



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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January 2017 Newsletter

It's Winter, But the Work Never Stops!

First of all, a belated happy new year to everyone. I signed off from the newsletter back in May, but as I have a lot more time on my hands since being out of work since the end of September, I thought I would give Jas a hand in producing a newsletter for winter activity.

As the headline suggests even though the summer of 2016 is well and truly over, the work at Rainham CC continues to ensure we are in good shape ready for the 2017 season.

The AGM was held in October and we are pleased to announce new appointments to the wider committee with Kelly Wallace-Holtom taking on the Club Welfare Officer role, Suzanne Treanor taking on the newly appointed Administration role and Paul Newman agreeing to take on both the Club Development Officer and Social Secretary roles. Biren will be standing down from the Social Secretary role and we must thank him for a social year that must have been, probably, the most successful in the club's history. Paul has a hard act to follow, but has got off to an excellent start with the Christmas Bash on 17th December, which was a very enjoyable night. Photos below in the Social Events section.

A special mention must be given to Sharon Adkins who has had to stand down from the Club Welfare Officer role, due to her many other commitments. Sharon has worked tirelessly for the club for many more years than I have been at the club and we still hope to see her down the club, but more in a social capacity than an official one. Sharon has also recently helped with our Disclosure checking for our new Coach Support Workers. A big thank you to Sharon for all the magnificent work she has put into the club over many years.

Talking of Coach Support Workers, we have had a very healthy response to club members and parents wishing to assist with coaching and Darren Holtom, Dal Lehal and Tony Stouchbury will be attending courses within the next couple of months. As an added bonus, Joe Attfield is also attending a Level 2 coaching course to boost our Level 2 coaching numbers. This course will assist of 4 x full Saturdays, plus writing up some coaching plans, taking charge of 4 x 30 minutes coaching sessions in the presence of a Level 2 coach, a test and then in front of a Level 3 coach running through 4 x cricketing techniques and organising 2 x coaching drills. Good luck to Joe over the next few months.

Kelly will also be attending a couple of training courses in early February for the Club Welfare Officer role so we all wish Kelly the best during the courses and her future role.

Kit requirements, funding opportunities, finding a groundsman for our newly laid pitch at Thames RFC planning our indoor cricket activities and winter nets have all been part of a busy winter for the committee, all of which further detail is communicated below.

Playing Update

Indoor Cricket

After many years of playing competitive cricket in the Havering Indoor league, we have had to find a new form of playing competitive indoor cricket in the winter, due to the Havering League folding. We looked at a couple of options of playing in the Metropolitan Essex Area League, which would be played at Walthamstow or the South Essex Area League, which would be played in Grays. As these would both be mid-week leagues we opted for the South Essex area League as it would be easier to get to.

We are pleased to announce that we were accepted into the South Essex Area League with 3 senior sides and the fixtures will commence in February on Monday evenings. Captains will be Jas Hothi (1st team), Brearley

(2nd team) and Peter Reynolds (3rd team), so if anyone wishes to make themselves available for playing competitive indoor cricket prior to the season starting, then please contact one of the Captains.

The fixtures are as follows and will be played at the The Gateway Academy, Marshfoot Road, Grays RM16 4LU.

Monday 13th February 2017: Rainham A v Rainham B 8pm start (20:00 hrs)

Monday 20th February 2017: Rainham B v Stanford Le Hope 8pm start (20:00 hrs)

Monday 27th February 2017: Orsett B v Rainham A 8pm start (20:00 hrs)

Monday 6th March 2017: Rainham B v Orsett A 8pm start (20:00 hrs)

Monday 13th March 2017: Orsett B v Rainham B 8pm start (20:00 hrs)

Monday 20th March 2017: Rainham A v Orsett A 8pm start (20:00 hrs)

Monday 27th March 2017: Rainham B v Belhus 7pm start (19:00 hrs)

Monday 27th March 2017: Rainham A v Stanford Le Hope 8pm start (20:00 hrs)

Monday 3rd April 2017: Rainham A v Belhus 7pm start (19:00 hrs)

Monday 3rd April 2017: Rainham C v Orsett C 8pm start (20:00 hrs)

Monday 10th April 2017: Belhus C v Rainham C 7pm start (19:00 hrs)

As an added bonus of being accepted into the South Essex Area indoor league we will also have the opportunity of entering some youth sides. We have been too late for the under 12 and under 16 age groups, but will be OK to enter a team in the under 14 indoor league. These matches will be played on Friday evenings from 10th March, so if any of our youth section wishes to play in the under 14s team, please contact Peter Reynolds.

