



## RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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### May 2014 Newsletter

#### **100 up for Goughie, 6 a side Competition Success; Under 13s Off the Mark & Jas Hothi is the New First Team Captain!**

What a hectic month for the club and what a start for the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI in the T-Rippon Mid Essex League with Brearley taking the reigns as Skipper and Georgie Gough, who we all thought would be knocking on the door of a club honours tie with his bowling, pulling a rabbit out of the hat by opening the innings against Rayleigh VI and scoring 109 runs to secure the first club honours tie of the season. Georgie was rewarded with a couple of Essex CCC tickets for a one day game against world T20 champions Sri Lanka. Who was the lucky girl to accompany Georgie to this event!

Another great success was the 6 a side tournament, which was the idea of Jono and we will now be looking to run this as an annual event on the first Bank Holiday in May. We won't say whose team won it, but a little clue is the team was called 'Reynolds Rovers'! This team consisted of Ash Foster, Dan Skipper, Ronnie Jackson, James Clark and the ever enthusiastic Will 'I am too tired to play' Emsden. Will was persuaded to play in the final, after doing all he could to get out of it and was involved in the turning point of the game, as Jono, who had smashed the ball to all four corners of Spring Farm Park in all previous games, faced his first ball, missed a turner and was gratefully stumped by the opposition's fleet handed wicketkeeper. 'Readie's Rangers' were the runners up whose team consisted of Jono, Raj Hothi, Steve Jackson, Harry Light, Jas Hothi and John Read, who was involved in one of the highlights of the day of dismissing 2 of the Patel's in 2 balls. It was good to see John Read back playing down the club he served so loyally over many years.

Keith Light also did a fantastic job on the day of organising a Table Tennis Tournament for the 'Bumper Cup'. The main tournament was won by Biren Patel, beating Rob Holton in the final and Jono completed his day of being an also ran by winning the first round losers plate competition.



Jono collecting his Table Tennis plate medal to go with his 6 a side runners-up medal and I am sure his soon to be Countdown Challenge runners-up slot



Biren being presented with the 'Bumper Cup' with our President and tournament organiser Keith Light



'Essex Boy' Rob Holton just fell short in the final against 'Spin King' Biren

The under 13s made history in gaining our first ever point in the Havering under 13s League with an exciting tie on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May against Hornchurch Athletic. Congratulations to all the boys Jamie Eacott, Nakul Patel, Ben Little, Scott Mansfield, James Clark, Harry Spear, Ben Brindley, Daniel Purton, Raj Hothi, William Grant, Jake Downton and Team Manager Paul Newman.

Last of all the shock resignation of first team captain James Fuller who has lead the team to 2 successive promotions into Division 2 of the T-Rippon Mid Essex League. I am sure the entire club will thank James for his excellent contribution, the development of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI squad, ensuring the youth are given a chance and the excellent communication with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI Captains Ian Gibbs and Graham Thwaites. James will continue to play so we wish him all the success as a Rainham CC player as well as the same success for new First XI Captain Jas Hothi who was voted in at a Club EGM on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Playing Update**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Team**

A mixed month for the first team, who seem to be more at home on our opponents pitch than our own. Excellent away wins at Stock, Herongate and Hornchurch Athletic, which were notable for some big hitting displays from Rob Holton, Jono and Sid Patel and a couple of close defeats at home to top 2 sides Brookweald and Canvey Island. These first few games show that our young 1<sup>st</sup> XI are capable of holding their own in this league and the win was especially good against Hornchurch Athletic for two reasons: The first being its many years since our first XI beat them and the second it was also their very first defeat in T-Rippon mid Essex League after going undefeated last season. Also in the match at Herongate a new club record was set in the T-Rippon Mid Essex League with a massive 393 all out, which surpassed the 325 scored at Ashingdon back in 2010.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

After a good run chase against Eastwood, with Ian Gibbs senior leading the way to victory with 61 not out it was then a tough match against a disciplined Noak Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> XI who bowled 39 overs and conceded a measly 106 runs for 6 wicket, which was notable for no wides being bowled by the opposition. Only Paul Collis got to grips with the bowling scoring 56 not out. Tyler Bunn took 2 wickets as Noak Hill knocked off the runs with 5 overs to spare losing just 3 wickets.

