

**Highest score**

102	Ash Bradshaw	Congleton (A)	(145 mins, 133 balls, 15 fours & 4 sixes)
91	Ash Bradshaw	Mere (H)	(133 mins, 115 balls, 12 fours & 1 six)
86*	Ash Bradshaw	Northwich (A)	(98 mins, 95 balls, 9 fours, 5 sixes)
81	Ash Bradshaw	Malpas (H)	(121 mins, 97 balls, 15 fours & 1 six)
68	Ash Bradshaw	Trafford MV (H)	(85 mins, 83 balls, 10 fours & 1 six)
67	Ian Barber	Malpas (H)	(100 mins, 79 balls, 13 fours)
64	Ian Barber	Winnington Park (A)	(146 mins, 129 balls, 6 fours & 1 six)
61	Alex Wigfield	Mere (A)	(93 mins, 66 balls, 6 fours)
56*	Ian Barber	Barrow (A)	(130 mins, 122 balls, 3 fours & 1 six)
53	Ash Bradshaw	Davenham (H)	(117 mins, 101 balls, 7 fours)
53	Ash Bradshaw	Barrow (H)	(92 mins, 97 balls, 8 fours & 1 six)

**Best Bowling figures**

7- 44	Ian Barber	Mere (A)
6-17	Paul Hanrahan	TMV (A)
6-18	Ian Barber	Davenham (A)

**Ashley CC 2nd XI averages 2009**

	<b>Matches</b>	<b>Innings</b>	<b>N.O.</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>H.S.</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Ct</b>	<b>St</b>
<b>John Ward</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>48.25</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Dave Jackson</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42.00</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Dave Royle</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>183</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>26.14</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Ally Horn</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>25.36</b>	<b>6 &amp; 1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Jon Griffiths</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25.00</b>		
<b>Zak Power</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>162</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>23.14</b>	<b>4 &amp; 1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Dave Rice</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>21.80</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>Dave Woods</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20.50</b>		
<b>Harry Hatchell</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>20.40</b>		
<b>Ross McKinstry</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15.67</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Andy Murray</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15.50</b>		
<b>Nick Holt</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>15.73</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Seamus Sons</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15.00</b>		
<b>Jimmy Felix</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14.50</b>		
<b>Matt Wardle</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>14.40</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Stuart Oldbury</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14.00</b>		
<b>George Power</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Chris Pendlebury</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>James Semple</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10.86</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Harry Horsfall</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>123</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10.25</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Rob McKie</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8.80</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Adam Oldbury</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8.00</b>		
<b>Rick Axon</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Dan Shelston</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6.50</b>		
<b>Rish Agrawal</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5.40</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Ian Horn</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.00</b>		
<b>George Harrison</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Gary Tyms</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Martin Blain</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Sean Flynn</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3.50</b>		
<b>Rob Oldbury</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2.50</b>		
<b>Ben McKie</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.00</b>		
<b>Mukarram Iqbal</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Josh Wardle</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>George Aspden</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Michael Coffey</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>A Western</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Ally Berryman</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16*</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Alex Wigfield</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>61*</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Martin Howe</b>	<b>1</b>					<b>-</b>		

	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wkts</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>S/R</b>	<b>E/R</b>
<b>Zak Power</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10.14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2.82</b>
<b>Chris Pendlebury</b>	<b>178.3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11.21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2.96</b>
<b>George Harrison</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12.40</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4.43</b>
<b>George Power</b>	<b>119.3</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14.25</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1.91</b>
<b>Rick Axon</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15.29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3.63</b>
<b>Gary Tyms</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3.09</b>
<b>Rob McKie</b>	<b>121.4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17.68</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3.20</b>
<b>Nick Holt</b>	<b>135.7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20.91</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3.54</b>
<b>Mukarram Iqbal</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>3.67</b>
<b>Matt Wardle</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>28.33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5.15</b>
<b>Rish Agrawal</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39.00</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>3.30</b>
<b>Dave Woods</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>49.00</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3.66</b>
<b>Seamus Sons</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3.33</b>
<b>Josh Wardle</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.80</b>
<b>Harry Horsfall</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.00</b>

### Ashley CC 2nd XI stats - 2009

<u>Wicket</u>		<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Batsman</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Batsman</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Score</u>
1st	86	Old Parkonians (H)	Nick Holt	1	68	John Ward	2	72*
2nd	69	Winnington Park (H)	Ally Horn	1	54	Dave Jackson	3	42
3rd	73	Ashton (H)	Ally Horn	3	65*	Matt Wardle	4	10
4th	49	Northwich (H)	Ross McKinstry	4	23	Harry Horsfall	5	30*
5th	49	Old Parkonians (A)	Dave Rice	1	50	Zak Power	6	64
6th	64	Runcorn (A)	Ally Horn	6	49	Chris Pendlebury	7	25*
7th	48	Congleton (A)	Harry Hatchell	5	53	Chris Pendlebury	8	20
8th	31	Old Parkonians (A)	Zak Power	6	64	Martin Blain	9	1
9th	53#	Barnton (A)	Ally Horn	7	63*	George Power	10	2*
10th	28*	Mere (A)	George Power	9	8*	Rish Agrawal	11	16*
		# off 23 deliveries						

