



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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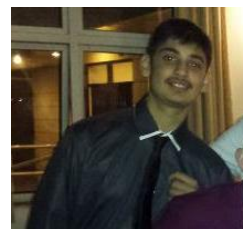
Early Season Club Honours Ties for Jas & Umer

The first two early season friendlies saw an assault on the presentation of club honours ties at the club dinner and dance as Jas and Umer gained their honours in spectacular fashion. Jas started the proceedings, not by scoring runs or even causing the runs, but he achieved it with the ball against Noak Hill taking 5 for 9 to give Rainham the upper hand in the first innings with a display of raw talent and certainly didn't chicken out with a brave bowling line. Jas has been at the club nearly 10 years and constantly gets ribbed at the dinner and dance about not having earned a club honours tie, so it was a real relief for him as he quoted 'I am pleased to get that monkey off my back.' Unfortunately for Jas this monkey (or was it a chicken?) returned with a vengeance as he plucked up the courage to do the teas the following week and dished up a 'chicken surprise, with the surprise being it was uncooked and all participants in the game later suffered the consequences! Jas is a good egg, so let's hope no one will remind him of this mishap.

The 'chicken surprise' seemed to be an inspiration for Umer 'Afridi' Ellahi as he bowled a spectacular spell of spin against Eastwood in the second friendly of the season taking 5 for 16 to wrap up the innings for a 76 run victory. Umer also batted well at the end of the Rainham innings to cap a good day all round. Umer then quoted 'Will we be having chicken again next week?'



Jas 'Jamie Oliver' Hothi – the first club honours tie recipient of 2015 with 5 for 9 v Noak Hill



Umer Ellahi – makes a claim for promotion in the Saturday teams after his 5 for 16 v Eastwood

Well done to Jas and Umer and let's hope we continue to report on some impressive individual displays in match winning performances in future newsletters.

Playing Update

1st Team

Three friendlies for 1st XI against Noak Hill, Eastwood and Goresbrook has been a real morale booster for the squad and captain Jas, who lead by example against Noak Hill taking his first ever 5 wicket haul for the club and ensure the club Chairman leaves him alone at the annual dinner and dance for not having a club honours tie. Also a good start from opening batsman Alex Sullivan scoring 40s against Noak Hill and Eastwood.

Impressive starts from youngsters Umer Ellahi taking 5 for 16 against Eastwood, Charlie Puncher 3 for 15 against Noak Hill and Tyler Bunn bowling impressively in all 3 matches taking 4 wickets in all for next to nothing.

The match against a strong Goresbrook was especially a morale booster on a Spring Farm pitch that played lively to say the least with Jono and Nikhil Patel being almost unplayable and keeper Lee Carter having to be at his best to prevent the ball flying over his head off the lively Spring Farm Park pitch. Lee also batted well with Jas to steer victory as Goresbrook tried to claw their way back defending just 141 runs from their 40 overs.

Next is the first league match at home against South weald and it will be interesting to see how our pitch plays in this match.

2nd Team

Only one friendly for the 2nd XI which was played at the nice venue of Abridge as a mix of the youngsters of the club and the old fellows took to the pitch to take on the might of Abridge.

As Gibbo felt he had a lack of full time bowlers he decided to put the opposition in and ensure everyone had a bowl. Steve Jackson and Abdul Altaf opened the bowling and kept it tight and then Hari Patel came on at first change and took the first 2 Abridge wickets. As Abridge started to get some momentum Gibbo then made the decision to bring on Peter Reynolds to bowl and try and exercise the demons of 5 years previous of when he last bowled in a match at this ground when he was smashed to all 4 corners of the ground. Gibbo had the inspirational idea of doing the complete opposite of Brearley (Captain of this previous match), to bowl Reynolds from the other end. This instantly paid dividends as Reynolds bowled the Abridge opening batsman just before he reached 50 and then took another wicket in an eventful first over. Two more wickets followed for Reynolds in the next couple of overs to leave Abridge on 67 for 6 as Reynolds ended his 8 over spell with 4 for 25. Abridge then rallied to end their innings on 169 for 9 as Umer Ellahi took 2 wickets and Bradley Manning 1 wicket.

