



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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Unexpected Promotions & Club EGM



First of all happy New Year to all club members and parents, which has got off to a marvellous start with the unexpected promotions of the 2nd and 3rd teams to Divisions 7 and 11 respectively. This is due to the restructuring of leagues with some teams coming in and others leaving and this is good news to the club as we need to ensure our teams play in leagues as near as possible to each other so any promotions of players into higher teams will ensure the jump is not too big. The efforts of Gibbo and Brearley were not in vain during 2014, so well done to both in ensuring the club continues to progress. Let's make it another good season with all 3 teams ensuring they are in the mix of promotion in all 3 divisions in 2015.

Another important date in the New Year will be an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Wednesday 7th January at 7.30pm down the club, to ensure we have all our committee and Captaincy roles fully covered for the season. These are very important roles and anyone that wishes to put something back into the club should put their name forward as a nominee for one of the following positions:

- 2nd Team Captain
- Club Treasurer
- Bar Treasurer
- Bar Manager
- Grounds Manager

Any assistance required in anyone wishing to take these roles will be given so if anyone wishes to know some further detail of the role then the full job descriptions can be found on the rainhamcc website at the following link.

<http://www.rainhamcc.co.uk/AboutUs.aspx?Section=Documents>

This also gives us another opportunity to thank Joe Sarro, Ian Gibbs and Ash Foster for the great work they have put in covering these roles over the last few seasons and I am sure they will also assist in giving any hints and tips in carrying out these roles to anyone that wishes to stand. Please ensure any nominations are put in writing to Club Secretary Jono (text will suffice) by Friday 2nd January. Jono can be contacted on 07908-474929 or jjoneill4@gmail.com

Indoor Playing Update

'A' Team – Tyler Shines in Nail Biter

14th December v Ardleigh Green – After an undefeated start of one win and a tie Brearley's super 6 were determined to keep their unbeaten run against indoor specialist Ardleigh Green. Rainham put Ardleigh Green into bat with all the bowlers doing a decent job with 'A' team debutant Tyler Bunn also taking a wicket. A few mix ups in the field prevented some further Green wickets as the classy opposition posted a healthy 93 runs.

This was tough run chase as all the batsmen contributed, but a steady stream of wickets ensured Green had the upper hand. This was looking to go the opposition's way until Tyler took control as the last man standing with 30 runs required from the last 3 overs. Tyler batted superbly to ensure only 5 runs were needed with 2 balls to spare. Tyler timed one sweetly and the runs had to be taken, but some swift fielding from one of The Green fieldsman ran Tyler out just 4 runs short of the required target, as Tyler top scored with 31 runs.

'B' Team – Jas Top of the Tree at Christmas

7th December v Noak Hill Taverners – two wins out of two for Jas's 'B' team to date and he was determined not to fall at the final hurdle before Christmas as the 'C' team had done the previous week. Rainham bowled first and continued their consistent form with the ball of restricting the opposition to less than 70 runs an innings by dismissing Taverners for just 62. The wickets were shared by Dan Skipper, Charlie Puncher, Tyler Bunn and Jas, to add to a run out from Charlie.

Nerves played their part in the run chase, but Ronnie Jackson and Tom Herbert more than made their contribution with 29 not out and 15 respectively. Dan Skipper kept a cool head in the closing stages as wickets started to tumble. Although just scoring 3 not his experience was invaluable in steering the 'B' team to a 2 wicket victory and their 3rd successive victory to remain equal top with Dagenham Post.

'D' Team – Charlie & Brad Stand Firm

7th December v Old Gaynes 'B' – another tough game for the 'D' team as they took on unbeaten Old Gaynes 'B' team. Joe Attfield bowled a tidy first over and then Abdul shook up Old Gaynes by taking a wicket with his very first ball by bowling their opener. Gaynes then continued to build the runs with their other opener retiring on 25. A caught and bowled from Charlie and then another from Bradley Manning kept Gaynes to 71 for 3 from 9 overs. Some big hitting by Gaynes in the last 3 overs ensured they took their score to 114 for 4 from 12 overs.

This was a tough run chase and Umer Ellahi and Charlie Puncher took on the responsibility of opening the innings. Umer fell in the first over for 2 runs and the Charlie and Bradley batted until the 8th over taking their scores to 21 and 20 before they were both dismissed in consecutive overs. Danny Sadai scored a few before being out caught and bowled going for a 6. Abdul and Joe ensured the 'D' team were not bowled out as they both kept their wickets intact for 6 and 8 runs and final total of 64 for 4.

If anyone would like to follow the progress of our 4 indoor teams then the weblink below will assist <http://www.essexindoorcricket.com/havering/>

Club & Youth – Winter Indoor Nets at Campion School

Just a reminder that winter nets commences again on Thursday 8th January 2015 at Campion School with the juniors starting at 7pm and the seniors at 8pm. Attendance was excellent prior to Christmas from both players and coaches, so let's continue with this in the new year.

Social Events

Club Social Events 2015

The dates and most of the themes have been set for our 2015 social events. The Saturday dates have been set based on a 2 teams playing at home and the other Saturday side playing fairly near. The theme for Saturday 27th June has yet to be set, so any ideas would be more than welcome.