### Other notable partnerships

2nd	61	Runcorn (H)	Dave Rice	1	53	Ally Horn	3	30
2nd	57	Congleton (H)	Dave Rice	1	22	Matt Wardle	3	41
2nd	55	Mere (A)	Dave Royle	1	42	Zak Power	3	32
2nd	53	Ashton on Mersey (H)	Dave Royle	1	55	Ally Horn	3	65*
3rd	54	Congleton (H)	Matt Wardle	3	41	Andy Murray	4	27

### Highest score

72*	John Ward (H)	Old Parkonians
68	Nick Holt (H)	Old Parkonians
65*	Ally Horn (H)	Ashton
64	Zak Power (A)	Old Parkonians
63*	Ally Horn (A)	Barnton
61*	Alex Wigfield (A)	Hale Barns

### Best Bowling figures

6-35	Chris Pendlebury	Northwich
5-36	Nick Holt	Congleton

**Ashley CC 3rd XI averages 2009**

	<b>M</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>N.O.</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>H.S.</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>Ct</b>	<b>St</b>
<b>Steve Logan</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83.00</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>John Brownhill</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>44.22</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Rob McKie</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39.00</b>		
<b>John Burt</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>106*</b>	<b>35.22</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Dan Shelston</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>138</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>27.60</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Zain Sadozai</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>21.67</b>		
<b>Simon Ferris</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>141</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>20.14</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Andy Murray</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>172</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19.11</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Peter Burgess</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>15.75</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Oliver Griffiths</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>137</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15.22</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Dave Jackson</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Tommy Smith</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13.00</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>John Ward</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13.00</b>		
<b>Harry Hatchell</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>		<b>64</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12.80</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Martin Blain</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11.67</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Martin Howe</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11.00</b>		
<b>Mike Burgess</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>55</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9.17</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Fahad Usmani</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9.00</b>		
<b>Rish Agrawal</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>8.60</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Matt Wardle</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>James Semple</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7.50</b>		
<b>George Harrison</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7.40</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>George Aspden</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7.00</b>		
<b>Will Wright</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>S Griffiths</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6.00</b>		
<b>Rob Oldbury</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4.33</b>		
<b>Josh Wardle</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Adam Oldbury</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Richard Brewster</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Matt Furness</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Ben McKie</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Kevin Tierney</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>1</b>
<b>Alex Eaton</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>		
<b>Liam Cusack</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>		

	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Ave</b>	<b>S/R</b>	<b>E/R</b>
<b>Liam Cusack</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>Tommy Smith</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3.00</b>
<b>Zain Sadozai</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2.25</b>
<b>Ben McKie</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3.43</b>
<b>Peter Burgess</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13.89</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3.57</b>
<b>Alex Eaton</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3.50</b>
<b>Josh Wardle</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14.20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3.90</b>
<b>Will Wright</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15.13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3.90</b>
<b>Mike Burgess</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15.82</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>3.91</b>
<b>Rish Agrawal</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3.72</b>
<b>Dave Jackson</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3.14</b>
<b>Andy Murray</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23.00</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5.75</b>
<b>Matt Wardle</b>	<b>79.4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23.31</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3.82</b>
<b>George Harrison</b>	<b>87.4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24.87</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4.27</b>
<b>John Burt</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4.64</b>
<b>Rob McKie</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3.57</b>
<b>Kevin Tierney</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36.50</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>5.21</b>
<b>Matt Furness</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.67</b>
<b>Adam Oldbury</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.17</b>
<b>Robert Oldbury</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7.50</b>

**ASHLEY CC 4th XI Averages 2009 season**

	<b>Matches</b>	<b>Innings</b>	<b>Not out</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>H.S.</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Ct</b>	<b>St</b>	<b>4's</b>	<b>6's</b>
<b>Brian Birtles</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>41*</b>	<b>41.60</b>			<b>31</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>John Ward</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41.00</b>			<b>5</b>	
<b>Simon Ferris</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>213</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>35.50</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>Dave Woods</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>23.50</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Matt Wardle</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18.00</b>			<b>5</b>	
<b>George Harrison</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16.00</b>			<b>3</b>	
<b>Darren Griffiths</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13.40</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Ian Horn</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>13.00</b>			<b>16</b>	
<b>Ben McKie</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12.00</b>			<b>1</b>	
<b>James Semple</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>135</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>10.38</b>			<b>12</b>	
<b>Dave Jackson</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>7</b>	
<b>Toby Hawksley</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	
<b>Ally Berryman</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Tommy Smith</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8.75</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Liam Cusack</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6.60</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>5</b>	
<b>George Aspden</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>6</b>	
<b>Steve Coleman</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>2</b>	
<b>Wes Semple</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4.50</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	
<b>Richard Brewster</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4.33</b>			<b>2</b>	
<b>Martin Howe</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>6</b>	
<b>Will Brown</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.00</b>			<b>1</b>	
<b>Joe Smith</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4*</b>	<b>4.00</b>			<b>1</b>	
<b>Harry Hatchell</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.00</b>				
<b>Joe Wright</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.00</b>				
<b>Kevin Tierney</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.33</b>				
<b>Dan Eadie</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.25</b>				
<b>Michael Coffey</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1.00</b>				
<b>Rob Oldbury</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>Richard Axon</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>				
<b>Ged Shedwick</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0*</b>	<b>-</b>				
<b>Rish Agrawal</b>	<b>2</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>				
<b>John Brownhill</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>85*</b>	<b>-</b>			<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Andy Shakespeare</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100*</b>	<b>-</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

