

**Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club**  
Founded 1896  
Affiliated to Club Cricket Conference  
**Spring Farm Park, Lambs Lane, Rainham, Essex,**  
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**November 2009 Newsletter**



**Playing Update**

Mid Essex League Application

Christmas came early for Rainham Cricket Club on the historic day of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009 with a gift from Santa, a.k.a. our charismatic Chairman Graham (Nick) Thwaites, with our successful application into the Mid Essex Cricket League. Our expectation from this application was to purely make ourselves known and give a good account of ourselves for future applications. Graham gave a slick presentation in front of the 60 existing Mid Essex club representatives, focussing mainly on the youth section and made such a good impression that we were the first club voted in from the 3 new clubs applying.

Ironically, which Graham was unaware of until after our successful entry, the original idea to enter the Mid Essex Cricket League came from his old best mate and very well respected Robbie Hill.

It will only be our 1<sup>st</sup> team playing in the Mid Essex League in 2010 and our 2<sup>nd</sup> team will still be playing in the Lords International League. We will be applying again next year to try for our 2<sup>nd</sup> team to enter the league and as long as our 1<sup>st</sup> team make a good impressions with our cricketing ability and sportsmanship, then experience tells us that an application for a 2<sup>nd</sup> team is likely to be successful. Hopefully this will give the club a real lift which it seemed to do on the night once all members were sent a text of the news. Some of the replies received were as follows.

- Great News
- Who will we be playing?
- Does this mean we will be playing in a new league?
- Wow fantastic news
- Good darts
- Well done to Sir Graham Gooner
- That means I should be able to score some more runs next year (I don't think you'll need 3 guesses who made this comment)

Another bonus of playing in the Mid Essex League is that the league is sponsored by T-Rippon and we will only have to pay 50p for Dukes match balls, we currently pay £11. If anyone wishes to keep themselves updated with the Mid Essex League, then the following website will give you everything you will need to know <http://www.trippon.cricket.btinternet.co.uk/>

I am sure all within the club would wish to thank Graham for doing such a great job on the night and giving the cricket club a bright and exciting future.

Indoor Cricket

Both teams have started well, both still being unbeaten at the end of November, with the 1<sup>st</sup> team winning their first 2 matches and the 2nds their first 3. The 1<sup>st</sup> team played against Ardleigh Green 'C' with another excellent opening partnership from Dave Adkins and Graham 'Nurdle' Thwaites putting on over 50. Although we were finally out for 78 some tight and accurate bowling restricted the opposition to 55 all out.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team took on Noak Hill 'B', who had also won their first match, putting them in and bowling them all out for 61 in less than the allotted 12 overs. Kenny Sims and James Mansfield done most of the damage. Although Rainham lost 2 wickets some sharp running and good stroke play from Captain James Fuller and all rounder Keith Blake enabled us to reach the target with 3 overs to spare. The game against Hornchurch Athletic was always going to be a difficult game with both teams being unbeaten. Disappointingly, Hornchurch Athletic failed to turn up on time and the game was awarded to Rainham. A friendly 10 overs a side match was played against the two sides, when Hornchurch Athletic eventually turned up, which Rainham went on to win on the last ball of the match.

All the results from the Havering Indoor League can be followed on the following website at <http://www.essexcricketboards.org.uk/medcb%20pages/havering.htm>, please ignore the link sent in the last Newsletter.

## **Funding & Fund Raising**

### **Sponsorship**



Graham Thwaites and Peter Reynolds met Crispin & Borst, a large building contractor based in Rainham on the 12<sup>th</sup> November with a view to them sponsoring the cricket club.

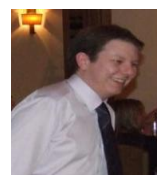
The meeting was very positive from both sides with Crispin's offering an initial small sum of money, but they would also consider the cricket club tapping into their expertise if ever we require any building materials or equipment. Crispin's also offered a couple of work experience places for some of the youth section. None of these proposals are firm offers at present but please watch this space to see if we will receive any further good news.

