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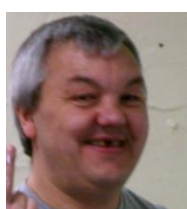
#### **Another Great Night at the Annual Dinner and Dance and Congratulations to Ronnie & Tigsy!**



The perfect end to another cricket season is the Rainham CC annual dinner and dance held at Berwick Manor on 17<sup>th</sup> November. A big thank you to all that made the evening possible namely Graham Thwaites, James Fuller, Ian Havard and Graham Burr (There are probably more and apologies if I have missed you from the thank you). Some of the highlights were Garnet picking up the 1<sup>st</sup> team players award (time keeping was obviously not one of the criteria) for scoring over 500 runs in the league, Harry Light having to hire his Dad's taxi to take his 3 awards home with him, Graham Burr collecting the new BUMPER award for his contribution as 1<sup>st</sup> team vice Captain and finally Adrian Moon for collecting the prestigious Chairman's award for all the good work he has contributed with the youngsters and in Captaining the 3<sup>rd</sup> team. Finally Luke Burr was again at his best singing the night away and keeping the dance floor packed. There is more about all the award winners below.



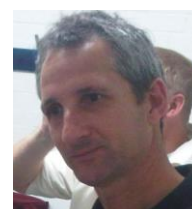
Garnet – 1<sup>st</sup> Team Players  
Player of the year



Adrian Moon – Chairman's  
Award winner



Harry Light – Young player.  
Sunday players' player, Honours  
tie winner and probably a  
BAFTA to come



Graham Burr – a massive  
contribution to the 1<sup>st</sup> team  
vice captaincy role in 2012!

Other good news for the Club this month was Ronnie Jackson progressing through the under 14 Metropolitan Essex trials to the final stages of the full Essex trials and to Paul 'Tigsy' Margiotta for passing his Level 1 Coaching Course. Congratulations to Ronnie and Paul we hope they both progress further in their respective cricket roles.



Paul Margiotta – a great  
addition to our youth coaching



Ronnie Jackson – we all wish  
him the best at his next Essex  
under 14 trials

Last of all have a go at the annual Christmas Quiz below. The committee wish all members a merry Christmas and happy new year

## Playing Update

### Indoor Cricket

4<sup>th</sup> November 2012 'A' Team v Upminster 'A' – **'Sully and Sid Slay Upminster'**

The controversial decision to elect Jono as 'A' team skipper replacing the 'talented' Brearley could have got off to a sticky start against Shepherd and Neame opposition Upminster. Rainham batted first and Sid Patel carried on the same form as he showed a few week previous playing positively and keeping the runs flowing before retiring on 26. A little wobble then followed with Rainham losing the wickets of Ash Foster, James Fuller and Jas Hothi . Alex Sullivan found some early indoor form adding 29 runs and a quick 12 runs from Jono took Rainham to an above average 87 for 5.

Tight bowling and sharp fielding had to be the order of the day and this is certainly what Rainham delivered with Jas Hothi and Jono taking 2 wickets a piece. James Fuller added a wicket and Alex took the final wicket to add to his 'Champagne Moment' of a blistering one handed catch at short cover to dismiss Upminster for just 37 runs and a convincing first win for Captain Jono.

4<sup>th</sup> November 2012 'D' Team v Hornchurch 'B' – **'Promising start for debutants'**

George Gough, William Emsden and Charlie Puncher were all making their indoor debuts with rest of the side being made up by Kieran Howard, Danny Sadai and Captain Peter Reynolds. Rainham lost the toss and were put into bat against a Hornchurch Team of roughly the same age demographic but with a mass more of experience. A tidy first over from Hornchurch's opening bowler Mark James was soon followed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> over by Danny Sadai being caught and bowled by Mitch Gilbert. Kieran Howard was looking comfortable and then was caught on the offside for 3. George Gough and Peter Reynolds put on 20 runs before George was also caught at point for 6. William Emsden did not trouble the scorers and was bowled for Mitch Gilbert's 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket. Another good partnership followed with Charlie Puncher keeping his Captain company, before being caught behind for 1. The innings lasted until the final over until Peter Reynolds was run out for 36 and a team total of 54 all out.

George Gough opened and bowled the first over conceding just 3 runs and Kieran Howard went one better clean bowling the Hornchurch opener and conceding just 2 runs. William Emsden and Charlie Puncher also bowled tidy first overs conceding just 1 and 5 runs respectively to leave Hornchurch behind the run rate on 11 for 1 after 4 overs. The other Hornchurch opener, Lee Gilbert, then started to feel more confident in the next few overs hitting some boundaries including a couple of sixes and retiring on 25, but not before Kieran chipped in with his second wicket with a smart caught and bowled. The next Hornchurch batsman then comfortably scored the required runs in the 8<sup>th</sup> over and promising debuts from William, Charlie and George.

