



RAINHAM CRICKET & FOOTBALL CLUB

(Affiliated to the Essex County Cricket Board, the Club Cricket Conference, Essex Playing Fields Association)

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Already the anticipation of the new season, which is likely to be the most exciting in the club's 124 year history, seems like it almost upon us, but there are still lots of events and things to do before the first match of the season being a friendly between Rainham 1st XI against the mighty Wanstead on 11 April.

The things to come before then as follows:

- Friday 6 March – Game Night Darts, Rings and Poker
- Sunday 8 March – Metropolitan District AGM
- Friday 27 March – Signing on night down the club
- Saturday 28 – Natwest Cricketforce Day
- All Stars programme launch

More detail will follow on these in the newsletter.

It is good to see that many have attended winter nets at the new venue at the Harris Academy in South Ockendon and thanks must be given to the coaches that regularly attend these sessions to coordinate these sessions for our youth members. It is also pleasing for the club that we have a new All Stars Activator, Paul Stretton, that will be helping Lizzie Pattison and George Light for our All Stars programme that commences on 18 May. As usual we can never have more than enough volunteers and we would like to find someone to take ownership of the new ECB Dynamos programme which is for 8 to 11 years of age. If anyone would like to do this or get involved with our All Stars programme then please contact one of the committee.

Now our first team are in the Shepherd and Neame Essex League (SNEL) there is a requirement that we must have a scorer for each match they play in this league, so a call is going out to all club members and parents to take on this role and the club will pay £25 per match for anyone that is willing to do so. Please contact Jono if you are interested.

Scorers are something the entire club is in need of, not just at senior level, but also at Junior level as this will help the team managers out greatly, as well as scorers we also have a requirement for umpiring, so please read on if you would like to carry out some of these roles. The club will provide training,

Seniors - Indoor League

Our senior indoor team have got off to a reasonable start in their first 2 matches with 1 win and 1 loss. I am sure there will be more victories to come and matters will be clearer by the next newsletter.

Under 14s Indoor League

Our 2 under 14 teams are well into their indoor season now with the Royals playing 3 and winning 2 and the Ravens playing 4 and losing 4. Our Ravens team are mainly under 12s and are making progress every game, especially in the last match against a strong Orsett team.

The Royals have also got better every game with an impressive, but close fought win against Belhus, with captain Alex Porter looking impressive in all 3 matches with the bat. It is still all to play for as you can see with the league table below.

Team	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Wickets	Win	Batting	Bowling	Total
					Taken	Points	Bonus	Bonus	Points
							Points	Points	
Belhus Eagles	4	3	0	1	20	60	6	5	71
Orsett & Thurrock Knights	4	3	0	1	19	60	0	4	64
Rainham Royals	3	2	0	1	10	40	4	2	46
Belhus Spitfires	3	1	0	2	16	20	6	10	36
Stanford le hope	2	1	0	1	9	20	2	3	25
Orsett & Thurrock Amazons	2	1	0	1	5	20	3	1	24
Rainham Ravens	4	0	0	4	12	0	8	12	20

Under 16s Indoor League

A good indoor season for the under 16s, just missing out in their final match against Belhus Wolves and finishing second in their league.

Team	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Wickets	Win	Batting	Bowling	Total
					Taken	Points	Bonus	Bonus	Points
							Points	Points	
Belhus Wolves	5	5	0	0	27	100	0	0	100
Rainham	5	4	0	1	21	80	4	5	89
Belhus Foxes	5	3	0	2	23	60	8	5	73
O&T Storm	5	2	0	3	23	40	6	12	58
O&T Thunder	5	1	0	4	23	20	15	17	52
SLH	5	0	0	5	12	0	14	12	26

Umpires and Scorers

As mentioned at the start of this newsletter, the club are looking for club members and parents to learn how to score and umpire junior matches, this is something that will greatly help the youth team managers on the day of the games, as the team manager can perform one of these roles on the day, but not both. We would not expect someone to help every single match, but having plenty of people to ask would benefit greatly

