

HYDRANGEAS

Hydrangeas started life as a team in 1986 at the suggestion of Paul Beckwith. We are still often asked where the team name came from: Paul was living in Hyde in those days.....

For the next 25 years or so the Team comprised Paul, Tony Marvin, Gordon Johnson and David Ackroyd. Paul emigrated to York about five years ago and Tony did not want to continue. After one year when two other players joined Gordon and David, Ross Allen and I joined the team in 2013, with reinforcements being added this season in John Browning and Chris Baker.

Most of the time we have done reasonably well at the current Division 4 level (including when there were more teams and Division 4 was split into 4A and 4B) with occasional sorties for one year into Division 3.

Since I joined the team we have come close to promotion twice but missed out after losing our final match both times. Now that we have achieved promotion we must develop the consistency to stay up in Division 3 and still enjoy playing!

I owe most of this account of our team's history to Gordon and David - I wasn't even born when the team was created!

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