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Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team

2nd June v Rayne – **‘Jono and Sid rescue Rainham’**

Probably the longest away trip of the season to Rayne saw the first team looking to extend their unbeaten run of 3 consecutive wins and stay in the hunt for a top 2 finish. Rayne batted first and Jono immediately got stuck in to the Rayne opening batsmen dismissing them both for 0 leaving Rayne struggling on 4 for 2. James Fuller then got into the act taking 2 wickets with one being a caught behind from keeper Albi Birchmore leaving Rayne on 41 for 4. Garnett Shallow then showed the third element of his all-rounder status with a slick piece of fielding to run out another of the Rayne batsmen. Alex Sullivan was brought on and immediately took another couple of wickets including a catch from Jono (to end his run dropped catches). Opening bowlers Jono and Ian Havard were brought back on and with a bit of resistance from the Rayne number 9 who struck 31 valuable runs for his team they both shared the final wickets with Ian taking one and Jono the remaining 2 to finish his spell with 4 for 27 and the opposition being bowled out for 140 on a difficult batting track.



What a great month
for Jono

None of Rayne's previous opposition had yet to score 100 on the difficult wicket and with Rayne's bowlers bowling accurately Rainham openers Tigsy and Jas Hothi treated the bowling with respect until Tigsy was finally caught. Next in was Alex Sullivan who played a similar innings to Tigsy before also being dismissed leaving Rainham on 12 for 2. Albi Birchmore then came in to play his first league innings of the season and he played sensibly with opener Jas to consolidate Rainham's position, before Albi was also caught. Jas soon followed but not after making a solid and patient 32 and then in form Garnett came in and was caught for 6 leaving Rainham on a rocky 67 for 5. Dan Skipper was making his first XI appearance of 2012 and played a good inning for his 24, including a 6, where he also saw Captain James Fuller run out. Skip was finally bowled leaving Rainham on 98 for 7. Sid Patel and Jono came together at a nail biting time, both played freely with Sid hitting 26 from just 13 balls and Jono continuing his form of the previous week hitting an even more impressive 19 from just 5 balls to take Rainham to a fourth successive victory and a hard fought 3 wicket win. With other results going their way this means the first team head Division 4 by 8 points from Rayleigh II.

9th June v Little Baddow II – **‘Six wicket Jono earns club tie in close shave’**

After starring with the bat and ball last week Jono was it at again earning taking 6 wickets in a nail biting win against Little Baddow II, to earn himself a club tie after only 5 first team appearances. Rainham lost the toss and were put into bat losing the early wickets of Alex Sullivan and Garnet Shallow (a golden!). Tigsy and keeper Albi Birchmore steadied the ship to build a solid partnership with Tigsy going on to make his 50. After Tigsy was dismissed a flurry of wicket followed including Captain James Fuller also for a golden duck leaving Rainham struggling on 93 for 6. Dan Skipper and Jono both made quick 20s before Rainham were dismissed for a below par 162.

Ian Havard and James Fuller opened the bowling kept it tight and the Fuller dismissed one of the Baddow openers for 0, which the lead to a partnership of 77 from their other opener and number 3. Metronomic John Wratten came on to stem the flow of runs and in partnership with Jono at the other end began to get inroads into the Baddow batsman with runs being a struggle to score at both ends but Jono ripping through the Baddow batsmen. Baddow went from 77 for 1 to 126 for 7 with Jono taking 5 and a great run out from injured Albi Birchmore. James Fuller brought himself back on taking 2 wickets and a further wicket

lead to Little Baddow being dismissed for 149 and a dramatic 13 run victory to guide the first to their 5th successive league victory and top spot in Division 4.

16th June v Ongar – **‘Fuller finally finds form with the bat’**

There was a lot of regular first team players missing for this game and with new opposition to the Mid Essex League Ongar in the way who had recently moved from the Shepherd and Neame League this could have caused a worry. Rainham fielded first and Ian Havard and James Fuller immediately had the Ongar batsmen struggling with Ian havard removing one of the openers. John Wratten was finally rewarded for his consistent economic spells adding 2 further wickets. A great bowling display from all of the bowlers ensured that al the Ongar batsmen struggled to find any form and further wickets from Biren Patel, Ian Havard, Jono (2) and 3 from Fuller finished the Ongar innings for 127 runs, but on a wicket that was difficult to play.