	<b>Overs</b>	<b>Maidens</b>	<b>Runs</b>	<b>Wickets</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>S/R</b>	<b>E/R</b>
<b>Tommy Smith</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1.73</b>
<b>Matt Wardle</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4.00</b>
<b>Richard Axon</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4.80</b>
<b>Toby Hawksley</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14.00</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6.67</b>
<b>Dave Jackson</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16.00</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2.96</b>
<b>George Harrison</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18.00</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3.60</b>
<b>Ian Horn</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>28.00</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3.33</b>
<b>Dan Eadie</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>28.38</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>5.62</b>
<b>Rish Agrawal</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>29.00</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5.12</b>
<b>Liam Cusack</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39.17</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>3.56</b>
<b>Brian Birtles</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>57.00</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>5.53</b>
<b>James Semple</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>5.56</b>
<b>Kevin Tierney</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>95.00</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>4.52</b>
<b>Will Brown</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>Darren Griffiths</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.38</b>
<b>Joe Smith</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8.09</b>
<b>Rob Oldbury</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26.00</b>
<b>Andy Shakespeare</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.00</b>
<b>Martin Howe</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9.02</b>
<b>Joe Wright</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11.00</b>
<b>Michael Coffey</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.00</b>
<b>Dave Woods</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.14</b>
<b>Ben McKie</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.00</b>

**Ashley CC 4th XI stats - 2009**

<b>Wicket</b>	<b>Partnership</b>	<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Batsman</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Batsman</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st	30	Cheadle Hulme 4ths (A)	James Semple	1	20	George Aspden	2	5
2nd	166	Bollington 3rds (A)	John Brownhill	1	85*	Simon Ferris	3	85
3rd	72	Macclesfield 4ths (A)	Dave Woods	3	47	Ian Horn	4	31
4th	80	Runcorn 3rds (A)	Simon Ferris	3	80	Ian Horn	5	35
5th	16	Nantwich 4ths (H)	Simon Ferris	3	43	Brian Birtles	6	31*
6th	57	Runcorn 3rds (A)	Simon Ferris	3	80	Brian Birtles	7	23
7th	51	Cheadle Hulme 4ths (A)	John Ward	6	41	Brian Birtles	8	20
8th	59	Bollington 3rds (H)	James Semple	5	33	Liam Cusack	9	27
9th	29	Bollington 3rds (H)	James Semple	5	33	Brian Birtles	10	41*
10th	30	Bollington 3rds (H)	Brian Birtles	10	41*	Dan Eadie	11	1*

**Highest score**

100*	Andy Shakespeare	Runcorn 3rds (A)
85*	John Brownhill	Bollington 3rds (A)
82	Simon Ferris	Bollington 3rds (A)
80	Simon Ferris	Runcorn 3rds (A)

**Best Bowling figures**

7-65	Matt Wardle	Bollington 3rds (A)
5-39	Dan Eadie	Nantwich 4ths (H)

**1<sup>st</sup> XI**

## Division One

Cheshire Cricket League	P	W	T	D	L	Ab	Bonus	Points	Abnd	Ded	Total
							Bat	Bowl	Points		
Ashton on Mersey	22	15	0	2	4	1	34	19	7	0	414
Congleton	22	14	0	7	1	0	34	35	0	0	398
Northwich	22	9	0	6	5	2	62	32	14	0	345
Malpas	22	8	0	4	9	1	67	48	7	0	320
Alvanley	22	8	0	6	6	2	40	49	14	0	310
Mere	22	7	0	2	11	2	58	46	14	0	287
Trafford MV	22	6	0	5	10	1	56	55	7	0	268
Hale Barns	22	5	0	5	10	2	70	58	14	0	267
Davenham	22	7	0	3	11	1	36	57	7	0	266
<b>Ashley</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>264</b>
Winnington Park	22	6	0	3	11	2	40	49	14	0	239
Barrow	22	7	0	4	10	1	43	43	7	5	223

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

## Division A

Cheshire Cricket League	P	W	T	D	L	Ab	Bonus	Point	Ab	Ded	Total
							Bat	Bowl	Points	Points	
Congleton	22	13	0	3	4	2	28	25	14	0	383
Ashton on Mersey	22	13	0	3	4	2	29	22	14	0	381
Northwich	22	12	0	4	4	2	61	30	14	0	378
Hale Barns	22	12	0	1	7	2	19	22	14	0	337
<b>Ashley</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>318</b>
Barnton	22	8	0	5	7	2	53	41	14	0	298
Runcorn	22	7	0	4	9	2	49	45	14	0	276
Mere	22	5	0	6	9	2	64	47	14	0	252
Old Parkonians	22	4	0	6	10	2	79	54	14	0	249
Winsford	22	8	0	1	10	3	30	30	21	0	248
Stretton	22	6	0	3	12	1	48	48	7	0	235
Winnington Park	22	2	0	3	15	2	43	54	14	0	157