Hari Patel and Peter Reynolds opened the innings and were cautious at the start as the Abridge opening spinner was bowling accurately and was rewarded with the early wickets of Hari and Danny Sadai to leave Rainham reeling on 8 for 2. Bradley Manning then came to the crease and played an excellent inning scoring 28 runs to leave Rainham on 90 for 2 at the half way stage. Bradley was then out just after the drinks break, shortly followed by Brearley run out for 1. Steve Jackson ensured the momentum of Rainham's innings continue, as opener Reynolds was the next man out for 56 leaving Rainham on 120 for 5 with 12 overs remaining. This looked a winnable position, but Abridge then brought back their opening spinner to take the wickets of Steve and Mickey Clifford. Gibbo, Abdul and Umer did their best to scramble some runs at the end, but Gibbo eventually ran out of partners with Rainham 10 runs short of their target in a good warm up match prior to the league season as all Rainham players had a bat and bowl.

Next up is the first league match away to Ongar.

Social Events

6 a Side Cricket & Table Tennis Tournaments – Sunday 3rd May

In a busy month in the Rainham Cricket Club social calendar the first event kicks off with an inter club 6 a side and table tennis tournaments on 3rd May commencing at 12 midday

If anyone from under 13s, seniors and veterans wishes to play in the 6 a side tournament then please contact Jono on 07908-474929 as Reynolds Rovers will be keen to defend their inter club 6 a side title as will Biren Patel the current holder of the Bumper Table Tennis Trophy. If anyone wishes to play in the table tennis tournament, open to club members and parents, but likely to have a 32 player restriction, then please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497. This year there will also be a separate Table Tennis tournament for the under 14s with a trophy for the winner. A barbeque will be available on the day as well as the bar being open from midday to late in the evening. For all those not playing Cricket the following day (Under 13s Peter Coe Cup match and under 16s matchplay), you'll have the following day bank holiday to give yourself time to recharge your batteries.

Golf Day at The Burstead – Wednesday 27th May

This year's golf day will be played at a new venue to Rainham CC at The Burstead Golf Course on Wednesday 27th May. The cost will be £39 and will include the following:

- Breakfast: 08.45am Coffee & bacon roll
- Tee time: 09.44am – 9 holes (team competition)
- Lunch: 12.15pm – Ham, egg & chips
- Tee Times: 1.20pm – 18 holes (individual competition)
- Prizes



As usual there will be a £10 non-refundable deposit required to book your place. This is an enjoyable day so please feel free to bring along any family and friends. I am sure Paul Collis will be keen to defend his title and amass another 40 Stapleford points (bandit!) in the individual afternoon 18 holes competition (photo of Paul collecting his prizes last year). Please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 to book your place and pay your deposit.

Quiz Night – Saturday 30th May

To end the month there will be a Quiz Night down the club on Saturday 30th May, which will probably be six various rounds of 10 questions, with an opportunity to play your joker, on the round you feel will be your strongest subject, which will ensure you receive double points for this round. This will be hosted by our entertaining Chairman Graham (Nick, Brearley Cookey) Thwaites.

Please bring your family and friends to take on the brains of Rainham CC in what is traditionally an enjoyable night and a cheap bar.

General News

Wicket Rota

After the first home match at Spring Farm Park where the pitch played very lively, it is important that we try and maintain our wicket as best we possibly can. We are now missing the excellent work in previous seasons of Ash Foster in maintaining the wicket, so it important that the volunteers of Charlie Puncher, Bradley Manning, Umer Ellahi, Abdul Altaf, ian Gibbs, Graham Burr and Jay Downton are given as much encouragement as possible as we all have a hard act to follow in ensuring our pitch plays consistently.

Below is the existing rota, but if anyone else wishes to volunteer to help with the pitch then please feel free to let one of the committee know that you are willing to do so.