The date for the dinner and dance has yet to be set and once a venue has been sorted out the date will be set. We will be looking to get back down the Manor again in 2015, so it will be closer to home for those attending.

- Sunday 3rd May – inter club 6 a side & table tennis tournaments
- Saturday 30th May - Quiz night
- Saturday 27th June - To be decided
- Saturday 25th July - Darts and pie and mash night
- Sunday 30th August - Presidents day
- ? November – Dinner and dance

General News

T-Rippon Mid-Essex Fixtures 2015

As mentioned at the start of the Newsletter the 2nds and 3rd have been promoted to Divisions 7 and 11 respectively and all 3 teams fixtures are below. As usual there are some nice fixtures and places to visit for all 3 teams. The dates highlighted in yellow will be club social nights, further details stated above.

Division 2	First XI		
Date	Home	v	Away
02-May	Rainham 1	v	South Weald 1
09-May	Springfield 2	v	Rainham 1
16-May	Rainham 1	v	Hornchurch Athletic 1
23-May	Havering atte Bower 1	v	Rainham 1
30-May	Rainham 1	v	Rayleigh Fairview 1
06-Jun	Writtle 1	v	Rainham 1
13-Jun	Rainham 1	v	Great Waltham 1
20-Jun	Rainham 1	v	Rayleigh 2
27-Jun	Little Waltham 1	v	Rainham 1
04-Jul	South Weald 1	v	Rainham 1
11-Jul	Rainham 1	v	Springfeild 2
18-Jul	Hornchurch Athletic 1	v	Rainham 1
25-Jul	Rainham 1	v	Havering atte Bower 1
01-Aug	Rayleigh Fairview 1	v	Rainham 1
08-Aug	Rainham 1	v	Writtle 1
15-Aug	Great Waltham 1	v	Rainham 1
22-Aug	Rayleigh 2	v	Rainham 1
29-Aug	Rainham 1	v	Little Waltham 1

Division 7	Second XI		
Date	Home	v	Away
02-May	Ongar 1	v	Rainham 2
09-May	Rainham 2	v	Mountnessing 1
16-May	Woodham Mortimer 2	v	Rainham 2
23-May	Rainham 2	v	Navestock AG 1
30-May	Danbury 1	v	Rainham 2
06-Jun	Rainham 2	v	Great Wakering 1
13-Jun	Bentley 3	v	Rainham 2
20-Jun	Eastwood 2	v	Rainham 2
27-Jun	Rainham 2	v	South Weald 2
04-Jul	Rainham 2	v	Ongar 1
11-Jul	Mountnessing 1	v	Rainham 2
18-Jul	Rainham 2	v	Woodham Mortimer 2
25-Jul	Navestock AG 1	v	Rainham 2
01-Aug	Rainham 2	v	Danbury 1
08-Aug	Great Wakering 1	v	Rainham 2
15-Aug	Rainham 2	v	Bentley 3
22-Aug	Rainham 2	v	Eastwood 2
29-Aug	South Weald 2	v	Rainham 2

Division 11	Third XI		
Date	Home	v	Away
02-May	Rainham 3	v	Great Baddow 4
09-May	Thurrock 4	v	Rainham 3
16-May	Rainham 3	v	No game
23-May	Wickham 2	v	Rainham 3
30-May	Rainham 3	v	Navestock AG 2
06-Jun	Little Baddow 3	v	Rainham 3
13-Jun	Rainham 3	v	Great Totham 3
20-Jun	Goresbrook 4	v	Rainham 3
27-Jun	Rainham 3	v	Bentley 4
04-Jul	Great Baddow 4	v	Rainham 3
11-Jul	Rainham 3	v	Thurrock 4
18-Jul	No game	v	Rainham 3
25-Jul	Rainham 3	v	Wickham 2
01-Aug	Navestock AG 2	v	Rainham 3
08-Aug	Rainham 3	v	Little Baddow 3
15-Aug	Great Totham 3	v	Rainham 3
22-Aug	Rainham 3	v	Goresbrook 4
29-Aug	Bentley 4	v	Rainham 3

Once the Sunday league and friendly fixtures have been finalised they will be published in the newsletter.

Under 13s – Peter Coe Cup Fixtures 2015

This season the under 13s have been drawn in group 2 and face seven new teams. As usual we expect this to be strong opposition all round, which should benefit our youngsters in the long run. The teams in our group are Springfield, Stanstead Hall & Elsenham, Coggeshall, Saffron Walden, Fives & Heronians, Woodford Green and Ilford which also means some nice venues to play. Dates and venues for the fixtures below:

Monday 4th May – Away at Springfield

Sunday 10th May – Home v Stanstead Hall & Elsenham

Sunday 17th May – Away at Coggeshall

Sunday 7th June – Away at Saffron Walden

Sunday 14th June – Home v Fives & Heronians

Sunday 28th June – Home v Woodford Green

Sunday 26th July – Away at Ilford

The Havering League fixtures for the under 11s, 13 and 15s will not be known until mid-February and we are hoping the under 16 Matchplay fixtures will be known in January.