The early dismissal of Alex Sullivan brought veteran Adrian Moon to step into the number 3 roll and together with Tigsy they put on 40 runs before Tigsy went LBW. Dan Skipper could not repeat his innings from the previous week only lasting 3 balls leaving Rainham on 47 for 3. James Fuller had not shown much form to date with the bat but now was the time for a captain’s innings with him batting in his free flowing style adding another 60 runs before Adrian was caught. Jono joined James to guide Rainham to a 6 wicket victory and 6 consecutive league victories.

23rd June v Old Chelmsfordians II – **‘Rainham beat bogey side’**

Having never beaten Old Cs II in the Mid Essex League before this was one of the matches targeted that would be tough. An excellent performance in the field lead by Captain James Fuller and in-form Jono both taking 3 wickets a piece to dismiss Old Cs for 145. It was good to see the return of promising left arm spinner Biren Patel whom also contributed with a wicket.

Garnett Shallow batted in his normal methodical way to add yet another 50 to his tally and some good support from Jas Hothi and Dan Skipper both scoring 27 gave the first team their 7th consecutive victory and the challenge of also unbeaten Rayleigh II the following week.

30th June v Rayleigh II – **‘Rainham miss out in last over thriller’**

Past fixtures against Rayleigh have proved to be close and this match of the top two both unbeaten sides proved no exception. Rainham batted first and openers Alex Sullivan and Jas Hothi struggled against the Rayleigh opening attack both losing their wickets in the process. ‘Mr consistency’ Garnet Shallow steadied the ship with another unbeaten 50 some good support from Ash Foster (29) and James Fuller (30) took the team total to a respectable but not out of reach target of 166 for 6.

Opening bowler Ian Havard lead the way in the Rayleigh reply bowling 12 overs taking 3 wickets for 36 runs. Biren Patel has proved a thorn in the side of Rayleigh in the past and this game was the same with 4 wickets of his own but Rainham could not dismiss the stubborn Rayleigh opening batsman who was still there with 50. Rainham had Rayleigh at 83 for 7 at one stage but some good lower order resistance and 2 further wicket from James Fuller could not prevent the Rayleigh opener and their number 11 from snatching victory in the last over.

Saturday 2nd Team

2nd June v Old Chelmsfordians IV – **‘Solid team performance earns 2nd victory’**

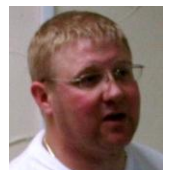
After the first league win of the season the 2nds were keen to keep the momentum going against Old Chelmsfordians 4ths. The weather forecast for this game was rain late on so Brearley was keen to win the toss and try to dismiss the opposition quickly and knock the runs off. Brearley lost the toss but Old Cs decided to bat on a wicket they thought looked batsman friendly. James Mansfield and George Light opened the bowling and kept things very tight with Old Cs hardly scoring a run. George then struck clean bowling the opener and Jimbo soon followed this up with 2 quick wickets of his own leaving Old Cs struggling. Old Cs number 4 frustrated the Rainham bowlers and just seem to have a scoring zone between mid on and square leg but continued to compile runs. Harry Light bowled a tidy spell of 6 overs for just 10 runs and Kenny weighed in with a wicket leaving Old Cs 4 down with just 60 on the board. Joe Sarro then replaced Kenny and ended a partnership with a catch at mid wicket by Brearley. George Light came back

on to finish his spell and continued to impress just missing out on a hat-trick ending his 12 over spell on 3 for 36. A final late flurry of runs saw Old Cs end their innings on 170 for 7.