We were aware in November that the Havering Indoor League was in jeopardy, so Jono has arranged for some inter club indoor cricket to be held at Campion School one Sunday a month from 2pm until 4pm until the season commences. The next dates for this inter club matches are as follows, so if anyone wishes to make themselves available then please contact Jono:

- 5th February
- 5th March
- 2nd April

One match has already taken place on 8th January with a 2 innings match that Jas's team just beat Jono's team by 7 runs, with pick of the bowlers being Alex Sullivan taking 5 wickets and Ben Little with an excellent first innings spell, which also claimed the wicket of our first team Captain! On the batting side, there was some big hitting from Dan Skipper, Harry Light and Charlie Puncher, as well as some good knocks from Warren Courtney and Abdul Altaf. Well done to Jono for organising.

Competitions in 2017

We are still awaiting our T-Rippon Mid-Essex League fixtures, so once available they will be communicated to all club members. We will be in the Sunday League again this year, which will also have a t20 competition and have entered the t20 Foundation Cup again this year, where we just missed out on qualifying for the knock stages last year.

The under 19s will be playing in the Essex t20 competition again this year, with a new Captain, Charlie Puncher, taking over from Tom Herbert who last year lead the under 19s to the quarter final of the competition and lead the team to victory in the Orsett & Thurrock CC under 19 competition.

On the youth section side, we will again be entering teams at under 11, under 13 and under 15 age groups. A meeting is normally held in February where all of these Havering League fixtures will be arranged, which will be attended by team managers Jason Downton, Joe Attfield and Peter Reynolds. The under 12s have again been entered into the Peter Coe cup and the under 11 will be looking to play in the mini matchplay at

Chelmsford again this year and the under 15s in the Cox and kings cup, so plenty to look forward to on the playing front next season.

Start of Season 6 a side Competition – Sunday 30th April 2017

To freshen up the start of season 6 a side competition Jono has invited Goresbrook, Orsett and Belhus Cricket Clubs to play in our start of season tournament. The competition will now be a round robin style tournament between these 4 clubs instead of an inter club competition.

Also on this day we will also be looking to host an under 11 kwik cricket with the same clubs taking part and hopefully the table tennis competition on the same day.

Winter Nets at Campion School Sports Hall

Winter nets will be taking place every Thursday evening at Campion School Sports Hall from 7pm for the youth section and from 8pm for the seniors. The nets haven't been that well attended to date, especially by senior players, and it would be good if we started to put in the practice ready for the 2017 season. These indoor sessions will take place right up until 30th March when will then move to outdoor practice at spring Farm Park.

Cricket Tours 2017

There wasn't a Rainham CC tour since 2010 and then in 2016 we had 2, which were both very successful. Due to the success of these tours they will both take place again in 2017, which the Trowbridge tour taking place over the weekend of 21st, 22nd and 23rd April to Trowbridge and mid to late September for Torrevieja in Spain. See Jono for details about Trowbridge and Brearley for details about Spain.



Trowbridge Tour 2016



Torrevieja CC v Rainham CC 2016

Pitch at Thames RFC

The work of laying a new wicket at Thames finally got underway in October, so it will be welcome back to Thames RFC in 2017, after our 3rd XI having to play their home games in Basildon during 2016. Below is a photo to show how the new pitch is progressing.

We also had the added issue of who would maintain this wicket, but as luck would have it there are some members at Thames RFC that have some pitch maintenance experience, so Thames RFC will be taking on the tasks of maintaining the wicket and marking out the pitch on match days. We will still have to water and roll the pitch, which should be a lot easier with a brand-new roller and a water supply right next to the wicket.