**3<sup>rd</sup> XI**

## Division 3 West

Cheshire County Cricket League	P	W	T	D	C/A	L	Bat	Bowl	Pts	
Tattenhall		16	9	0	4	1	2	57	19	273
New Brighton		16	6	0	3	3	4	72	21	246
<b>Ashley</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>238</b>
Stretton		16	6	0	3	4	3	51	25	236
Oulton Park		16	5	0	4	3	4	77	19	229
Widnes		16	7	0	1	1	7	45	21	217
Winnington Park		16	4	0	4	1	7	66	32	195
Middlewich		16	4	0	3	3	6	42	30	175
Northwich		16	1	0	2	2	11	50	40	102

**4<sup>th</sup> XI**

Division 4

Cheshire County Cricket League P W T D C/A L Bat Bowl Pts

Runcorn	16	11	0	2	3	0	51	2	304
Cheadle Hulme 4	16	10	0	1	1	4	74	14	299
Bollington	16	8	0	1	4	3	56	11	265
Woodford	16	6	0	3	3	4	61	19	233
Macclesfield 4	16	6	0	2	3	5	46	23	210
Mobberley	16	3	0	1	3	9	55	36	180
Nantwich 4	16	3	0	3	2	8	66	24	155
<b>Ashley 4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>140</b>
Bredbury St Marks 4	16	2	0	2	3	9	30	26	117

**Ashley CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI – After the last game of the season against Trafford MV.**

Back row (left to right) Jon Griffiths, Harry Horsfall, Steve Logan, Brian Birtles (scorer) Ash Bradshaw (Overseas player) Alex Wigfield, Harry Hatchell & Dave Alves

Front row (left to right) Rick Gandy, Matt Wilson (vice captain) Ian Barber (captain) Paul Hanrahan & Andy Shakespeare

## CLUB RECORDS – LEAGUE MATCHES

Prior to 1957 Ashley played friendlies; in 1957 the club joined the Cheshire Cricket Club Conference, which allowed clubs to play friendly games but drew up league tables, not every club played each other twice. In 1970 we joined the Cheshire Cricket Association, which played a mix of league and friendly matches before joining the Cheshire Cricket League in 1978.

These records are split to show performances before 1978 and since 1978; 3<sup>rd</sup> XI records are from 1988 onwards and 4<sup>th</sup> XI records from 2008 onwards. Lowest bowling averages for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs are based on players who qualified for the league handbook, 25 wickets were needed for most of that time, more recently only 20 wickets are needed. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI the minimum is 15 wickets, whilst for the 4<sup>th</sup> XI players need at least 5 wickets to qualify for that section.

### Senior Records

#### Since 1978

##### **FIRST XI**

Highest Individual Score	146*	Roger Arnoll	1980
Highest Season Aggregate	1037	Steve Tyrell	1994
Highest Season Average	69.13	Steve Tyrell	1994
Most Wickets In A Season	65	Dave Molloy	1981
Lowest Bowling Average	9.53	Gary Tyms	2004
Best Bowling Figures	9/32	Steve Mawdsley	1980
Most Dismissal By A Wicketkeeper	31	Steve Havery	1984
Most Catches By A Fielder	16	Dave Jackson	1990
Highest Team Score	256/6	v Cholmondeley	1982
Highest Partnership – Any wicket	170	Steve Tyrell & Jon Griffiths	1993
		1 <sup>st</sup> wicket v Styal (H)	

##### **SECOND XI**

Highest Individual Score	132*	Dave Rice	2006
Highest Season Aggregate	1067	Bryn Maddick	1990
Highest Season Average	71.13	Bryn Maddick	1990
Most Wickets In A Season	56	Brian Birtles	2005
Lowest Bowling Average	8.21	Brian Birtles	2004
Best Bowling Figures	8/16	Bryn Maddick	1995
Most Dismissal By A Wicketkeeper	28	Alan Simmons	1999
Most Catches By A Fielder	16	Bryn Maddick	1989
Highest Team Score	288/3	v Chelford	1978
Highest Partnership – Any wicket.	178*	Dave Drury & Alan Simmons	2000
		1 <sup>st</sup> wicket v Davenham (A)	

##### **THIRD XI**

Highest Individual Score	161	Roger Arnoll	1988
Highest Season Aggregate	563	Ian Carruthers	1992
Highest Season Average	54.67	Ian Horn	2006
Most Wickets In A Season	41	Gary Tyms	1989
Lowest Bowling Average	6.93	Ian Horn	2005
Best Bowling Figures	8/47	Maurice Preston	1999
Most Dismissal By A Wicketkeeper			
Most Catches By A Fielder			
Highest Team Score			
Highest Partnership – Any wicket			

**FOURTH XI**

Highest Individual Score	100*	Andy Shakespeare	2009
Highest Season Aggregate	221	Darren Griffiths	2008
Highest Season Average	41.60	Brian Birtles	2009
Most Wickets In A Season	14	Brian Birtles	2008
Lowest Bowling Average	12.00	Matt Wardle	2009
Best Bowling Figures	7/65	Matt Wardle	2009
Most Dismissal By A Wicketkeeper	7	Martin Blain	2008
Most Catches By A Fielder	4	Steve Coleman	2009
Highest Team Score	252/7	v Bredbury St Marks	2008
Highest Partnership – Any wicket	166	Si Ferris & John Brownhill 2 <sup>nd</sup> wicket v Bollington (A)	2009

**Prior to 1978**

These records are based on old scorebooks and various minute books from 1888; several seasons have incomplete records. This list is most definitely a work in progress and any information anyone can provide will be most welcome.