With Rainham feeling they had probably given away at least 20 runs more than they should have it was down to the experienced opening partnership of Joe Sarro and Peter Reynolds to start positively and that they certainly did adding 73 in just 11 overs before Reynolds left a gap wide enough to drive a bus through between bat and pad (I'll need one of our level s2 to sort my technique out) and was bowled for 40. Danny Sadai soon followed sportingly walking to one he just gloved to the keeper. Joe (30) hit a few more sweet boundaries before he was caught with Rainham having a traditional wobble at 81 for 3. Another experienced pair Paul Collis and Graham Burr took the score past 120 when Graham also played down the wrong line to a straight one. Ian Gibbs junior (18no) batted in an unflappable manner to assist top scorer Paul Collis (41no) to lead Rainham to a comfortable 4 wicket win

9th June v Galleywood II '**Collis ton equals club record**'

The 2nd team were making steady progress with the bat every week and Brearley showed confidence in his batsmen by batting first. Openers Joe Sarro and Paul Collis got Rainham off to a brilliant start putting on 144 runs before Joe was stumped for 38. By this time Paul Collis had made 75 runs and was going great guns and looking good for his first ton for a few years. Adrian Moon joined Paul and they both batted freely with Adrian not out on 62 in just 46 balls and Paul Collis impressively going on to equal Tigsy's individual score of 127no for the 2nds in the Mid Essex League and more importantly taking the team score to 251 for 1 to earn the full 5 extra batting points.



Paul Collis –
equalled club Mid
Essex batting record

A great start by the Rainham bowlers saw James Mansfield, Jamie Adkins, Alan Avis (2) and Kenny Sims (2) take early wickets before Galleywood's batsman 7 and 8 both made 50s. Jamie Adkins added another wicket but Rainham could not earn any more bowling points when the Galleywood innings finished on 195 for 7 and a 3rd consecutive victory for the Brearley juggernaut.

16th June v Eastwood III '**Avis makes Light work of Eastwood**'

Brearley showed his all round ability prior to the game by having to cut and roll the pitch as the council decided they would have a week off without bothering to tell us. This is the best bit of driving ever seen by Brearley on our square. Another important decision for Brearley was the toss which was one and 2nd placed Eastwood were put into bat. James Mansfield bowled his usual stingy spell before Alan Avis revived his appetite for a game of cricket by taking 5 Eastwood wickets for just 17 runs. Late replacement George Light assisted Alan by taking 3 for 23 and Eastwood's innings was left in tatters with just 68 runs on the board at the close of their innings.

Paul Collis was still recovering from the previous week's big knock and gave up his opening spot to Paul Read who made just 3 runs. Danny Sadai added 11 runs before losing his wicket and opener Joe Sarro was joined by Mickey Callaghan whom both batted sensibly to give Rainham a full 26 point victory against a team also looking for promotion.

23rd June v Havering-ate-Bower III – '**Alan and Kenny inspire Rainham success**'

Rainham batted first in this local derby and struggled through out their innings. Paul Read top scored with 32 supported by Mickey Callaghan (31) and Kenny Sims (22) could not prevent Rainham being bowled out for just 142.

This was a tough ask to defend this, especially at Springy is playing better this season and with Havering going strong at 83 for 3 it looked as though this would be curtains after 4 consecutive victories for the IIs. Another great bowling display from Alan Avis taking 4 wickets for just 13 runs and a good all round display from Kenny Sims 3 for 14 bowled Havering out 31 runs short of their target taking the seconds into the second promotional spot in Division 10.

30th June v Wickham – ‘**Jack Mac the only batsman to sparkle in poor batting display**’

The 2 form teams in this division clashed at Chelmsford with Rainham batting first. A very poor start to the innings with the top 5 experienced batsman being dismissed with just 42 runs on the board with only Paul Collis remotely doing himself justice adding 19 of these. Young Jack McMahon then showed how to bat on the wicket adding 37 runs before he was bowled in the 40th over. Good support from Kenny Sims 21 and some cameo innings from the lower order batsmen of Brearley, James Mansfield, Alan Aviss and George Light too the Rainham score to a below par score of 142 for 9.

A couple of early wickets from Alan Aviss gave Rainham hope before the 3 and 4 batsmen of Wickham played patient innings to take Wickham to the brink of victory. George Light then broke the partnership with a caught and bowled. Further wickets from James Mansfield and another from Alan Aviss could not prevent Wickham from gaining a well deserved victory and the end to Brearley’s 5 match winning streak.