A word of thanks must go to our Chairman for arranging this work at Thames at a cost that will be affordable to the club.



The new wicket at Thames RFC is now taking shape

General News

New Rainham CC Kit for 2017

New kit is available to order, so please ensure you get your order in by 31st January to Jas Hothi for seniors and Peter Reynolds for Juniors.

The kit that will be available will be white match shirts white trousers, t20/t-shirt playing top, tracksuit top, tracksuit bottoms (skinny or baggy options) and gilets. No one is under any obligation to buy kit, but it would be preferable if all youth and seniors had white Rainham CC playing kit.

As an added incentive, the club will offer discount on the most expensive item bought as long as 2017 annual subscriptions will be fully paid by our signing on night, which will take place on a Friday night down the club in March. Once the signing on date has been set it will be fully communicated to all members.

Volunteers for Tea Duties

Suzanne Treanor has kindly agreed to take on the responsibility of organising tea duty volunteers for 2017. Rainham CC has a reputation for providing excellent teas, so if anyone wishes to go on the rota for home matches on Saturdays, Sundays, kwik cricket competitions or any of the Peter Coe youth team cup home matches, then please contact Suzanne. Even if you are able to provide a day or two during the year, this would be very much appreciated.

Volunteers for Pitch Maintenance

We are also looking for volunteers to go on the pitch rota. If we can get 8 volunteers then this will mean a couple of hours' work, every fortnight. If anyone wishes to help with the pitch maintenance at Springy or Thames, or knows anyone that would like to get involved, then please contact Peter Reynolds.

Nat West Cricketforce Weekend

The dates have already been set for our Nat West Cricketforce weekend, which will be on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March to ensure our facilities are in good shape ready for the 2017 season. Put these days in your diary and try to make some time to give a few hours to the club to help with tasks such as painting, general cleaning up, clearing the outdoor nets and weed clearance out the back.

Funding & Sponsorship

Tesco – Bags of Help Scheme

We heard how well we finished in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme on Monday 23rd January and I am pleased to report we finished 2nd in the overall count of blue tokens in in all Tesco stores in Havering, Barking and Redbridge. This entitles us to £2,000, which we will put towards the renovation of the bowlers run ups to our outdoor net facility. Well done to everyone for obtaining as many blue tokens as they could, especially Paul Newman.

This still leaves us around £6,000 short of our target to repair the bowlers run ups, but there is a new Sport England Scheme called the Community Asset, which we will be looking into and commences on 30th January, see further details below.

England and Wales Cricket Trust – Small Grants Scheme

We have also put in an application with the above ECB scheme for £3,000 which will contribute towards obtaining some new soft seating for the clubhouse, to replace the existing large blue material bench type seating. If we are successful it should provide us with the opportunity to have more flexibility with our layout during social functions and match days and will increase the number of soft seats from 16 to 20. We should hear by the end of March if our application has been successful. Below is a photo of the type of seating we all looking to replace the existing.



Corner units, double and single seating furniture will allow us to be flexible with the clubhouse layout and provide more seating

London Riverside BID Sponsorship

We will again be looking for some sponsorship money from the London Riverside BID this year, to help with discounts towards any club kit orders and carry their logo on the front of our white playing kit. The LRBID have kindly sponsored us for the last 3 seasons, so it we would be very grateful if we happen to be fortunate enough to have their sponsorship again in 2017. A request to the London Riverside BID will be sent at the end of February.

Sponsorship Rainham CC

If anyone wishes to sponsor us for anything next season, or in future years, or knows of anyone that would like to sponsor Rainham CC then please contact Paul Newman. Paul is our new Club Development Officer, as he will be collating a sponsorship price menu.

Community Asset Fund

A new funding programme to improve spaces in local communities has been unveiled, which opens for applications from 30 January.