**FIRST XI**

Highest Individual Score	150	Alasdair Carmichael	1931
Highest Season Aggregate	511	J K Allen	1930
Highest Season Average	38.48	H Sutcliffe	1945
Most Wickets In A Season	61	Charlie Vickers	1914
Lowest Bowling Average	5.00	Frank Worrall	1888
Best Bowling Figures	10/??	Fred Goodacre	1937
Most Dismissal By A Wicketkeeper			
Most Catches By A Fielder			
Highest Team Score			
Highest Partnership – Any wicket	199	K Allen & C Jackson 1 <sup>st</sup> wicket	1935

**SECOND XI**

Highest Individual Score	100	KM Dunsmuir	1935
Highest Season Aggregate	451	KM Dunsmuir	1935
Highest Season Average	40.25	JK Stockton	1953
Most Wickets In A Season	67	Charlie Vickers	1929
Lowest Bowling Average	1.10	JK Stockton	1951
Best Bowling Figures			
Most Dismissal By A Wicketkeeper			
Most Catches By A Fielder			
Highest Team Score			
Highest Partnership – Any wicket			

**500 runs or more in a season (since 1978)****FIRST XI**

1980	Roger Arnoll	738	1988	Roger Arnoll	547
1981	Roger Arnoll	559	1989	Steve Tyrell	567
1982	Roger Arnoll	778	1989	M Ward	588
1983	Roger Arnoll	555	1990	Steve Tyrell	784
1984	Roger Arnoll	637	1990	Roger Arnoll	598
1984	Charlie Blain	512	1991	Steve Tyrell	882
1986	Roger Arnoll	514	1991	Roger Arnoll	519
1987	Roger Arnoll	618	1992	Roger Arnoll	581
1987	Steve Tyrell	532	1992	Steve Tyrell	545

1993	Steve Tyrell	742	1996	Steve Tyrell	744
1994	Steve Tyrell	1037	2006	Craig Knight	539
1994	Roger Arnoll	643	2009	Ash Bradshaw	743
1995	Steve Tyrell	768			

**SECOND XI**

1988	Dave Hewitt	511
1990	Bryn Maddick	1067
1991	Bryn Maddick	541
1994	Bryn Maddick	517
1995	Bryn Maddick	517
1996	Bryn Maddick	500
2002	Alan Simmons	510
2006	Dave Rice	625

**50 wickets or more in a season****FIRST XI**

1981	Dave Molloy	65
1982	Dave Molloy	62
1984	M Murray	51
1990	Chris Murphy	55
2001	Dave Woods	52
2005	Ed Hall	50

**SECOND XI**

1985	Bob Bell	50
2005	Brian Birtles	56

**400 runs or more in a season****THIRD XI**

1991	Ian Carruthers	493
1992	Ian Carruthers	563
1993	Ian Carruthers	441
1995	Alan Simmons	428

**40 or more wickets in a season**

1989	Gary Tyms	41
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**JUNIORS WITH 500 RUNS IN A SEASON**

In 2008 Alex Eaton scored a total of 567 runs, playing for the senior and junior teams. His run totals were as follows:

3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	51
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	61
U 13	350
U 15	105

In 2009 Harry Hatchell scored a total of 529 runs for the club:

2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	102
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	64
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	4
U 15	274
U 18	85

## **Junior Records**

These figures are for Junior matches played since 2007; junior cricket was played at the club in the 60's and 70's but no scorebooks have yet been uncovered.

### **UNDER 18**

Highest Individual Score	49	Savvi Ranshi	2009
Highest Season Aggregate	85	Harry Hatchell	2009
Highest Season Average	17.67	Alex Eaton	2009
Most Wickets In A Season	7	Rish Agrawal	2009
Best Bowling Figures	3/12	George Harrison	2009
Most Dismissal By A Wicketkeeper	2	Harry Hatchell	2009
Most Catches By A Fielder	2	Rish Agrawal	2009
Highest Team Score	101-4	v Ashton on Mersey	2009
Highest Partnership – Any wicket	45	H Hatchell & M Wardle	2009
		1 <sup>st</sup> wicket v SW Manchester	

### **UNDER 15**

Highest Individual Score	103*	Matt Wardle	2008
Highest Season Aggregate	274	Harry Hatchell	2009
Highest Season Average	82.33	Matt Wardle	2008
Most Wickets In A Season	11	Tommy Smith	2008
Best Bowling Figures	3/3	George Paton & T Hawksley	2009
Most Dismissal By A Wicketkeeper	9	Martin Blain	2009
Most Catches By A Fielder	5	Alex Eaton	2009
Highest Team Score	262-1	v Newton Heath	2008
Highest Partnership – Any wicket	226*	M Wardle & T Smith	2008
		1 <sup>st</sup> wicket v Newton Heath	

### **UNDER 13**

Highest Individual Score	35*	Alex Eaton	2008
Highest Season Aggregate	350	Alex Eaton	2008
Highest Season Average	58.33	Alex Eaton	2008
Most Wickets In A Season	12	Jack Roberts	2007
Best Bowling Figures	3/6	James Semple	2008
Most Dismissal By A Wicketkeeper	6	Martin Blain	2007
Most Catches By A Fielder	10	Jack Roberts	2007
Highest Team Score	161-6	v Newton Heath	2008

There are no partnership records for the Under 13s as all batsmen have to retire at 30.