The next match against Willow Herb 2<sup>nd</sup> XI was a lot better performance with Alex Sullivan, 4 for 29, and Johnny Wratten, 2 for 22, being the outstanding bowlers and restricting Herb to 152 runs. The run chase was led by Mickey Clifford and Peter Reynolds as they put on over 100 runs for the second wicket to lead the 2<sup>nd</sup> team to an 8 wicket victory.

On a rain affected match at Stock the Rainham bowlers took charge with Dipal Patel taking 4 wickets and George Light 3 as Stock 3rds were all out for just 42. Joe Sarro was the main run scorer in the 2nds reply with 20 not out on a day where many games were washed out.

### **3rd Team**

A wining start for Brearley with two opening victories at Rayleigh VI and a home win at the 'Minefield' against South Woodham Ferres III. As mentioned earlier in the Newsletter Georgie Gough pulled off the outstanding display of the first week of the league season by scoring a maiden 100.

The lack of the Brearley affect appeared crucial in the home defeat at the 'Minefield' as Goresbrook IV were put into bat scoring a creditable 162 and our 3<sup>rd</sup> XI struggled to 62 all out for their first defeat. One washed out game against Hornchurch Athletic IV was followed by another home match against Thurrock VI. Brearley's presence was again in force against Thurrock IV as the 3<sup>rd</sup> team got back to winning ways mainly down to Tyler Bunn's 5 wicket haul, against his old club and the 100 partnership from Adrian Moon and Georgie Gough.

## **Youth Section**

### **Under 13s**

Well done to the under 13s and new Team manager Paul Newman for putting up a spirited display in our historic first ever Peter Coe Cup match against Buckhurst Hill. Rainham lost the toss and Buckhurst Hill chose to bat, with the highlight being Raj Hothi bowling their Essex under 13 opener. Another highlight was the first wicket by debutant Ben Little. Buckhurst Hill scored 152 runs in their 30 overs and the under 13s scored 109 all out in reply lasting until the 29<sup>th</sup> over with the batting highlights being the opening partnership of Nakul Patel and Jamie Eacott who scored 26 and 15 respectively and put on 45 runs for the first wicket.

The first league match against Hornchurch Athletic was a real nail biter with an excellent bowling display dismissing the opposition for 65 with a brace of wickets each for William Grant, Nakul Patel, Harry Spear and James Clark. Other wicket takers were Raj Hothi and Jamie Eacott.

Harry Spear was not out on 12 at the end and showed a great temperament in staying there from 10 overs after the under 13s were in trouble at 28 for 7 after 11 overs. Fantastic support from Raj Hothi also scoring 12 put Rainham into a position of 15 runs required with 2 overs remaining, but the last wicket fell in the last over for a memorable tied game.

After a washed out match against Kelvedon the next Peter Coe Cup match was against Billericay at Spring Farm Park. Rainham lost the toss and some excellent bowling from the Billericay openers saw the early dismissals of Jamie Eacott, Samuel Dennis and James Clark with only 10 runs on the board. Another good partnership from Harry Spear and Raj Hothi took the score to 30 runs before Harry mistimed one and was caught at Square Leg. Scott Mansfield showed some spirited defence before being caught behind as Rainham were dismissed for 46 runs in 19 overs.

Rainham ensured Billericay had to work hard for their runs as an excellent bowling spell from Jamie Eacott earned him a deserved wicket, with the other wicket taker being debutant Kyvanvir Lehal as Billericay reaching their target in 16 overs.

### **Under 15s**

We had to concede the cup match against Hornchurch Athletic as we declared over age players but still played a friendly instead. Hornchurch Athletic scored 97 for 6 with wickets being shared by Abdul Altaf, Umer Ellahi, Bradley Manning and Ronnie Jackson which was well supported by a good fielding display.

Great knocks from Openers Ronnie Jackson (45) and Alex Nichol (25) were the back bone of innings for a 3 wicket victory with 3 overs to spare.

### **Under 16s**

The joint team of Rainham and Goresbrook has been a real success with all the boys gelling well and gaining victory in their first Matchplay cup game against Writtle. The Rainham boys certainly played their part in this match with Charlie Puncher and Ronnie Jackson taking 4 wickets each (including a hat-trick for Ronnie) and a spell of 8 overs for 3 runs from Tyler Bunn.