There will be a training course held on Wednesday 22 April at Gidea Park and Romford Cricket Club aimed specifically at junior cricket matches. This is a free of charge event with refreshments also being provided so if any club members, parents and especially junior members would like to attend then please contact Peter Reynolds and he will make arrangements. This course only lasts for a couple of

hours, which is enough to be able to teach someone enough to umpire a junior match. The course will be taught by a fully qualified ECB umpire

Alternatively, if anyone would like to learn how to score the club will hold a training session down the club one evening or weekend and we will provide some training, again this should only last a couple of hours and I would especially encourage our junior members to take part, as this is something that is extremely useful when progressing to adult cricket, which hopefully all of our juniors aspire to do. Please contact Peter Reynolds and he will make the necessary arrangements and be part of the training team.

ECB Foundation 1 Coaching Course

As the club grows and we have more and more participants it is important that we maintain our coaching structure, so that we have the correct number of coaches per participants to ensure our coaching sessions are manageable, safe and enjoyable. If we do not maintain this coaching structure then we may have to go down the road of having waiting lists for any potential new members and it is not something the club wants to introduce.

If anyone wishes to go on the foundation 1 coaching course, the dates and venues are below, please contact Peter Reynolds on 07871-044768. Next available courses below.

- **New Vic, Plaistow** <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/ghqr3p>
22nd and 29th March 0930 – 1630
- **Maltings Academy, Witham 0900 – 1700** <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/whqr3q>
04th and 11th April
- **Essex County Ground, Chelmsford** <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/khqr3w>
19th & 26th April 0900 -1630
- **Essex County Ground, Chelmsford** <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/1hqr3x>
3rd and 17th May 0900 - 1600

Dynamos Cricket

As mentioned in last month's newsletter the next stage of development for youngsters after the All Stars programme, known as Dynamos Cricket. This is designed at 8 to 11 years old and to be run in conjunction with our existing youth programme. As with the All Stars, this will be an 8 weeks programme and participants will receive a personalised t-shirt and opportunities to be involved with the new Hundred matches. Volunteers will also receive a New Balance t-shirt, a ticket to a Hundred match and 20% discount on all New Balance merchandise. The programme costs £40.



The committee do wish to run this programme in 2020, but we will also require someone to become a Dynamos Activator. Alternatively, we also have the Essex County Crickey Board looking for a Dynamos Activator for the club from their Women's volunteer programme. Ideally, we would like both, someone from within the club working with a volunteer from the Board's Women's volunteer programme. If anyone is interested, players or parents, then please contact Peter Reynolds, as courses are available on the following dates:

Sunday 19th April – 10:00-12:00

Leyton County Cricket Ground, 2 Crawley Road, E10 6RJ

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/ActivatorTraining/Summary/b0eee041-a811-4e63-8974-a1fd508eef83>

Tuesday 21st April – 18:00-20:00

Allen Ford Graham Gooch Indoor Cricket Centre, Chelmsford, CM2 0PG

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/ActivatorTraining/Summary/383f1995-1cd2-41f7-90de-11d7e5e7d963>

Wednesday 22nd April - 18:00-20:00

Harold Wood Cricket Club, Harold Wood Park, Harold View, RM3 0LX

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/ActivatorTraining/Summary/04b8b932-5778-46f8-9173-5647d696fa33>

Saturday 25th April - 09:30-11:30

St Benedict's College Sports Hall, Norman Way, Colchester, CO3 3US

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/ActivatorTraining/Summary/a89fec9a-6a24-48c2-912d-14d50c8b0088>

Thursday 30th April - 18:00-20:00

Brentwood Cricket Club, Shenfield Road, CM15 8AJ

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/ActivatorTraining/Summary/978820ca-ab9c-4042-8c64-10c9aabad629>

All Stars Programme 2020

Our All Stars Programme is ready to book and will commence from Monday 18 May for 8 weeks through to 6 July. Our Activator will again be Lizzie Pattison with George Light also lending a well needed hand. As previously mentioned, we also welcome Paul Stretton as a new All Stars Activator who attends his 2 hours training course at the New Vic College in Plaistow on Monday 30 March. We all wish Paul well on his training course.