There are no statistical records for the Under 11s, or the Under 9s, as they play pairs cricket although from 2010 we will have an Under 11 side in the South Manchester Junior Cricket League and they will play "out" cricket as opposed to pairs cricket, so records will be kept from 2010 onwards.

## CLUB HISTORY

### 100 YEARS AGO

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI played 19 games in 1909 and they won only 4 and drew 1; the remaining 14 were all lost. T. Smith, who in 16 innings averaged 16.37, headed the batting averages; C Vickers was the leading bowler with 50 wickets at 8.98 each. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI E Whittaker topped the batting averages and R Dunsmuir took 41 wickets at 3.68 to lead the bowling.

One of the matches the club lost was at home to Northwich on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and the scorecard is re-produced here:

Northwich			Ashley		
T Gaukroger	b Vickers	0	KC Dunsmuir	c Gaukroger bHarper	1
Dr. Hines	b Vickers	9	F Worrall	b Harper	19
Rev. FAS Cotton	run out	5	T Shelley	c Neely b Figg	10
SM Doughty	ct & b Broadsmith	16	T Smith	c Bailey b Figg	5
R Miller	b Vickers	2	JF Davenport	b Harper	6
J Figg	c Smith b Broadsmith	1	RB Stephens	b Figg	0
FW Bailey	b Vickers	13	W Waterworth	b Harper	5
GHJ Neely	c Davenport b Vickers	15	G Spilsbury	c Rev Cotton b Neely	1
FW Harper	c Stephens b Broadsmith	0	F Broadsmith	c Miller b Neely	0
EC Hilditch	not out	12	RA Lambert	not out	3
FC Hilditch	b Broadsmith	0	C Vickers	c Figg b Harper	2
	Extras	2		Extras	3
Total		75	Total		55

A few weeks later an Ashley Boys XI took on and beat a side from the Egerton School in Knutsford, with all 11 batsmen being dismissed. The Ashley team contained several players who went on to play senior cricket for Ashley, with S Pownall taking 8 wickets:

Knutsford 1 <sup>st</sup> innings			Ashley 1 <sup>st</sup> innings		
Lucas	b L Hall	0	S Pownall	c Taylor b Ashby	4
Ashby	b L Hall	5	E McNulty	c Taylor b Jackson	0
Jackson	b Pownall	0	J Fletcher	c Hildage b Ashby	11
Norbury	ct & b Pownall	0	J Stonehewer	run out	5
Jackson	b L Hall	3	L Hall	run out	4
Davey	c Hall b Pownall	10	G Hall	ct & b Taylor	1
Hope	b Pownall	0	R Broadsmith	b Ashby	11
Taylor	ct & b Pownall	2	C Simcock	ct & b Davies	0
Hildage	b Pownall	0	W Sadler	c Hildage b Ashby	0
Smith	b Pownall	0	N Jackson	not out	0
Bracegirdle	ct McNulty b Hall	0	H Spilsbury	c Hildage b Ashby	0
	Extras	3		Extras	0
Total		23	Total		36

In their 2<sup>nd</sup> innings the Knutsford boys made 27 and the Ashley lads 18 for 3.

### 50 YEARS AGO

In 1959 the club were still playing friendly games and the playing record for the season stood at 5 wins, 8 draws and 9 defeats. The leading batsman was JK "Jim" Stockton with a run aggregate of 328 runs at 21.86. N Parker led the bowling with 35 wickets at 9.35.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> team Len Milner had scored 386 runs at an average of 29.69 and John Allott had taken 30 wickets at 10.86.

This season saw the Pakistani Eaglets visit Ashley as part of a tour of the whole of England. A tour programme and photographs of the match can be found in the clubhouse.

The first weekend of the season (26<sup>th</sup> April) was rain affected and Ashley's B team were the only local side to play; they lost to the snappily titled Manchester Area Electricity Authority. The following report appeared in the COUNTY EXPRESS, the local newspaper covering Hale, Bowdon and Timperley:

"The only game to be played in the area was at Ashley on Sunday where the B team went down to Manchester Area Electricity Authority. Batting on a rain-soaked wicket the Manchester team pasted the Ashley bowling for 112 (for the loss of 3 wickets in 90 minutes). Ashley's only successful bowlers were Albert Brown (1 -25) and Ted Worthington (1 - 19)

In the 90 minutes they were allotted Ashley could only scrape together 78; 40 of these were knocked up by Eric Dean. Pugh did the damage with the ball (8 - 30) Ivan Aldridge (13) was the only other batsman to reach double figures."

One week later the club played Wythenshawe and the same paper had the following match reports and scorecards:

"Wythenshawe must have regretted putting Ashley in to bat on Saturday. The home team batsmen pushed the total up to 136. And Wythenshawe managed to hold on for a draw.