Rainham CC Club Shirts

Peter Reynolds will be taking orders for new club shirts. There will be a nominal fee of just £4 per shirt which includes the embroidered club badge and London Riverside BID sponsors logo. The normal price is £16, so a significant discount and it would be good to see all youth and senior team members wearing the official club shirts in all competitive matches next season.

Please let me know if you would like a shirt or any other Rainham CC kit such as trousers (£16), jumpers (£22) or slip overs (£20). Depending on how many shirts are ordered there is a possibility of some discount on these items as well. This year I will be taking money up front, so please let me know by the 8th February 2015 what your requirements will be, as I will not be taking any more orders after that date. I can be contacted on 07711-144497. Below is Will Emsden wearing one of the club shirts and further below a photo of our Chairman in a club jumper.



Nat West Cricketforce Weekend– 28th & 29th March 2015

Even at this early stage of the season we need to start planning for the pre-season tidy and general spruce up of the club to ensure it look at its best ready for cricket, so please keep these days free in your diary to give a hand even if it just for an hour or 2. Duties that are likely to take place will be repainting the changing rooms, repaint the outside, clean up the outdoor net area, tidy and de-weed the rear of the club house, repaint the interior, plasterboard and repaint the equipment store room and install new guttering.



We will be hoping to obtain the assistance from Havering Construction College volunteers again and a free skip from Veolia. If anyone has any other ideas or know of any local business that would like to assist with some free donations or volunteers then please contact the committee.

Other things we are very hopeful of having in place during the 2015 season are new patio doors and a new carpet. Keep reading the newsletters for further updates on our clubhouse facilities.

2015 Predictions

As in previous seasons I will attempt to make some predictions for the 2015 season, which will be reviewed as to how well I have done once the season finally comes to a close at the end of October.

Indoor A Team to finish top 3 (4/1)	Indoor B Team to win Division 2 (3/1)	Indoor D Team to win 2 matches (5/1)	Indoor C Team to finish top 2 (3/1)
Saturday 1 st team to finish top 3 (5/1)	Saturday 2 nd Team to be promoted (7/1)	Saturday 3 rd Team to be promoted (9/1)	Sunday team to double the number of league victories (7/1)
Under 11s to finish top 4 in Havering League (4/1)	Under 13s to win 2 Peter Coe cup matches (5/1)	Under 15s to win 2 Havering League matches (6/1)	Under 16s to progress to second stages of matchplay (4/1)
Brearley to score a league 50 (200/1)	Jas to earn a club tie (25/1)	Ronnie Jackson to score a 1 st team league 50 (4/1)	Alex Sullivan to score 400 league runs (10/1)
Tyler Bunn to take 20 league wickets (5/1)	Biren Patel to take 20 league wickets (4/1)	Charlie Puncher to earn a club tie (20/1)	Tom Herbert to take over 15 wicket keeping victims (7/1)

I'll be happy to get half of these predictions correct, as it will mean we'll have had a great season. Let's see how they compare to the Chairman's predictions and wishes for 2015 below.

Chairman's Notes.

Happy new year all and as I always say once New Year passes it's countdown for the season.

Lots and lots to look forward to, but the first meeting and the EGM are critical. One thing that is often overlooked is the cooperation and dynamic between the skippers. Some clubs end up as 3 separate teams competitive with each other. Rainham have maintained a fantastic environment and this was largely due to Fuller, Gibbo and Jas working with the new 3s to ensure all teams get what's needed for the welfare of the club. That's the key, as ideally as we look for a new 2s skipper we can maintain this momentum.



Indoor has been superb so far with all teams doing well. This bodes well for 2015.

My targets for 2015.

- 1) To find a new microchip for Pete's Knee.
- 2) Give Paul Collis the sporting award for 2015.
- 3) To get the Patel clan to play every week.
- 4) To remove Bumpers passport so he can't travel.
- 5) Get a picture on the clubhouse wall of Del Boy smiling.
- 6) Get a picture on the clubhouse wall of Jas with a club tie.
- 7) Turn Johnny Wratten into a Collingwood style point fielder.
- 8) Work out who is the better "Light" Cricketer.
- 9) Try and start a 4th eleven to give Keith Light a game.
- 10) Forget petty squabbles and integrate former captains back into the club.
- 11) Meet Garnet at the airport in April.
- 12) Wave goodbye to Jay Downton at the same terminal.
- 13) Encourage Kenny to talk more as he was very withdrawn last season.
- 14) Give Mike Clifford a watch so he knows the length of each game.
- 15) Send out a St Bernard for Tiggsy.
- 16) See Burrsey get into double figures.
- 17) See if Ash Foster can hold a committee position for 12 hours.
- 18) Give Jono the 2nd most intelligent Cricketer award.
- 19) Watch Alex bowl a "Stock" delivery.
- 20) Become a coffin bearer at Arsene Wenger's funeral and enjoy a drink with Jurgen Kropp at the wake.

Have a great New Year and see you at the club for an early bevvy.

Brearley