The All Stars is becoming more and more popular each year, so help from any parents or anyone that wishes to get involved would be most appreciated. We already have 3 booked in on the course within the first week. In order to become an All Stars Activator just involves a 2 hours evening course and a Disclosure check of which neither costs any money. Courses are available on the following dates:

Monday 30th March – 18:00-20:00

Newham 6th Form College, Prince Regent Lane, Plaistow, E13 8SG

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/ActivatorTraining/Summary/d7bb0052-c93f-48e2-ba4a-253319c5e671>

Thursday 16th April – 19:00-21:00

FitzWimarc School, Hockley Rd, Rayleigh SS6 8EB

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/ActivatorTraining/Summary/408bb2ba-c5d8-480e-a8e7-ab3f07b05bc1>

For those that wish to book their children onto the course please go to the website allstarscricket.co.uk and anyone that wishes to help out at the All Stars sessions, then please contact



Peter Reynolds. The club will do everything they can to support any volunteers that wishes to help with this programme.

Winter Nets

Winter nets continues every Wednesday night until 1 April with the youth having 4 lanes from 7pm to 8pm and the seniors having 2 lanes from 7pm to 9pm, so please come along and keep your cricketing reflexes in shape ready for the new season.

Outdoor training for the youth will commence on Monday 6 April for the youth section and the following day for the seniors.

London Youth Games – Indoor Cricket Qualifiers

The qualifiers for the London Youth Games Indoor cricket finals took place over the second weekend in April with the boys' competitions ending in complete farce and the girls just missing out on going to finals at Lords.

The boys' competition started an hour later than it should have done and then was stopped at 8pm when the Sports centre had to close when only two thirds of the matches had been played and the tournament organisers decided whoever was top of their group at that stage would qualify. Havering at lost a match at this stage which then gave them no chance to recover. A real shame for Leo from our under 13s and the Team Manager from Ardleigh Green, Andrew Weston, who had put in a lot of hard work and preparation prior to the qualifying day.

The girls just missed out on qualification winning 2 and losing 2, and 1 more win would have been enough to qualify for the finals. The girls got better in every match with Holly Vickers, Elsie Orwell and Nimrut Kaila all representing the club in fine fashion. Well done to all 4 for making the Havering team and representing the club in the right way

Havering League Meeting & Junior Fixtures

All youth fixtures are almost complete with just a few friendlies to be arranged, the under 11 match against Harold Wood and the welcome news that Orsett and Thurrock will be playing in the Havering League in 2020 all still to be arranged. Below are all the youth fixtures arranged to date, including the Brian Taylor Trophy, Len Steniford Cup and the Cox & Kings Cup and they should all be finalised by the time the next newsletter is published.

Under 9s

Day	Date	Opposition	Type	Venue	Time
Sunday	03 May 2020	Gidea Park & Romford	Friendly	Away	9.30am
Thursday	28 May 2020	Hornchurch Athletic	Friendly	Away	5.30pm
Friday	29 May 2020	Goresbrook	Friendly	Away	5.30pm
Thursday	18 June 2020	Harold Wood	Friendly	Home	5.30pm
Sunday	12 July 2020	Gidea Park & Romford	Friendly	Away	9.30am
Sunday	19 July 2020	Upminster A	Friendly	Away	9.30am
Sunday	02 August 2020	Hornchurch	Friendly	Away	9.30am
Sunday	23 August 2020	Upminster B	Friendly	Home	9.30am