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>What to do.</i>		<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>What to do.</i>
		(WEATHER DEPENDING)				(WEATHER DEPENDING)
21/04/2015	BRADLEY MANNING	WATER & ROLL		23/04/2015	JASON DOWNTON	ROLL
28/04/2015	CHARLIE PUNCHER	WATER & ROLL		30/04/2015	PETE REYNOLDS	ROLL
05/05/2015	UMER ELLAHI	WATER & ROLL		07/05/2015	GRAHAM BURR	ROLL
12/05/2015	ABDUL ALTAF	WATER & ROLL		14/05/2015	JASON DOWNTON	ROLL
19/05/2015	BRADLEY MANNING	WATER & ROLL		21/05/2015	PETE REYNOLDS	ROLL
26/05/2015	CHARLIE PUNCHER	WATER & ROLL		28/05/2015	IAN GIBBS	ROLL
02/06/2015	UMER ELLAHI	WATER & ROLL		04/06/2015	PETE REYNOLDS	ROLL
09/06/2015	ABDUL ALTAF	WATER & ROLL		11/06/2015	GRAHAM BURR	ROLL
16/06/2015	BRADLEY MANNING	WATER & ROLL		18/06/2015	JASON DOWNTON	ROLL
23/06/2015	CHARLIE PUNCHER	WATER & ROLL		25/06/2015	PETE REYNOLDS	ROLL
30/06/2015	UMER ELLAHI	WATER & ROLL		02/07/2015	IAN GIBBS	ROLL
07/07/2015	ABDUL ALTAF	WATER & ROLL		09/07/2015	PETE REYNOLDS	ROLL
14/07/2015	BRADLEY MANNING	WATER & ROLL		16/07/2015	GRAHAM BURR	ROLL
21/07/2015	CHARLIE PUNCHER	WATER & ROLL		23/07/2015	JASON DOWNTON	ROLL
28/07/2015	UMER ELLAHI	WATER & ROLL		30/07/2015	IAN GIBBS	ROLL
04/08/2015	ABDUL ALTAF	WATER & ROLL		06/08/2015	PETE REYNOLDS	ROLL
11/08/2015	BRADLEY MANNING	WATER & ROLL		13/08/2015	GRAHAM BURR	ROLL
18/08/2015	CHARLIE PUNCHER	WATER & ROLL		20/08/2015	JASON DOWNTON	ROLL
25/08/2015	UMER ELLAHI	WATER & ROLL		27/08/2015	IAN GIBBS	ROLL
01/09/2015	ABDUL ALTAF	WATER & ROLL		03/09/2015	PETE REYNOLDS	ROLL
08/09/2015	BRADLEY MANNING	WATER & ROLL		10/09/2015	GRAHAM BURR	ROLL

Teas Rota

We are sad that Sharon Adkins will not be able to commit as much time this year to do teas and she has earned a well-deserved break from doing so after providing excellent teas over a number of years. Sharon is still willing to help out where she can and has said she is more than happy to give her time on Presidents day on Sunday 30th August.

We are also very fortunate in that Jenni Smith and Kelly Wallace, a couple of the parents of our youngsters have also volunteered to do teas with Suzanne Page and Debbie Light on a rota basis at Spring Farm Park and Dawn Thwaites providing the 3rd team teas at Thames RFC. Without these behind the scenes volunteers we would struggle as a club so we thank Sharon for all the excellent work she has provided in doing teas in previous seasons and we also thank our new and existing tea rota volunteers of Suzanne Page, Debbie Light, Dawn Thwaites, Jenni Smith and Kelly Wallace.

There are still a few dates left to fill, especially on Sundays, as the existing rota below indicates, so if anyone wishes to step forward please contact one of the committee.