Saturday 3rd Team

23rd June v Town Malling II – ‘**Mooney’s marvels win at first attempt**’

For the first time in over 20 years we managed to field a first team thanks to Adrian Moon’s efforts in getting a side together. The team consisted of 4 veterans (Sorry Keith) and 6 youngsters. Town Malling batted first and Jamie Adkins Georgie Gough bowled well to restrict Malling to 23 after 10 overs. A brilliant piece of fielding on the boundary by Harry Light lead to a run out and the first Malling wicket. William Emsden bowled a good spell conceding just 30 runs and taking a wicket in his eight over spell. Further wickets from Kieran Howard and braces from Danny Sadai and Jamie Adkins kept Town Malling to 177 for 7 in their 40 overs. A special mention of Keith Light’s immaculate fielding display not letting any runs go by and taking a catch

Openers Adam Savery and Peter Reynolds put on 70 for the first wicket before Reynolds tried and failed to do an impression of Usain Bolt and got himself run out. Adam went on to score 37 before being bowled. A good partnership from Danny Sadai (41) and Adrian Moon (29) followed to set the game up for Harry Light and Kieran Howard to take the 3rds to a 5 wicket victory.



The victorious 3rd XI

Midweek XI

The annual mid week fixture against Nutfield was another enjoyable day out on a picturesque looking ground. Rainham batted first and went about the task in a positive fashion with Tigsy scoring 86, Peter Reynolds 64 and James Fuller a quick fire 55 to take the team total to a more than respectable 280.

Biren and Dipal Patel opened the bowling with Biren taking one wicket and Dipal’s bowling looking very promising. The pick of the bowlers was Steve Jackson taking 2 wickets in his 8 over spell. Other wickets from James Fuller, a run out, Jas Hothi and Dipal could not upstage the champagne moment of the match of Graham Burr’s 1 over spell which consisted of 5 hand grenades followed by a quick one to splatter the Nutfield batsman’s stumps. A valiant effort from Nutfield in reaching 212 could not prevent Rainham from gaining their first ever victory in this mid week annual fixture.,

Sunday 1st Team

3rd June v Gidea Park & Romford – ‘A great day for Bruce’

It looked as though the weather would get the better of everything on the Bruce Adams memorial day without a ball being bowled, but a gap in the rain showers saw the 2 teams take to the field in the re-staging of the 1977 Recorder Cup final between the 2 sides with Rainham starting with 3 players that played in the game with Bruce: Jit Singh, Ian Gibbs Senior and Graham Burr (as a 15 year old). Bruce was named man of the match for taking 5 wickets and scoring 15 runs in this famous win in the history of Rainham CC.



Bruce Adams – a great servant of Rainham & GPR Cricket Clubs

Bruce's son Ian opened the batting for Gidea Park and Romford and immediately struck a flurry of boundaries before Jit Singh rolled back the years dismissing Ian with a good running catch from Ash Foster. Gidea Park continued to score heavily in the first 4 overs until James Fuller's slower ball caught Russ Collard leg before wicket. Rainham then gained confidence in this dismissal and pegged back the GPR scoring rate and continued taking wickets with Jit taking another, Dave Adkins taking 3, Dave Edwards, an impressive spell after many years of inactivity, taking 1 wicket and 2 run outs 1 by Adrian Moon and the best from Alex Sullivan with a direct hit from the boundary. Sunday Captain Jas Hothi took the last wicket with another old boy Steve Edwards taking a diving catch at point and GPR finishing their innings on 136 all out.

Rainham openers Adrian Moon and Ian Gibbs Senior only managed to face one over scoring 5 runs before the weather got the better of everything and everyone retired to the bar to form old acquaintances and raise a glass to Bruce in an enjoyable day that raised over £500 for Cancer Research.

Finally a note from one of Rainham's members from the past, Gerald Setter, a man that played for many years and put in some sterling service as a committee member. 'Many thanks for including me in your newsletters. I regret that I will be unable to attend the first Memorial game for Bruce. He was a great friend over many years and not a bad player. I hope the day goes well and all things being equal will be at Rainham next year'.