We will be able to apply for the fund, which is dedicated to enhancing spaces that give people the opportunity to be active and we will be looking to apply for further funding, depending on how much we obtain from the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme, to replace the bowlers run up to our outdoor net facility. Alternatively, we may put an application to expand our current social facilities area

We will be completing our application sometime in February after the committee have had time to discuss.

Social Events

Dinner and Dance – 12th November

The dinner and dance was again a great night, even though the Manor did their best to put a dampener on it with their poor service during the meal. Well done to Biren again for organising the event.

The awards on the night were as follows, but special mention must be given to Richard Purton for winning the 'Champagne Moment' award for his 'accidental text message' that was received by our club Chairman Graham Thwaites. Even though our esteemed Chairman could not be present on the night due to business reasons, he kindly provided some videos for his introduction, 3rd team player of the year and his 2 nominations for the 'Champagne moment'. Richard was the outright winner of the award and the 'Purton Family' achieved

the family double, as Daniel received the youth section 'Champagne Moment' for being run out after chasing the bat he had dropped.

Tom Herbert wasn't able to attend due to his 'Nanny' duties in France, but Tom also provided a video to summarise the under 19 season and award the under 19s player of the year to Tyler Bunn.

Club Honours ties were received by Umer Khan and, long overdue, Ronnie Jackson, both who had 5 wicket hauls in 2016.

It was a shame that Keith Light was unable to attend to receive his Chairman's Award, which was due to a serious accident he had whilst at work. It is good to know that Keith is now on the road to recovery and keep us all in order when it comes to clubhouse matters.

Award	Winner
1 st Team Player of the Year	Jono
2 nd Team Player of the Year	Nakul Patel
3 rd Team Player of the Year	Ben Little
Sunday Player of the Year	Sid Patel
Young Player of the Year	Joe Attfield
Under 19 Player of the Year	Tyler Bunn
Chairman's Award	Keith Light
Champagne Moment	Richard Purton
Player of the Torrejeiva Tour	Dipal Patel

Thank you to Debbi Blackman-Little for taking the photos during the dinner and dance, that show you can look classy in a Rainham CC honours tie.



Harry Light receives the prestigious 'Chairman's Award' on behalf of Dad Keith



Jono presents the under 19 'Player of the Year' to Tyler Bunn



Richard Purton almost receives his bottle of Champagne from Del Sullivan



Dipal receives his 'Player of the Tour' Award from Jas



Burrsy presents Nakul with the '2nd Team Player of the Year'



Umer receives his club honours tie from Jas

Christmas Bash – 17th December

This was Paul Newman's first social vent since being voted in as Social Secretary and it was a great night had by all that attended, with Biren on the decks and Paul arranging a raffle, where Ian 'Luckless' Little scooped many of the raffle prizes, as he did so at the dinner and dance. There was even the Rainham CC version of the 'manikin challenge' that was almost carried off in complete stillness. It was great to see our President Barry Bumpstead in attendance with his wife Pat. Hopefully this will carry on as an annual event. Below are some photos from the night.



Abdul, Nakul, Jake and Ronnie
either getting into the Christmas
spirit or keeping warm



Paul, Darren and Jay



Harry, Mickey and Joe
ripping off Tony at the bar

Bryan Emsden

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of Bryan Emsden, who was a stalwart cricketer at Rainham CC for over 40 years. I had the pleasure of playing with Brian in a Rainham CC side for 4 or 5 seasons at the club when I started as a wicketkeeper and he must have been in his late 50s or early 60s at that time. I also took my first stumping to Bryan's superbly controlled left arm spin. It would be interesting to know how many wickets Brian actually took for Rainham during his time at the club and it wouldn't surprise me if he took over 1000 wickets.

Brian was also the 1st team Captain when he gave Graham Burr his 1st team debut as a 15-year-old and he Captained the Rainham side that won the Recorder cup back in 1977. Graham Burr also played in that Recorder cup winning side and he wasn't the only youngster in that side, which showed he must have encouraged the youth, which is our current policy. Bryan seemed to have the knack of getting out good quality club batsmen, which was evident during the Recorder Cup final victory over Gidea Park and Romford.