Under 11s

Day	Date	Opposition	Type	Venue	Time
Wednesday	06 May 2020	Gidea Park & Romford	Havering League	Away	9.30am
Wednesday	17 June 2020	Gidea Park & Romford	Havering League	Away	5.30pm
Wednesday	21 June 2020	Goresbrook	Havering League	Away	5.30pm
Wednesday	01 July 2020	Upminster A	Havering League	Home	5.30pm
Monday	06 July 2020	Upminster B	Havering League	Away	5.30pm
Sunday	19 July 2020	Harold Wood	Havering League	Home	9.30am
Sunday	09 August 2020	Hornchurch	Havering League	Home	9.30am

Under 12s

Day	Date	Opposition	Type	Venue	Time
Sunday	24 May 2020	Frenford	Brian Taylor Trophy	Home	9.30am
Sunday	31 May 2020	Upminster	Brian Taylor Trophy	Away	9.30am
Sunday	07 June 2020	No game	Brian Taylor Trophy		9.30am
Sunday	14 June 2020	Old Parkonians	Brian Taylor Trophy	Away	9.30am
Sunday	28 June 2020	Newham	Brian Taylor Trophy	Away	9.30am
Sunday	05 July 2020	Loughton	Brian Taylor Trophy	Home	9.30am
Sunday	12 July 2020	Wanstead	Brian Taylor Trophy	Home	9.30am

Under 13s

Day	Date	Opposition	Type	Venue	Time
Sunday	10 May 2020	Woodford Green	Len Steniford Cup	Home	9.30am
Wednesday	13 May 2020	Harold Wood	Havering League	Home	5.30pm
Friday	15 May 2020	Goresbrook	Havering League	Away	5.30pm
Sunday	17 May 2020	RES	Len Steniford Cup	Away	9.30am
Monday	25 May 2020	Buckhurst Hill	Len Steniford Cup	Home	9.30am
Wednesday	03 June 2020	Ardleigh Green	Havering League	Away	5.30pm
Friday	05 June 2020	Upminster	Havering League	Home	5.30pm
Sunday	21 June 2020	West Essex	Len Steniford Cup	Home	9.30am
Wednesday	24 June 2020	Ardleigh Green Development Team	Friendly	Home	5.30pm
Friday	26 June 2020	Hornchurch	Havering League	Home	5.30pm
Sunday	19 July 2020	Frenford B	Len Steniford Cup	Away	9.30am
Wednesday	22 July 2020	Ardleigh Green Development Team	Friendly	Away	5.30pm

Under 15s

Day	Date	Opposition	Type	Venue	Time
Sunday	26 April 2020	Gidea Park & Romford	Dennis Peters Cup	Away	9.30am
Sunday	03 May 2020	Buckhurts Hill	Cox & Kings Cup	Away	9.30am
Sunday	10 May 2020	South Loughton	Cox & Kings Cup	Away	9.30am
Monday	25 May 2020	Wanstead B	Cox & Kings Cup	Home	9.30am
Wednesday	27 May 2020	Hornchurch Athletic	Havering League	Away	5.30pm
Sunday	31 May 2020	Walthamstow	Cox & Kings Cup	Away	9.30am
Sunday	07 June 2020	Oakfield Parks	Cox & Kings Cup	Away	9.30am
Friday	12 June 2020	Gidea Park & Romford	Havering League	Home	5.30pm
Sunday	28 June 2020	Newham	Cox & Kings Cup	Home	9.30am
Wednesday	15 July 2020	Upminster	Havering League	Home	5.30pm
Sunday	02 August 2020	Frenford C	Cox & Kings Cup	Away	9.30am
Friday	14 August 2020	Hornchurch	Havering League	Away	5.30pm

Under 16 (joint with Goresbrook CC)

Day	Date	Opposition	Type	Venue	Time
Sunday	21 June 2020	Hornchurch	Matchplay	Away	1pm
Sunday	28 June 2020	Maldon	Matchplay	Home (May & Baker)	1pm
Sunday	05 July 2020	Upminster	Matchplay	Home (May & Baker)	1pm
Sunday	19 July 2020	Hutton	Matchplay	Home (May & Baker)	1pm
Sunday	26 July 2020	Writtle	Matchplay	Away	1pm
Sunday	02 August 2020	Brentwood	Matchplay	Away	1pm