Start Time	Saturday	Name	Team		Start Time	Sunday	Name	Team
1pm	25/04/2015	Jenni Smith	1st Team		12pm	03/05/2015		Inter Club 6 a side
1pm	02/05/2015	Suzanne Page	1st Team		12.30pm	04/05/2015		Under 16s Matchpaly
1pm	09/05/2015	Debbie Light	2nd Team		9.30am	10/05/2015		Under 13s (Peter Coe Cup)
1pm	16/05/2015	Kelly Wallace	1st Team		2pm	17/05/2015		Sunday 1st
1pm	23/05/2015	Jenni Smith	2nd Team		9.30am	24/05/2015	Kelly Wallace	Under13s Havering League
1pm	30/05/2015	Suzanne Page	1st Team		9.30am	31/05/2015	Jenni Smith	Under 11s Havering League
1pm	06/06/2015	Debbie Light	2nd Team		2pm	07/06/2015		Sunday 1st
1pm	13/06/2015	Jenni Smith	1st Team		9.30am	14/06/2015	Kelly Wallace	Under 13s (Peter Coe Cup)
1pm	20/06/2015	Suzanne Page	1st Team		no	21/06/2015		
1pm	27/06/2015	Kelly Wallace	2nd Team		9.30am	28/06/2015	Kelly Wallace	Under 13s (Peter Coe Cup)
1pm	04/07/2015	Debbie Light	2nd Team		9.30am	05/07/2015	Kelly Wallace	Under13s Havering League
1pm	11/07/2015	Jenni Smith	1st Team		9.30am	12/07/2015	Kelly Wallace	Under13s Havering League
1pm	18/07/2015	Suzanne Page	2nd Team		no	19/07/2015		
1pm	25/07/2015	Kelly Wallace	1st Team		2pm	26/07/2015		Sunday 1st
12.30pm	01/08/2015	Debbie Light	2nd Team		2pm	02/08/2015		Sunday 1st
12.30pm	08/08/2015	Jenni Smith	1st Team		2pm	09/08/2015		Sunday 1st
12.30pm	15/08/2015	Suzanne Page	2nd Team		2pm	16/08/2015		Sunday 1st
12.30pm	22/08/2015	Kelly Wallace	2nd Team		no	23/08/2015		
12.30pm	29/08/2015	Debbie Light	1st Team		11am	30/08/2015	Sharon Adkins	Presidents Day
1pm	05/09/2015		TBC		no	06/09/2015		
1pm	12/09/2015		TBC		1pm	13/09/2015		Sunday 1st

Annual Subscriptions

The start of the season is where the club's biggest bills have to be paid from insurance, pitch fees, league fees, new cricket balls etc. so it is extremely important that annual subscriptions are paid in a timely manner. Many of the youth section have already paid their £50 subs so we need to ensure that all annual subscriptions are fully paid up by 1st June. As a reminder the annual subscriptions for this season are as follows, so please ensure the youth section give their money to Jenni Smith on a Monday night or to our Club Treasurer Graham Burr.

- Playing member (full subs) - £80
- Unemployed or full time students - £50
- Juniors - £50
- Associate or family member (they will also have voting rights) - £10

Rainham CC - Club Shirts etc.

The order should be completed by the end of April, so anyone that has still not paid for their shirt or any club kit, can they please ensure either cash or a cheque made payable to 'Rainham CC' is posted to Peter Reynolds at 293 Goodwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM12 6DD.

Coaching in Schools

Coaching in Rainham schools has commenced and thank you for the assistance of Steve Jackson who is attending all of these coaching sessions. Some of these sessions have been extremely enjoyable, especially in St. Albans and Newtons.

- Brady
- La Salette
- Rainham Village
- St Albans
- Newtons
- Scargill

Club Website and Social Media

Our website is one of the best around for cricket clubs of our size which is thanks to the excellent work of our website committee of Jamie Adkins, Jono and Alex Sullivan. They have all been hard at work to ensure it is up to date so it is well worth a visit on the following link <http://www.rainhamcc.co.uk/Default.aspx>

We also have a Twitter account on the following Twitter - @RainhamCricket, so if you wish to follow any news on banter on Twitter then please feel free to do so.

Below is a message from our website committee to encourage you to give our updated website a visit.

"Hey everyone,

We have been preparing the website for the new season and this is a small update on where we are and what you can expect from the website this year.

Live Scores and Commentary

We are excited to announce the new Live Updates section of the website. If you visit the website on a Saturday during the season you will be able to see live scores and commentary on the games being played that day. This means that even if you are not able to come over and watch the game, you can follow along with live updates where ever you are. We will be trialling the system with the first league game on the 2nd May, so please visit <http://www.rainhamcc.co.uk/LiveUpdates.aspx> or follow the Live Updates link from the homepage to get up to the minute scores and commentary!