Ashley			Wythenshawe		
D Ogden	c Dawson b McCartney	7	R Burns	not out	42
A Booth	run out	28	J Speke	st Caw b Parker	6
G Medford	c Davies b Speke	10	D Corker	b Parker	0
H Smith	b Middlehurst	29	D Hartley	b Parker	0
J Stockton	c Clayton b Speke	18	R Davies	run out	0
G Garner	c Davies b Speke	4	P McCartney	c Smith b Slater	21
N Parker	b Middlehurst	18	D Dawson	c Caw b Slater	1
J Ellis	b Speke	1	J Middlehurst	lbw Slater	0
S Naylor	b Middlehurst	2	D Jones	not out	0
F Slater	not out	10			
G Caw	c Speke b Middlehurst	1			
	Extras	6		Extras	7
Total		136	Total		77
				For 7 wickets	

Ashley 2nds scored 131 when they visited Wythenshawe. B Shakeshaft (4 -7) and Ted Worthington (3 -5) set about the home team batsmen and they were all out for 22. Worthington also took a "hat-trick"

Note: The paper was not published during the height of the summer (June 18<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup>) due to a printers strike.

**League positions since the 1978 season**

	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI	4th XI
1978	12	9		
1979	4	6		
1980	7	9		
1981	8	9		
1982	10	12		
1983	3	10		
1984	9	11		
1985	11	9		
1986	11	9		
1987	3	3		
1988	3	1	8	
1989	11	6	2	
1990	1	5	9	
1991	10	5	5	
1992	10	10	4	
1993	6	5	9	
1994	11	9	11	
1995	5	4	5	
1996	3	1	3	
1997	9	2	5	
1998	9	2	6	
1999	1	2	6	
2000	22	5	4	
2001	4	11	7	
2002	7	9	7	
2003	6	9	10	
2004	3	2	10	
2005	1	3	4	
2006	2	2	6	
2007	10	9	6	
2008	7	9	9	10
2009	10	5	3	8

## Notes:

The 1st and 2nd XIs have usually played in 12 team divisions, except for the expansion season of 2000 (23 teams). The 3rds have mainly played in divisions with a total of 10 teams; occasionally 9 teams have made up the division, except for the 1993 season when the division had 18 teams and the 1994 season saw them compete in a division of 11.

Research is on going to compile 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI tables from earlier seasons.

## **JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS**

### **Cheshire North Under 15s**

Martin Blain

### **South Trafford Under 11s**

Robert Gill	Ben Ashworth-Kwasnik
Josh Foster	Oliver Loveland

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2009 SEASON**

Joe Smith was 4<sup>th</sup> leading wicket taker (9) in the Under 15s division of the South Manchester Junior Cricket League (SMJCL).

Harry Hatchell was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest run scorer (274) and 11<sup>th</sup> in the averages (39.14) in the Under 15s division of the SMJCL.

Harry Hatchell was the 4<sup>th</sup> highest run scorer in all 5 divisions of the SMJCL with 359 runs. (Although the stats on the league website are incomplete and show Harry scoring 333 runs)

Harry Hatchell scored his maiden senior half-century for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI away at Congleton on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June. He made his 1<sup>st</sup> XI debut in the last game of the season.

Savvi Ranshi (1<sup>st</sup> XI), George Harrison (2<sup>nd</sup> XI), Ben McKie (2<sup>nd</sup> XI), Fahad Usmani (3<sup>rd</sup> XI), Zain Sadozai (3<sup>rd</sup> XI), Adam Oldbury (2<sup>nd</sup> XI), Joe Smith (4<sup>th</sup> XI), Mukarrum Iqbal (2<sup>nd</sup> XI), Joe Wright (4<sup>th</sup> XI) and Ally Berryman (4<sup>th</sup> XI) all made their debut for one of the senior sides during 2009 season.

Toby Hawksley made his senior debut for the club in the 4<sup>th</sup> XI game at home against Bredbury St Marks on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May and took a wicket with his first delivery.

In all forms of cricket wicket keeper Martin Blain held 33 catches and took 13 stumpings.

## **CHARITY FUNDRAISING**

For the first time the club and its members selected a charity and sought to raise as much money for the club and its nominated good cause.

In 2009 four players and members ran the Wilmslow Half Marathon and thanks to the generosity of many people and using the tax advantages offered by Gift Aid, raised over £1,200, half of which we sent to The Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital.

We selected this charity after our Assistant Child Welfare officer Dave Rice had already raised £3,500 for the hospital over the last 3 years.

Many thanks go to Dave, Ally Horn, and Bill Graham for their efforts in completing the race. Plans are well advanced for more entrants from the club in the 2010 race.

After a beer or two at Tuesday night nets Matt Wilson, Ash Bradshaw and Brian Birtles somehow got to chatting about moustaches, and before you knew it August had been renamed Mo'gust.

Matty decided that everyone would arrive clean-shaven on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August and would have until 29<sup>th</sup> August to grow their mo. Prizes would be offered for the best and worst, although as you know, there wouldn't be a worst Mo' because they are all great.

Several players turned up for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI games against Congleton looking like extras from George and Mildred.

### **Best Mo – Matt Wilson**



### **Runner-up – Steve Logan**



### **Bum fluff award – Harry Horsfall**

Links to The Royal Marsden, our fundraising pages and Just Giving are here:

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The Sale and Altrincham Messenger placed an article in their edition published on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

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## **TROPHIES**

The club has several trophies that are awarded on an annual basis.

### **Most Improved Under 13 player – Brian Mobley Shield**

This trophy was donated to the club by Ian Mobley in memory of his father, Brian. Ian asked the coaches to consider the player who worked hardest at nets and in matches and made the most improvement over the year.