Game Night – Friday 6 March 2020



Talking of social nights on Friday 28 February there will be a Darts, Rings and Poker night down the club from 7.30pm. If anyone fancies their chances at Darts and Rings then the clubhouse at Springy will be the place to be. Have you ever played Rings before? Do we have any potential Fallon Sherrock's or Peter 'Snake bite' Wright's in our midst? If so come along and enjoy a good night of Darts and Rings that will be rounded off with a late-night Poker school



Signing-On Night – Friday 27 March 2020

Our annual signing on night will take place on Friday 27 March from 7pm in the club house at Springy. Annual subscriptions for the year will be as follows:



Juniors - under 16 - £50
Under 21s and Students - £50
Ages 22-25 - £70
Ages 25 and over £90

As an added bonus on the same night will be the England v Italy football match, which we will be screening down the club. Come along to the club and enjoy a nice social night whilst cheering on England against the Italians.



Nat West Cricketforce Day – Saturday 28 March 2020

This year's Nat West Cricketforce day will take place on Saturday 28 March at 9.30am, so if anyone can spare just an hour or more to get the club ready for the new season it would be much appreciated. After the weather defeated the working party on 29 February to create a clearing for our new container, this work is now planned to take place on Nat West Cricketforce day, so it will be all hands, shovels and forks to the deck to get this work completed ready for our new container and more storage space. Other works that will be required on the day as follows:

- Tidy and remark the outdoor nets
- Clean the gutters
- Redecorate the showers
- General tidy up

Socials for 2020

If anyone had any ideas or themes for social nights then I am sure Social Secretary, Paul Newman, would like to hear about them. Maybe a Soul Train Night, Elvis Night, Beer Olympics (old memories!), Rainham's Got Talent Night, Boy Band Night etc. I am sure that are plenty of you out there that has some creative ideas, so if you do have some ideas please let Paul know and even better get involved and help to organise it.

Club Kit

Friday 6 March (Today!) is the cut off day to obtain any new club kit for the 2020 season, so please contact Jono. The poster attached, gives details of the types of order and cost, so please get your order into Jono by today and you should have your new kit before the season start at the end of April. Ordering the kit in bulk enables the club to obtain better prices than if someone orders it on our website link individually, so we would strongly encourage you to get your kit in orders now.

2020 PRE-SEASON KIT ORDER	
Short Sleeve Match Shirt	24.00
Long Sleeve Match Shirt	24.00
Short Sleeve Match Sweater	24.00
Long Sleeve Match Sweater	24.00
Match Trousers	24.00
T&C Shirt (Royal Blue)	15.00
Club Polo Shirt (Navy)	21.00
U4 Zip TrackSuit Top (Navy)	24.00
Male Training Shorts	12.50
Track Suit Bottoms (Navy)	23.75
Short Track Suit Bottoms	24.00
ORDERS BY FRIDAY 6TH MARCH	
ORDERS TO JONO BY WHATSAPP - 07900 474 929	
PAYMENT BY CASH/DEBIT ON RECEIPT	

Pre-Season Pitch Works

It is at this time of year we have to turn our attention to maintaining our wickets at Spring Farm Park and Thames RFC ready for the new season. Early season pitch works initially just involves a bit of drag-brushing but will progress to rolling around mid-March, so if anyone would like to volunteer to be on the pitch rota for pre-season and during the season, then please contact Joe Attfield. Training will be given down the club.

Rainham CFC

The Rainham CFC team continue to make good progress in the Brentwood Sunday League Division 2, now lying fourth in the league and their last 3 wins all against the top 3 sides with 2 of those victories being comfortable wins. Momentum is on our side at the moment and with time running out to fulfil all of the league fixtures, double header matches are to be played and with many of the mid to lower table sides, there is a good chance of a top two finish so good luck to Keith, Steve and the boys to keep the momentum going over the last couple of months of the season.