11<sup>th</sup> November 2012 'C' Team v Harold Park – **'Two Light Ales and a Fosters for Fuller please'**

With one win already under their belt the 'C' team were keen to keep up the momentum on a double header Sunday. A team that is full of current Captains could potentially be an uncontrollable beast for 'C' team Captain James Fuller but he had full confidence in his troops and decided to bowl first. Harold Park got off to a good start keeping the runs flowing, but at the same time steadily losing wickets, which were distributed 1 each for Jamie Adkins and James Fuller and surprisingly the 'C' team's previous dodgy keeper Ash Foster taking 3 wickets. George Light finished the innings off with a run out with Harold Park being all out for an above average 86 in just 10 overs.

James Fuller then put further confidence in his young troops by opening the innings with Harry Light and Ash Foster and what an inspirational choice this was as Harry went on to outscore Ash Foster (the Captain put this down to a pre innings pep talk with Harry!), with both batsmen retiring on 29 and 26 respectively. This brought Ian Gibbs Junior to the crease accompanied by George Light and they both kept their wickets in tact to guide the 'C' team to a comfortable 6 wicket victory in just 9 overs.

11<sup>th</sup> November 2012 'C' Team v Noak Hill – **'Easy does it against a weakened Noak Hill'**

After a convincing first game victory the 'C' team wanted to carry on where they left off and were disappointed to find that Noak Hill turned up with 2 players short. The Captain again put in the opposition to bat first and set his bowlers some challenging fields to bowl to and with only 4 batsmen Noak Hill was soon in trouble and were dismissed for a fairly low score.

The Rainham batsmen set about their task in quick fashion losing their first wicket of the day which did not stop the 'C' team from gaining their 3<sup>rd</sup> successive indoor league victory and a 5 wicket win. A great day for the 'C' team as they are looking good early candidates for promotion.

#### 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012 'B' Team v Dagenham Post – **'Controversial dismissal sets the tone'**

Brearley was keen to get a second win of the indoor season under his belt and he got the 'B' team off to a good start before fellow opener Jas Hothi was run out. Kenny Sims then came in and was batting nicely for a quick 10 runs before he light heartedly headed a fielder's throw that was going nowhere near the wicket and the Post bowler appealed for interfering with the field. The umpire asked if Dagenham would withdraw the appeal 'within the spirit of the game' but they refused and Kenny had to go. This set the tone of the overall game. Brearley was the next to be dismissed being run out for 22 followed by Joe for 8 and James Fuller for 6. Last man standing Jono hit 12 runs before being bowled before the 12 overs were bowled for a modest total of 76 all out.

With tensions running high Jono immediately got stuck into the Dagenham openers dismissing one with just 2 runs on the board, but unfortunately it wasn't the 'unsporting appealer'. Further wickets tumbled with Joe adding one and another was a run out but 'unsporting continued to frustrate scoring runs regularly. Kenny chipped in with a couple of late wickets which left 'our friend' as last man standing to add insult to injury to hit the winning runs for his 43 not out and a game that will be remembered for all the wrong reasons. Brearley now stands with 1 win in 3.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> November 2012 'A' Team v Ardleigh Green – **'Rainham Cooked by Green'**

Jono was keen to make an impression against last season's indoor league winners and put Ardleigh Green in first. James Fuller was missing for this game as he had a weekend getting drenched on the golf course and his bowling could be missed, but Ian Havard was a more than worthy replacement with the ball. Ian and Jono opened the bowling and kept it tight but one of the Green openers, Cook, was looking dangerous. Alex Sullivan came on first change and took a wicket after a good catch from Ash Foster. A run out followed in the 6<sup>th</sup> over and Jono bowled their number 4 in the 7<sup>th</sup> over with 50 runs on the board. Two more run out followed in the 9<sup>th</sup> over with 62 runs on the board but with Rainham 3 main bowlers of Ian, Alex and Jono bowled out it was left to Ash Foster and Sid Patel to bowl the last few overs to the destructive Green opening batsman Cook who went on to make 69 not out for a Ardleigh Green total of 108 for 5.

This was a tough ask and was compounded by some tight bowling from Green with Sid not quite finding his form of late and Albi Birchmore scoring freely but then lost his wicket for 11 runs at the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> over. Sid then found some form hitting a 6 and Ash Foster continued to keep the scoreboard ticking over, before Sid was run out for 12, with the score on 32 after 4 overs. A mini collapse followed with Alex being caught for 4 and Jono and Ian losing their wickets without troubling the scorers. Ash was last man standing and top scored with 24 runs before also being caught and Rainham dismissed for 56 against tough opposition.

#### Winter Nets

After a break of a few weeks winter indoor nets will start again on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 7 to 8pm at Champion School. We will be able to use this facility every Thursday from there on in right up to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Please come along and keep your eye in during the off season.

