

Dear all at Lima Cricket & Football Club,

I was very saddened to hear of the death of Tim Bayly.

I was in Lima from 1979 to 1984, working firstly for Price Waterhouse and then for the Lima Times and Andean Report. As a regular on the expat circuit, like everyone else I bumped into Tim at social events like the British Legion barbecue, St George's Day (I vividly remember Tim manfully carrying the shoulder of beef up to the top table to be knighted) and of course the Friday fish and chip night at The Cricketers.

Tim was such a cheerful person, and a very kind one as well. He was the life and soul of many social gatherings, while managing to include everybody else. I still have a cherished Lima Cricket Club wine glass which he presented to my late mother when she came over to visit me in 1980. He certainly made an indelible impression on her, as I'm sure he did with everyone he met.

I am glad that you have dedicated The Cricketers to Tim, and I can't think of a more suitable way of honouring him.

Would it be possible please to pass on my condolences and very best wishes to Rena and their family? I know they will be comforted by the love which the local community feels for them, and the knowledge that we were all blessed to have had such a special person in our midst.

Thank you very much and all the best,

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