10th June v Belhus II – ‘Great turnout for over 35s match’

This over 35s against Belhus proved a great social success with both sets of club members supporting the day. Club President Barry Bumpstead captained the side and the Rainham bowlers got off to a good start with Johnny Wratten, Kenny Sims and Joe Sarro restricting Belhus to 60 for 6 at the half way stage. Some generous bowling from many of the Rainham CC part time bowlers together with some good batting at the end of the Belhus innings took the score to 182.

Dave Adkins looked solid in the Rainham reply taking his score past 50, before being dismissed. A good partnership from Joe Sarro and Ian Gibbs senior undefeated on 64 and batting in the worst of the conditions left Rainham 10 runs short of the required target on a very sociable and enjoyable occasion.

17th June v Sidcup II – ‘Dodgy pitch wins the day’

This was the weekend when the council decided they would take a week off from cutting any strips and it proved to be a poor pitch. Rainham batted first and lost the wicket of Ash Foster to the very first ball of the innings. The only batsmen to remotely make a score on the pitch were Sid Patel (16), Jas Hothi (15) and Harry Light (12) in a dismal score of 72 all out in 30 overs.

The bowlers had to knuckle down in this game and they certainly made Sidcup work for their runs with the pick of the Rainham bowlers being George Gough 1 for 13 and Jamie Adkins 1 for 16. Sidcup finally won by 7 wickets but it took 32 overs to complete the task.

24th June v Upminster III – ‘Have we got any decent batsman!’

This game will be remembered for the comment of the Upminster Captain who mentioned to George Light, after we had lost the early wickets of Adam Savery and Biren Patel 'Have we got any decent batsman? As we want to make a game of this'. Enter Jono and Ash Foster who then went on to put on a partnership of 170 with Jono smashing an unbeaten 97 and Ash also not out on 59 in a total of 173 for 2 in

a restricted 30 overs per side match. In answer to the Upminster Captain I think we can reply 'We may have one or two decent batsmen'.

George Light must have had the cheeky words still ringing in his ears and produced an inspired spell of bowling taking 4 for 18. Dan Elliot and Adam Savery were making their 2012 senior debuts and Dan chipped in with a wicket and a run out and Adam took a couple of spectacular catches with one being described by Captain Jas as one of the best he has ever seen. Rainham took 9 Upminster wickets to win by 23 runs.

Youth Section

Under 15s

10th June v Hornchurch Athletic – 'Gough bowling display not enough'

Rainham fielded first in their first league outing against Hornchurch Athletic who we had previously beaten in a cup match. Opening bowlers Harry Light and George Gough kept it tight keeping Athletic to just 18 runs in the first 7 overs with George also taking 2 wickets with one with a catch from William Emsden. Charlie Gregory came on as second change bowler and took a few balls to find his radar in the first over he has bowled in a number of months. Once the radar was found Charlie chipped in with 2 wickets including the Athletic number 4 who was starting to build an innings. Some good partnerships followed by Athletic as well as a stream of wides to help the Athletic score along. A good spell from William Emsden led to a well deserved wicket with catch from Harry Light at point. George Gough finished his 4 over spell taking another wicket with a sharp catch behind the stumps from Tom Herbert, finishing with the impressive figure of 3 for 6 and Hornchurch ending on 93 for 6 from 20.

Harry Light took on the captain's responsibility and opened the innings but was bowled in the 4th over with only 8 runs on the board. Wickets continued with a mixture of accurate bowling and poor shot selection from the batsmen with only Tom Herbert doing himself justice scoring 15 runs before being bowled behind his legs. William Emsden and Charlie Amato both played well getting forward to pitched up balls before William was run out after a poor call. An entertaining but short innings from Gags Sangu ended the Rainham innings for just 57 runs and a disappointing defeat.