Previous winners: George Aspden (2007) James Semple (2008)

### **2009 winner: Harry Brittain**

### **1<sup>st</sup> XI Player Of The Year – The Alan Booth Trophy**

Alan joined Ashley CC after demob from National Service in 1956, having previously played at Timperley and Bowdon. Before taking up golf (Ringway G C initially), he played for the club from 1956 until approx 1964.

Alan provides the following information on his time at Ashley:

At that time we played in the Cheshire Conference against many local sides - Prestbury, Styal, Mobberley, Hale Barns, etc., and all matches against these sides were considered 'derbies'. I was Captain of the 1st XI for a couple of years and Treasurer for a similar period.

My most memorable matches (recalling these events after approx 50 years!) were against Pakistan Eaglets - a touring side equivalent these days to Pakistan U19's. Ashley drew both matches over the two years we played them, and I scored 40 odd in one of the matches.

Our side was really a representative XI, having supplemented some of our first team players with a few from other clubs - among them Wilf Dowding (Timperley), John Kenyon (Styal), and Bob Norbury (Mobberley). We also played them in the Trios at Wythenshawe but got knocked out in the 1st round, although Donald Ogden got Mushtaq Mohammad out lbw and he cried! He was consoled by his brother Hanif and they then went on to win the competition.

My contemporaries included Jim Stockton (a great cricketer and captain), Geoff Medford, Donald Ogden, Stuart Naylor, Howard Smith, John Nield and Tony Dawson, to name a few from memory.

During my period with Ashley we won the BP Stanway Trophy, when the final was held at Wythenshawe CC and we beat Luke and Spencer.

There was no league cricket around Cheshire at this time but I am sure that nowadays we would give a good account of ourselves.

### **Winner: Ian Barber (2009)**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> XI Player Of The Year - The John Allott Trophy**

John was first involved with the club in 1930 when his father Walter Allott played. John would help run the score-box before making his debut for the club in 1937. For many years the club was effectively the club old boys from Altrincham Grammar School played for; at the school they were coached by Mr Greenhough,

an ex-Lancashire player and professional in the Lancashire Leagues. John served as secretary of the club from 1943 to 1956. In the 1949 season he took 103 wickets for the club and along with Albert Brown, who took 106, was presented with an inscribed cricket ball.

He can well remember players from the early years of the club, people like Robert Hall, Charlie Vickers and Alasdair Carmichael. John is the father of Paul Allott who has played cricket for, amongst others, Ashley Juniors, Bowdon, Lancashire and England.

### **Winner: Chris Pendlebury (2009)**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> XI Player Of The Year - The Geoff Medford trophy**

Geoff was 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain in 1964/65/66 and 1969/70/71. He now lives in Canada. According to *Ashley Cricket Club: A History 1888 to 1988* written by G F Turton, Geoff was a free scoring batsman particularly behind the wicket but could drive with considerable power.

### **Winner: John Brownhill (2009)**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> XI Player Of The Year - The Graham Park C.B.E. trophy**

Although Graham has not played cricket for Ashley his association with the club goes back many years, he first became involved as a Vice President at Ashley in the late 1970's having been recruited by Ted Worthington. Graham says "Ted was an enormously dedicated and hard working member of the Club in those days. I remained a VP for many years but when Ted died the link seemed to get broken". It was through one of the clubs initiatives in contacting past members that Graham got involved again.

Graham stopped playing when he left school but he has always been passionate about cricket. He says "the ground at Ashley is ideal and has an unchanging quality about it which is very pleasing in a turbulent world".

Graham worked for many years as a Solicitor but now work as a Tribunal Judge. His main claim to fame is that his mother in law (aged 98) lives in Ashley and sometimes comes to watch cricket being played at the Club. In recent years he has taken a more active role in supporting club events, offering advice and contacting past members and we are extremely grateful for all his support.

### **Winner: James Semple (2009)**

#### **The Best Under 18 in Senior Cricket - The Stuart Naylor trophy.**

Stuart was an off-spinner who first served the club as 1<sup>st</sup> XI captain in 1962/63. In the 1970's along with Chris Pendlebury's dad Bert he re-established the junior section at Ashley. Stuart now umpires in the Cheshire Cricket League and supports the club at every possibly opportunity.

### **Winner: Martin Blain (2009)**

We are always looking for other trophies to present to junior and senior players; if you wish to donate a trophy in your name or in memory of someone please do get in touch with the club.

## **CLUB COLOURS**

In 1987 Old Altrinchamians Cricket Club merged with Ashley CC. Old Alts played their home games at the British Aerospace ground on Clay Lane and joined the Cheshire Cricket League in 1974 as one of the founder members. Ashley joined the league in 1977 and had played Old Alts in previous leagues for many years.

With Old Alts struggling to meet the cost of the rent of their ground and Ashley struggling for players a merger was agreed.

Ashley's club colours before 1987 were blue and green whilst the colours of Old Alts were blue and yellow. When the clubs got together their colours were amalgamated and the cap shown on the front page of this report shows these colours. It was originally designed in the late 80's/early 90's.

Many thanks are due to Kevin Tierney for providing the photograph.

In 2008 we launched a new club cap and this year a Twenty20 style shirt, both shown below.

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