In difficult batting conditions good contributions from Ronnie, Tom Herbert, Charlie Puncher, Bradley Manning and Tyler Bunn managed to get the under 16s just over the line for a 2 wicket victory.

A loss against Old Parkonians by 6 wickets followed in the next group match with the highlights being Joe Attfield taking a caught and bowled and some excellent fielding including a great run out from Bradley Manning.

The combined team then took on High Roding at May and Baker with the opposition being put into bat and some excellent early bowling from Ronnie Jackson taking 1 wicket for 2 runs from 6 overs and Tyler Bunn also taking a wicket with a smart catch from Tom Herbert. Charlie Puncher also got into the wicket taking habit with the High Roding batsman edging one to Tyler Bunn in the slips. All was in vain at the game was abandoned with High Roding on 116 for 4 after 30 overs.

The under 16s final group match will be against Basildon on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Under 11**

After a couple of disappointing cancelled games it now looks like all systems go for Jay Downton's under 11 at home against Goresbrook on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm, so please give Jay as much support and help as possible as the under 11s play their first ever Havering Youth League match.

## May Star Performers

<b>Batting</b>	<b>Bowling</b>
Sid Patel 119 v Herongate I	Tyler Bunn 5 for 22 v Thurrock IV
Georgie Gough 109 v Rayleigh IV	Charlie Puncher 4 for 12 v Rayleigh VI
Sid Patel – 93 not out v Stock II	Dipal Patel 4 for 15 v Stock III
Peter Reynolds - 87 not out v Willow Herb II	Alex Sullivan 4 for 29 v Willow Herb II
John O' Neill 70 v Herongate I	George Light 3 for 20 v Stock III

## Social Events

### Countdown Challenge – Who Can Beat Jono? & England's World Cup Countdown – 14<sup>th</sup> June

The next rearranged social event will take place on Saturday 14th June at 8pm and is something new for Rainham CC 'The Countdown Challenge: Who can beat Jono?' Where teams of 3 or 4 take on single handed Jono in one round of Countdown. Any team that beats Jono will receive a prize. Please start thinking about getting your team together to prove that Jono isn't the King of Countdown. As usual friends and family are welcome, so please let Peter Reynolds know if you wish to put a team together. This will also be used as a club open day with food being provided courtesy of Waitrose and as a Countdown to England's World Cup campaign with the England v Italy game being screened down the club at 11pm. This promises to be a night not to be missed.



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### Golf Day Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014

The Rainham CC Golf Day at Stock Brook Manor was again a very enjoyable day, but there was a disappointing turn out of just 7 club members taking part. If this event is not attended by more club members in future then it is likely to be cancelled. On a more positive note the team of James Fuller, Martin Grady and Rob Holton won the morning team event after a 3 way tie on 28 points but won on count back. In the afternoon 3<sup>rd</sup> team Skipper Graham Thwaites came 3<sup>rd</sup>, guest Martin Grady took some further prizes by finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and the resounding overall winner of 40 points (BANDIT! I hear you all cry) was Paul Collis.

## General News

### Official Net Opening Day – Further Photos

Again thank you to Matthew Smith, Peter Allen and Jason Downton for all the photos provided on the net opening day on 19<sup>th</sup> April. Further photos below.



Bradley Manning and Ben Brindley practicing in the nets



Brearley teaching Rob Key how to 'Nurdle'



Joe Attfield under the watchful eye of Graham Smith



Under 11s Kvanvir Lehal, Charlie Vickers, Jake Downton, Raj Hothi and Thomas Chaplin





Under 13s Harry Spear, James Clark, Ben Brindley and Samuel Dennis all looking pensive before the net session



Rob Key during his excellent Q & A



Bumper breaks out into a song during the ribbon cutting duties!

### **Well Done Gibbo!**

During the match against Stock 3<sup>rd</sup> XI on 24<sup>th</sup> May, the Stock Captain, Dan Porter, took time to send a thank you note to our Club Chairman Danny Sadai for the way 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Skipper Ian Gibbs lead the team on the day, see below Well done to Gibbo for ensuring the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI conducted themselves in the right during this fixture.