Bryan's grandson Will Emsden still plays for the club and Bryan used to support him when he played in our youth team matches on Sunday mornings and pass on the benefit of his cricketing knowledge. Strangely enough Will's bowling very much reminds me of Bryan's, so it would be nice for that left arm spin to continue to be seen at Rainham CC.

A few words from Graham Burr *'Bryan was a Great servant to Rainham cricket club captaining a very strong first team for a number of years back in the 70's and 80's and continued to play for Rainham well in to his sixties, slow left arm bowler and right hand bat and in recent years would always pop over on Presidents day and share a story or two from those days. Bryan will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him and our condolences go out to May, Bryan's wife and all his family'.*

Finally, from Club President Barry Bumpstead: *I understand that RCC was represented by many past and present players at the funeral of Bryan Emsden, which was pleasing and fully deserved for someone who gave so much for our club. I was a close friend of Bryan and enjoyed our times together playing cricket, golf snooker and of course many late nights in our bar! Bryan will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. R.I.P Bryan Emsden Captain Rainham CC.*



Bryan, front middle, Captaining a Rainham CC 1st team in the 1970s



Bryan, front middle, representing Rainham CC in their annual football match v Rainham FC back in the 1970s

Bryan's funeral took place on Wednesday 25th January and was well supported by current club members Jason Downton, Claire Downton, Graham Burr and Peter Reynolds, as well as former players & members Jit Singh, Gary Littlechild, Buncer Singh, Mickey Callaghan, Albert Maulder, Ron Meredith, Sharon Adkins, Paul Collis, Ian Gibbs and Peter Harris and a floral tribute of a cricket bat and ball represented all club members, past and present. Bryan son, Mark, also a former Rainham CC player gave a great Eulogy of Bryan's life at Rainham Parish Church and the club sends all its condolences to all the Emsden family.

'Dodgy Dozen' Interview – Harry Light

The 'dodgy dozen' interview for this issue of the newsletter is Harry Light, 2nd team skipper, serial cricket tourist and now very much an established member of the club. Harry has been at the club since he was 12 years old and played in the under 13 side that I first managed, where some of the matches were against very tough and experienced opposition (even at under 13 level!). I will remember celebrating that season when Harry was our first under 13 player to score a 4 in a match and went on to score 20 runs in the same match at Harold Wood. He also had another memorable knock against Belhus that year scoring a 50 not out in a no retirement friendly.



It is Harry's bowling that has got him noticed being last year's 2nd team top wicket taker and was at one point our youngest ever player to earn an honours tie, before Nakul took that record away from him in 2015. I think he also holds the current record of the most ducks in under 19 to 20 matches! Here goes, I am sure it will be entertaining.

Name & Club History:

- Harry Light:
- Joined the club as a 11-year-old in the youth section
- First 50 in an under 13 match v Belhus
- First 5 for in senior Sunday match at the time the youngest player to gain a club honours tie
- First team debut as a 15-year-old
- Second team Captain 2016 and won promotion to Division 5

1) Cricketing Hero(es)?

Andrew 'Freddy' Flintoff

2) Favourite Club Ground (s)?

Bentley CC

3) Best Innings?

56* vs Hornchurch Athletic

4) Best Bowling?

6/18 Vs Mountnessing

5) Best Catch/Fielding?

Last game of the season last year Vs Bentley at home, needing a win for promotion. At cow corner running around the boundary taking a good catch on the ropes

6) Club Mate Most Like Batting With?

Charlie Puncher

7) Club Mate Least Like Batting With?

Jas Hothi

8) Best of Times in Cricket?

Gaining promotion as captain

9) Worst of Times in Cricket?

Very heavy defeat to Havering atte Bower in first game as captain

10) Funniest Moment in Cricket?

Adam Savery falling over a fence at Bentley

11) Your Music or Song to Enter the T20 Arena?

Eye of the Tiger

12) Your Future Vision for Rainham Cricket Club?

All Rainham sides competing in a good standard of cricket with Rainham's reputation as a good cricket club being spoken about