17th June v Upminster 'B' 'Savery and Herbert can't halt Upminster'

A game against any Upminster junior team is always going to be tough and this game proved no exception. Upminster batted first and got off to a good start with many thick edges going to the third man area. George Gough took one wicket for just two wickets in his first 2 overs with Ronnie Jackson assisting with a catch in the covers. Adam Savery took a wicket with his first ball but Upminster continued to pile on the runs reaching 85 from 13 overs. One of the Upminster openers retired on 31 but their middle order continued at the same rate before Dan Rogers took a wicket with a good catch from Sam Bonner. Adam Savery got his 2nd wicket in the 19th over with another catch at mid on from Sam Bonner and then Ronnie Jackson claimed a wicket with a stumping from Tom Herbert off the last ball of the innings and a healthy 131 runs to chase.

Upminster opened with spin and Ronnie was bowled in the first over with a fine delivery that just took the top of off stump. Adam Savery followed without troubling the scorers against some accurate bowling. Tom Herbert top scored for the 2nd week on the trot but was again bowled behind his legs for 10. Sound defence from Harry Light, George Light and Dan Elliot kept the Upminster bowlers at bay for a while before George and Harry were bowled from excellent deliveries. Dan kept his wicket in hand for his 6 not out, but Rainham's innings ended on 42 all out, in an improved overall display from the previous week.

Under 13s

10th June v Hornchurch Athletic – 'Bunn fights to the end'

The 2nd match of the season for the under 13s against a strong Hornchurch Athletic outfit. Rainham were put in to bat and Tyler Bunn was the only batsman to get to grips with the opposition bowling scoring 36 runs from the team total of 57 all out.

In reply Tyler also bowled well taking 2 for 3 to cap a fine all round display which was not enough to prevent Athletic from achieving a 7 wicket victory. Raj Hothi also bowled well taking the other Hornchurch Athletic wicket and ending with figures of 1 for 16.

17th June v Upminster 'B' – **'Manning leads from the front'**

Bradley Manning must love playing against Upminster as he top scored against their C team and also top scored against the B team with 17 value runs in Rainham score of 78 all out chasing Upminster's 102.

Some good bowling from Jamie Eacott and Alex Nichol restricted the Upminster score to 102 in their 20 overs.

Social Events

Luke Burr

The next social night will take place on Saturday 21st July and we are lucky to have a young singer called Luke Burr who won the 'Essex Got Talent' competition in 2010 as well as playing at the O2 Arena in the 'Young and Unsigned' competition final. We are looking to limit the numbers to 60 and it will be £5 entry, paid up front, on a first come first serve basis. Please see the social committee of Graham Thwaites, Jas Hothi, Ash Foster or James Fuller to pay tour money and you wish to attend. Over half the allocation has already been snapped up so please contact your social committee if you do not want to miss out.



Quiz Night

It was good to see a few new faces down the club for another successful quiz night. thanks you go to our Club Chairman Brearley in arranging the quiz and making it an enjoyable and entertaining evening for all those that attended, Dawn Thwaites for working tirelessly behind the bar and Jamie Adkins for scoring and showing strength of character in ignoring all the nagging ladies who questioned some of the answers. The winners on the night were the all ladies team called the 'Reganettes' who beat 'The Numpties' in a tie break question. Highlight of the night was when our club President Barry Bumpstead thought his was the only team to get the Billie Piper question right but was goaded into a false sense of joy when Brearley purposely read out the wrong answer. Better luck next time Bumper!

General News

Annual Subscriptions

By the end of June we would expect all club members to have paid their annual subscriptions of £65 for seniors, £35 for concessions and £30 for juniors. We have never been in a position previously to enforce the 'no pay no play' ruling but with an abundance of players this season those that have paid their annual subs should get preference. To prove this can be done below is a picture of Graham Burr with a look of shock on his face after £65 leaves his bank account and the look of joy from Club Treasurer Joe Sarro knowing this will assist in paying our bills.



School Cricket Tournament

Another great day in the Rainham CC annual cricket tournament with Chafford, Brittons, All Saints and Gaynes taking part. A massive thank you to the Rainham CC volunteers on the day of Sharon Adkins, George Light, Biren Patel, Adrian Moon and Tony Bennett.

