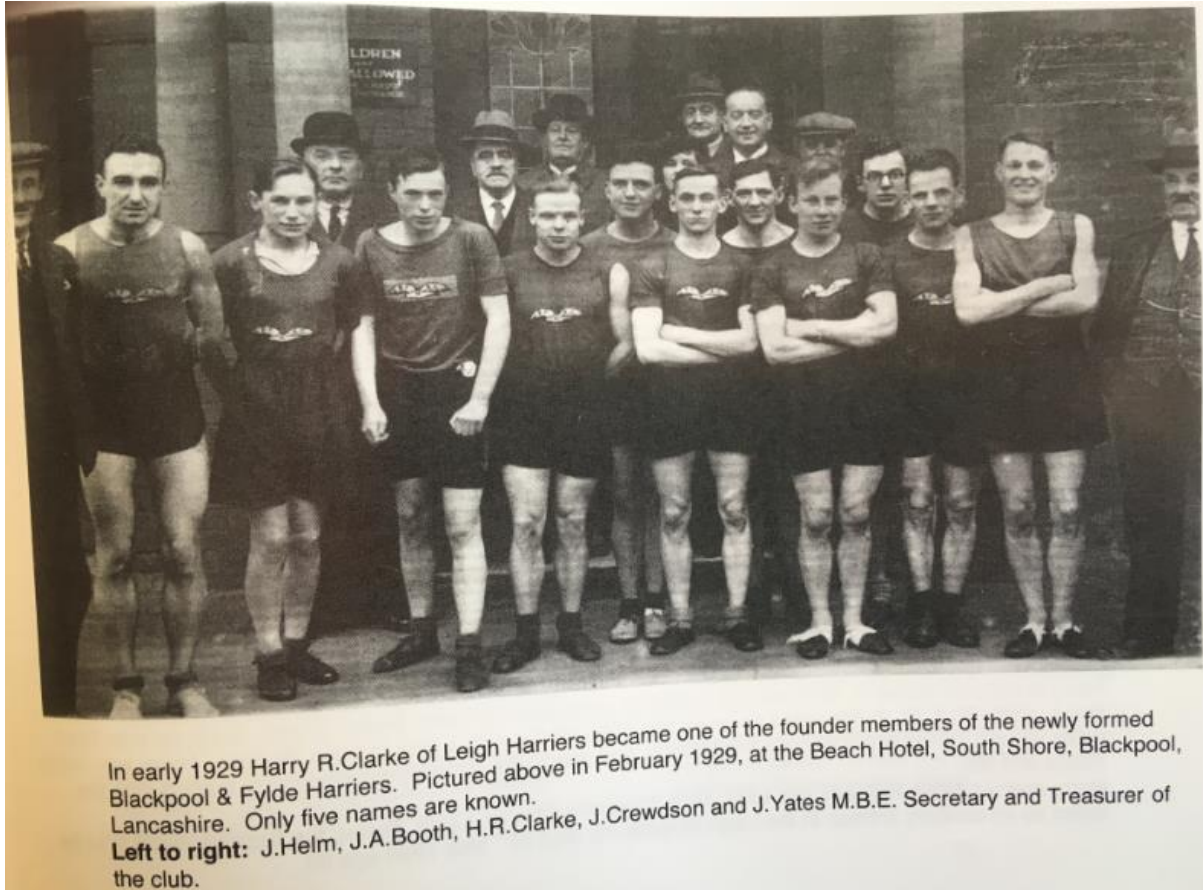


Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde AC The Beginnings

There has been at least one athletic club in Blackpool since 1894 when Blackpool Harriers was established. There was also a short-lived club called Blackpool & Fylde Athletic Club from 1894 – 1895 as the area probably was not large enough to support two clubs. Then on 31st January 1929 Blackpool & Fylde Harriers Athletic Club (see photo) was established and continued until November 1955 when two clubs merged to form Blackpool & Fylde Athletic Club (BF AC). Then in 2005 BF AC approached the much younger North Fylde AC with a view to a merger and in 2006 Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde AC (BWF AC) was born and this is the Club which operates from the Track at Stanley Park today.

February 1929 and Members of the newly formed Blackpool & Fylde Harriers Athletic Club



The President of the Club in 1929 was Sir A Lindsay Parkinson JP and the Chairman was Councillor Quayle (after whom the Blackpool Sorts Council's Awards are named). Club Membership for Under 18s was 2 shillings 6 pence (12 ½p) and for Seniors 4 shillings (20p). Vice- presidents of whom there were 39 had to pay 10 shillings and 6p (55p) for the privilege! The Clubs Headquarters were at the Blackpool Gymnasium on Central Drive.