#### Social Events

##### Dinner and Dance

As mentioned above another great night with one of the best attended dinner and dance's for a number of years, with a different format from other years with more player awards and live singing from Luke Burr instead of a Disco. There was also a £100 cash prize raffle with Dawn Thwaites drawing the winning ticket of .....Dawn Thwaites (fiddle I hear you all cry!), but Dawn sportingly chose one of the other prizes and left Dan Skipper to scoop the jackpot. Thank you to Danny Sadai for obtaining some signed Essex CC bats and gloves as some of the raffle prizes

### **The full list of award winners was as follows:**

1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain's Award – Albi Birchmore  
1<sup>st</sup> Team Players Player – Garnet Shallow  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain's Award – Paul Collis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team Players Player – James Mansfield  
Sunday Captain's Award – Jamie Adkins  
Sunday Players Player – Harry Light  
Most Improved Player – Jon 'Jono' O'Neill  
Young Player – Harry Light  
Chairman's Award – Adrian Moon  
Bumper Award – Graham Burr

### **Honours Tie Winners**

Garnet Shallow - 113no and 5 for 12 v Rayleigh II  
Jono – 6 for 27 v Little Baddow II  
Harry Light – 5 for 7 v Newington  
George Light – 5 for 47 v Little Baddow III  
Graham Burr – 100 v ? (many years ago before many of our youth section were born)

Hopefully we will have some photos ready by the time of December's newsletter and the dinner and dance in 2013 will be as successful..

### Tour to Brittany



The cricket tour is back on for 2013 to Des Ormes and will take place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> April as a pre-season warm up. The usual format will probably be the tour itinerary with an overnight Ferry trip from Portsmouth on the Thursday, golf on Friday and Monday and 2 matches against Des Ormes on Saturday and Sunday and finally home on the



ferry on Tuesday. Many other activities will also take place during this time. If you do not want to miss out on an enjoyable time in a lovely part of France and wish to book your place then please see our Club Chairman Graham Thwaites.

### General News

#### Christmas Quiz

This year's Christmas Quiz will again be based around how well you know your club members. There will be a bottle of wine for the one that gets the most right. Please email your answers to [peter.reynolds@romec.co.uk](mailto:peter.reynolds@romec.co.uk) or text 07711-144497 by 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Merry Christmas and good luck.



1. He played football for Dagenham United in his youth
2. Currently plays football for Thurrock FC
3. He loves fishing and going to weddings
4. He is a Teacher and used to play for Horsham CC
5. Former Noak Hill CC player and 'minder'
6. Former Royal Mail employee and Human Resources Guru
7. Number cruncher that works 2 hours per week!
8. Before the 2012 season he was playing his cricket in Kent
9. Former Black Lion Cricketer and modest
10. Former Black Lion Cricketer and boastful
11. Worked in Carnaby Street in his youth
12. Setting his sights on Cambridge
13. The only player to be part of both the Rainham CC squads that won the Gidea Park & Romford 6 a side tournaments in 1998 and 1999
14. The first player to take a 5 for in a 1<sup>st</sup> XI Mid Essex League match for Rainham CC
15. Cheeky little beggar and top under 13 wicket taker in 2011

## Chairman's Notes

Firstly let me thank all those that attended the dinner & dance it really was a cracker and my congratulations to the award winners, very well deserved. Particular thanks must go to Graham Burr who sold 30 plus tickets and received the new "Bumper" award for non services to cricket! Seriously though Graham is a loyal member of the club who takes some stick but realises its meant in good humour and always gives everything to our club, plus is a very popular club member!



Also great to see Channell (Shallow?) win the award! You see bouncers do win trophies!! (Calm down Joe!)

Lots going on and the indoor league has started and good to see some early wins! Many of you will be astounded that I've dropped into the 2s this year, indeed many have said to me;

Jono - "You really are a genius"

Jimbo - " Best indoor batsmen in the league"

Fuller - Never seen such an array of shots"

Jas - "Shabash"

Ash - "Where can I buy your video"

Chairman of Gidea Park - "Can you play next year"

Rainham CC women - " You are a sex God"

But as you all know I HATE attention and have dropped down to encourage the younger players like Ken & Paul Collis to develop!

It seems that a few of you have questioned my nick name "Brearley" and have suggested that as its now my ability with the bat, together with my tactical genius that shines and "Cooky" is a better label; Guys come on stop it its embarrassing me!!

Please have a go at indoor league it takes 1 hour and is great fun, competitive and keeps you in trim for the summer, which once Christmas is over will be coming fast.

On that note let me wish all members a happy & peaceful Christmas and a cricketing new year! You're all part of a special family at the club and long may it continue!

**See you in the winter slips!!**

**Cooky!!**