In the first game Brittons beat Gaynes by 3 runs. The highlight being 25 not out from Brittons Mitch Gilbert.

The second match Chafford v All Saints match Chafford struggled and made 40 for 9 with James Fox of All Saints taking 3 wickets. Harry Lucock top scored for Chafford with 15. The game ended in a tie thanks to 3 wickets from Chafford's Callum Bennett and 2 wickets from Charlie Puncher and Alfie McGinley. 3 stumpings from Tom Herbert also contributed to the Chafford effort, which Tom credited to his one to one coaching session the previous Monday (Blimey! this must be a top coach who took this session). A bowl off decided the winner with Chafford's Tyler Bunn deciding the tie.

Brittons batted first in the final and Mitch Gilbert top scored again for Brittons but a further 2 wickets from Charlie Puncher restricted Brittons to 46. A good opening partnership from Tom Herbert and Alfie McGinley set up the innings well for Chafford with Tyler Bunn and Harry Lucock taking Chafford home to victory for the 3rd year running in an enjoyable day. Well done to all the Rainham boys that took part especially Charlie Puncher who won the best bowler of the day award with 4 over and 4 wickets conceding just 8 runs.



Mitch Gilbert from Brittons receives the best batsman award



Chafford's winning team



Adrian Moon presents Rainham CCs Charlie Puncher with the best bowler award

Essex Cricket Tickets

The next set of cricket tickets kindly donated by Danny Sadai were awarded to Adam Savery for his performances and overall attitude on the field during the under 15 matches and to Reece Anatol-Liburd for his sporting attitude and sheer joy of playing for the under 13s. Well done to both Adam and Reece and we hope they enjoy their Essex 20/20 matches against Kent and Surrey respectively.

The seniors 20/20 Essex ticket winners were over 25s Adrian Moon for his selfless efforts of managing the under 13s, playing as and when required and putting together and captaining a 3rd XI for the first time in over 20 years. Jon O'Neill was the outstanding candidate in the under 25s category taking a 6 wicket haul to earn a club tie which was just one good bowling display in the month and accumulating many runs, of which the highlight was his 97no on a Sunday against Upminster III. Jono was pushed by George Light who also took many wickets during the month. Well done and well deserved to Adrian and Jono.

Chairman's Notes

First of all I have to comment on the great news that we had 3 Senior Saturday teams for the first time in 25 years, really does show how much the club is growing and it is thanks to all players and members who are all contributing to this effort, We have more 3rd team fixtures this season and hopefully a full calendar next year.



Massive night on the 21st July, Rainham Cricket clubs 1st live concert with an X factor runner up flying in from LA especially for this life performance. Please confirm your attendance ASAP. We will be running a social night each month, with the Quiz being a major success; the concert really does look promising. BTW I have had numerous complaints about the questions in the Quiz night, mainly on 2 counts.

1] Too many questions aimed at female members!

Apologies but I feel the ladies contribute a lot to the club and therefore, Dawn gave me her favourite quiz book to use, aptly titled "Ladies, Shut the noise and get my dinner ready" More questions from this next time!!

2] Masses of letters complaining about the question asking to state what the missing link in human development is. I will state for the last time it ISNT JOE SARRO!!

On to cricketing matters and both league teams have been on great form, winning most matches and really do look good for consecutive promotions. Plus the Sunday side continues to blood young talent under the watchful eye of Jas Hothi. Generally the attitude has been good on and off the field also, with most players contributing in setting up the match and then enjoying the games. Just a point to note here, NOBODY tries to make a mistake, Before we tell them what we think, just try and remind ourselves, what mistakes have we made today ?

One final point is team selection; we are really going to ensure for the 2nd part of the season that players who have paid their annual subscriptions are selected 1st where possible. It may seem like a real pain whine we hassle players about this, but please believe me without these operating funds the club could not exist. Check what you owe and please clear the balance, we can continue to grow the club this way.

I will leave you with 2 profound comments:

1] What is the difference between a fielder and a condom?

The fielder drops a catch and the condom catches a drop.

2] "Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes."

Mahatma Gandhi

See you in the slips!!!!