Play-Cricket

The website is still reliant on Play-Cricket and it is very important that all scorecards get uploaded to Play-Cricket so that we can process them properly for the website. We unfortunately lost some scorecards last year and lost all the stats for those games because they were not uploaded to Play-Cricket. If you are responsible for scoring this year please make sure you either upload the result to Play-Cricket yourself or email pictures of the scorecard to rainhamcricket@gmail.com to ensure we do not lose any more information this year!

We have one of the best websites of any small cricket club in the country and we will continue to work on it as the season goes by, but if you have any issues/suggestions email them to rainhamcricket@gmail.com as we'd love to hear them!

Thanks for your support,

Jamie, Jono and Sully
The RCC Website Committee"

New Carpet in the Clubhouse

After lots of talk and speculation over the last 12 months we have finally laid a new carpet in the clubhouse, thanks to the efforts of Paul Newman who has badgered some local carpet businesses to supply and fit the carpet at a bargain price.

The efforts of Charlie Puncher, Joe Attfield, Tyler Bunn, Jay Downton, Bradley Manning, Warren Courtney and Graham Burr toiling away in sauna like conditions in the clubhouse one Wednesday evening. Giving blood sweat and tears taking up the old carpet, this seemed to be stuck with some kind of Superglue and was being pulled up at times in 1cm pieces. The tools of choice seemed to be shovels and garden hoes, until the cavalry arrived in the shape of Ian Little while walking his dog and went home and provided a floor scrapper which finished the job off at a lot quicker rate than we were progressing. Thank you for all the volunteers for meeting a tight deadline and seeing the job through to completion.

Below are some photos of the before, during and after.



Who can spot the proper builder, during evening of the carpet removal?



The new carpet work begins



Nearly there, as fitters from Carpet & Flooring Direct admire their work



All done

Havering Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament

For the second year in a row we will be hosting the Havering Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament at Spring Farm Park on Thursday 20th May, starting at 10am. As usual we will require some volunteers so if anyone can give up some time to assist in setting up, umpiring and ensuring all that attend are well looked after with snacks and drinks then please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497. This is a prestigious sporting event on the Havering Schools calendar so we need to ensure we are the best hosts as we can possibly be.

Volunteers will also be required for the Havering Girls Kwik Cricket Tournament on Thursday 4th June and the Rainham CC Junior schools Kwik Cricket Tournament on 11th June.

The Mystery of the Division 9 T-Rippon Mid-Essex Winners Shield

As we all know we were presented with this shield as winners of T-Rippon Mid Essex Division 9 on 13th November 2013 and then promptly lost it after our dinner and dance 2 days later. Although 2 days in safe possession at Rainham CC is good going! With the finger firmly pointed at the head of the youth section losing it by being accused of throwing it on the local waste amenity at Gerpins Lane, the finger of suspicion has now moved elsewhere as the Shield has made a spectacular reappearance and now sits pride of place behind our bar. There are rumours abound that someone had left it in their shed for a year and forgot it was there. Further rumours are that it may have been someone with the word 'Chairman' in their club role title over the last couple of years, although Mickey Clifford was last seen with it, photo below, and it is now behind the bar! I'll leave you all to make up your own minds, as this mystery will probably never be solved. One thing that is for certain it cost the club £210 to replace it.



Nat West Cricketforce Day

The Nat West Cricketforce day t-shirts finally arrived at the club on Saturday 25th April, 4 weeks after they were supposed to arrive. They had been addressed to Spring Farm Park, which seems daft as no one resides there, especially as I gave them my home address! One of our neighbours had taken them and was kind enough to pass them on last weekend. On the plus side we were also provided with 300 Yorkshire Tea bags which we'll put to good use over the next couple of weeks.

We received some good publicity during our day as it coincided with Ronnie's return from his successful England tour of Australia as the photos below show:



Has anyone seen Joe?

Another mystery over the last few months is the whereabouts of Joe Sarro? Our Club President recently visited Monte Carlo on holiday and popped into the local Casino and in one of his holiday snaps it had someone that looked remarkably like Joe playing the Roulette Wheel. What do you think?



Chairman's Notes

Apologies from our Club Chairman this month due to his busy business commitments and the brand new mower almost exploding at Thames RFC this has caused a delay in the usual amusing Chairman's notes.

I am sure he will be back on good form next month.



Brearley