*'I am not normally one to sing out needless praise, but a note to say cheers to your 2nd XI today. We only had 10 players including 7 youngsters, and despite your guys thrashing us, your lads played it spot on. Not only that, you had to lend us wicket keeping gear and put up with a very poorly written scorebook from our side, so apologies to your team for not knowing their correct bowling figures, this is not acceptable from our side and as a Stock member I feel responsible for this farce. Hopefully we can turn it around but please send my regards to your 2s skipper at your next committee meeting'.*

### **Havering Boys & Girls Kwik Cricket Tournaments**

We were asked to host the this annual tournament by the Havering Sports Collective and I think we done ourselves proud with brilliant support from Sharon Adkins, Steve Jackson, Ashley Foster, Jason Downton and George Light. Twelve junior schools took part with the overall winners being Engayne who will represent Havering in the Essex Tournament and the runners-up, (not Jono this time!) Upminster Primary, who will be representing Havering at the London Youth Games. The standard of cricket from Engayne was excellent with all the Rainham CC Coaches being mightily impressed with their discipline and execution in the field, which is a standard all at Rainham CC should aspire to.

On 5<sup>th</sup> June we will be hosting the Havering Girls Kwik Cricket Junior School Tournament so volunteers will also be required for this day as well.

### **Rainham CC Kwik Cricket Tournament – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Our second annual Rainham CC Kwik Cricket Tournament will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 10am to 3pm., where Newton's will be looking to defend the cup they won in 2013. As usual we will be looking for volunteers to help with setting up, umpiring duties and just general organisation on the day. Other schools currently confirmed are Brady, La Salette, Parsonage Farm, Rainham Village and Whybridge. Club Sponsor's London Riverside BID will also be sponsoring the tournament by providing medals to the winners and runners up.

As usual please contact Peter Reynolds if you wish to help out on 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> June, as it will be very rewarding as these days are extremely enjoyable.

### **Rainham CC - Shirts, Sweaters, Caps & Trousers**

After some favourable feedback on the new club shirts, trousers and sweaters I have received a few enquiries for more. As this is a task that can be fairly time consuming new orders will not be taken until the end of this cricket season, so please let Peter Reynolds know if you require some new kit for the 2015 season. We received some further funding from the London Riverside BID for the last batch, which contributed to a good discount for all those that requested new kit. We cannot guarantee our sponsors will do the same next season so below are the full prices.

- Shirts £15
- Shirts with name on the back £18.50
- Jumpers £22
- Slipovers £20
- Trousers £16
- Caps £8.50

### **Tea Ladies/Gents Required**

We are still looking for volunteers to cover the following dates for Tea Lady/Gents duties, so if anyone interested please contact Jas Hothi on 07794-949771 or myself on 07711-144497. Tea Ladies/Gents receive a payment of £70 which also includes the cost of the tea. As usual any volunteering at the club is accepted with a massive thank you from all club members.

- 21<sup>st</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 16<sup>th</sup> August

### **Chairman's Notes**

The first thing I would like to say this month is how much I would like to pay thanks to James Fuller, who has had a very big impact on getting the Club to the position we are in now, both on the playing field and off and it is with regret I say thank you, for everything, including conning me to join the club and "just play".

I'm sure everyone involved with the club will echo my thought and thanks but without dwelling on the past too much, I'm sure everyone wants to thank and offer their full support to our new Club Captain, Jas Hothi, who I believe took the job thinking a Club Tie was part of the deal, sorry mate you've still got to earn it!!!

What a great start to the season by all the teams representing the Club at all levels and more pleasing is seeing how many of the youngsters, playing in the adult sides, have been bought through the ranks by Peter & his merry band of volunteer coaches and how well they have adapted to the higher demands of adult cricket. If anyone can give up any free time to help Peter in any way on a Monday night with the youth training, please come along or contact Peter, I'm sure he will be very grateful and find you a role you will be able to help with.

The only thing left to update you on is that although the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 game was called off, the 1's & 3's both had good victories, to help them maintain their good starts to the season and you have all read the comments from the Stock 3's side, congrats to Gibbo and all the 2's that week, what a great credit to the club, THANKS!!!

Congrats and thank you to all those that were involved in and supported the 6 a side & the table tennis tournaments last month, great effort.

That's all from me, good luck to all the youth section who have games approaching fast & furious and hope that all the adult league sides can either continue or improve on their good start to the season.

Have a great month

Danny S