### **Social Events**

#### **Annual Dinner and Dance.**



The annual dinner and dance took place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November at Orsett Hall. Another very enjoyable evening was had by all and a big thank you to Jack Gilliland for organising the evening and to Peter Allen for taking the photographs, which can be seen on the Rainham Play Cricket website at <http://rainhamcc.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp> in the 'Community' section



Honours ties were awarded by Club President Barry 'Bumper' Bumpstead to any club members that has either scored a 100, taken 5 wickets in an innings or a wicket keeper taking five victims. The following were awarded ties: Adrian Moon (100 runs), Dan Sawyer, Biren Patel, Scott Dordoy and John Read (all 5 wickets).

Dr. Jack – will be Social Secretary again in 2010



John Read –  
5 for 19



Dan Sawyer –  
5 for 21



Biren Patel –  
6 for 23



Scott Dordoy –  
5 for 13



Adrian Moon – 170  
not out (runs not  
showers)

The players of the year were also presented with Alex Sullivan taking the Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> team award for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, James Mansfield the Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> team award, Dan Skipper the Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> team and Jas Hothi Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> team. This bodes well for the future in that all winners were in their mid 20s or under with two below 20. Also 3 out of the 4 winners were Captains of their respective teams which show they all lead their teams in the right way, by example.



Alex Sullivan –  
a hat trick of a  
different kind

Jimbo – finally  
gets some  
reward

Dan Skipper – a  
runaway winner

Jas Hothi –  
more promising  
young talent

Finally it was a pleasure to have Steve Groom's wife, Denise and family as our special guests on the evening. A small tribute was paid to Steve's life in the manner he deserved in the way of 30 seconds applause.

## General News

### Green Flag Status – Spring Farm Park

Graham Thwaites recently met with Havering Council, whom are keen for us to take a lease on our existing premises and also came with many promises of how the council plan to invest in Spring Farm Park in order to give it Green Flag status. Some of the promises they have made are as follows.

- New metal roof for clubhouse - work commencing in December
- Clear the back and tidy it up
- Brick up at the back where wooden door/shutter is
- Build fence at the back with two gates - one large enough to wheel in sight screens
- Lighting to rear and front area
- Supply a new container for the cricket club only and place at the rear of the clubhouse
- Lay a new patio
- Flower displays around the club house and park
- New shutters for the back windows and all keys supplied

The committee also met recently to add a further wish list of items such as a new kitchen and a waste disposal service which will also be presented to the council. With the council's track record of false promises we will not be holding our breath that this will happen and Graham left the situation with the council that unless all the work is completed, as promised, that we would not even consider a lease. Let's all hope that this is one of the promises the council will actually keep.

### Tour 2010

The cricket tour to France will commence again in 2010. Graham Thwaites will be looking for deposits around the New Year, so if anyone is interested further details will be published in the next Newsletter.

### Christmas Quiz



There are lots of whispers around the club at this time of year regarding presents that some of our members would like this Christmas and below there are 12 members pictures and 12 presents they would like this year.



For the first answer that correctly matches up the members' numbers to the presents they require letter, there will be a prize of either a pack of beer or a bottle of wine, of which I am confident that no one will be able to match all 12 correctly. Answers to [peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com](mailto:peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com) or give me a call on 07711-144497. Good Luck.

### Members



### Christmas Presents



The answers will be published in the next issue. All on the general committee wishes everyone a merry Christmas and an exciting new year.

### Chairman's Notes

Firstly I would like to say what great news the Mid Essex acceptance is. We will be playing at much nicer locations and pitches in the coming season and I have to once again say a big thank you to all of the Youth coaches, without a shadow of a doubt this was a decisive factor in our application, keep up the great work guys ,it's beginning to bear fruit!!

Also at the dinner and dance [great job Dr Jack!], another award presented was the Chairman's award for great contributions off the park. This went to our own Peter Reynolds!! Thoroughly deserved Pete and all at the club would want me to repeat our thanks for the total commitment you have to our club!!

As for the quiz, item I) must be Bumpers, have you noticed the pictures, is our President shrinking!?

Finally I would like to wish all associated with the club a Happy Christmas and a successful new year, in our new league, it promises to be a really exciting season.

Nick (Graham) Thwaites