



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

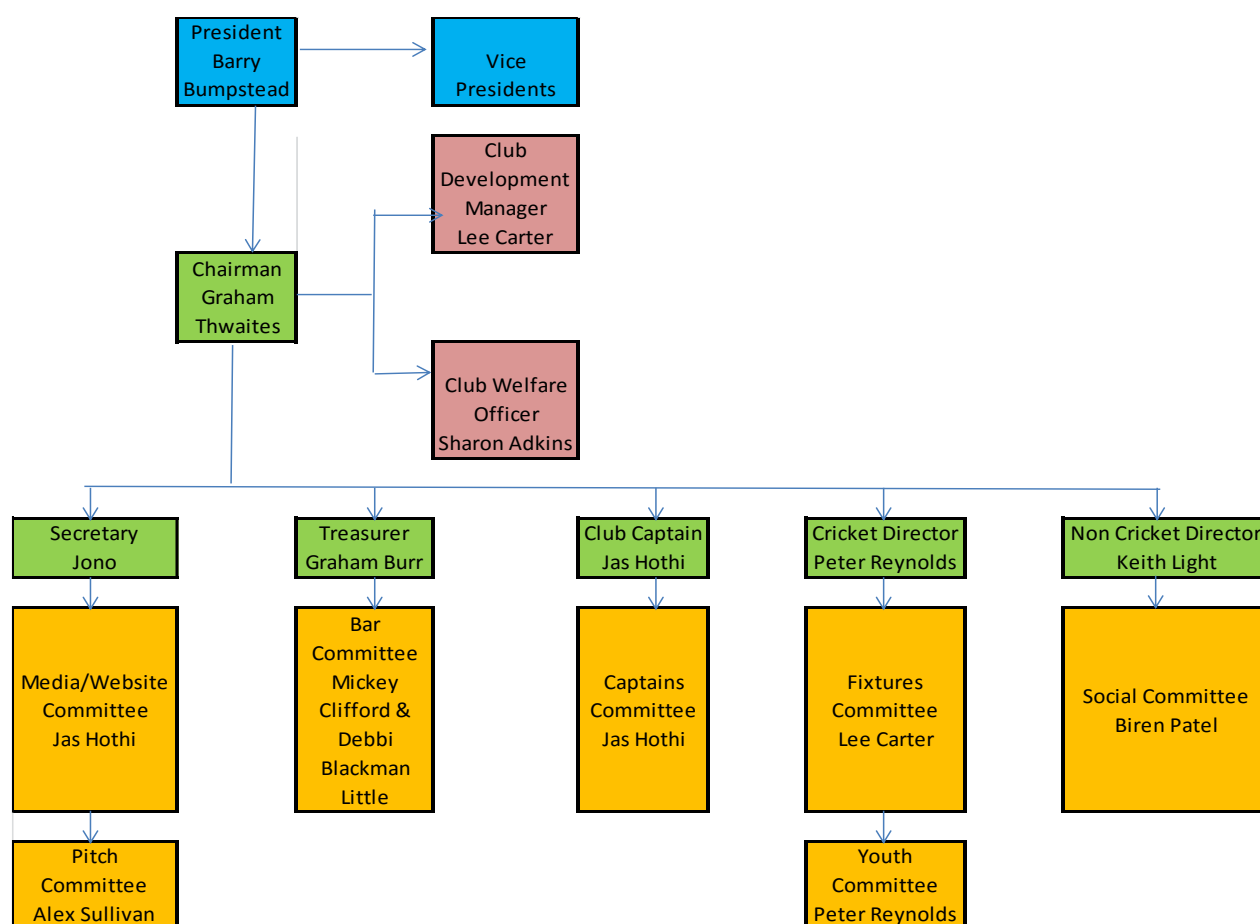
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October 2015 Newsletter

Annual General Meeting & Dinner & Dance at The Manor

The Annual General Meeting was well attended and was probably one of the most positive since I have been at the club and it was good to see all voluntary roles filled with new volunteers coming on board. The main discussion point of the meeting was Jono's proposal to restructure the committee of the club with the main committee (highlighted in green), being a smaller group and sub committees (highlighted in orange) reporting into the main committee members. Below is the structure of how it is likely to work with each main committee member having responsibility for each sub-committee. All updated job descriptions can be found on the Rainham CC website at 'About RCC', 'Club Documents' and then 'Job Descriptions' or just click on the following link:

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



It's welcome to Lee Carter, Keith Light, Debbi Blackman-Little to their new voluntary roles and thank you to Alex Sullivan for taking on the responsibilities of the pitch committee, Biren Patel Social Committee and Jas Hothi Media and Website.

Another important factor of the AGM is to select Captains for the 2016 season with a new addition of 4th XI Saturday/Sunday 2nd XI Captain who will just play friendlies where there is an excess of players for league cricket. Warren Courtney has stepped into this role and it's also welcome Warren to in his second role volunteering for the club, as he is also the under 11s assistant coach.

We must make a special mention to Ian Gibbs who stepped down as 2nd Team Captain and has successfully Captained the 2nd XI to three successive promotions of which two of them they were promoted as champions. Ian has ensured the bigger picture of the club has been his main focus and he has been selfless not just in his

selection, but also in his role on the pitch as skipper. I am sure Lee Carter will ensure this successful style of captaincy will continue. Below are all Captains for the 2016 season.

Captain	Team
Jas Hothi	Saturday 1 st Team
Lee Carter	Saturday 2 nd Team
Graham Thwaites (Brearley)	Saturday 3 rd Team
Warren Courtney	Saturday 4 th Team/Sunday 2 nd Team
Nikhil Patel	Sunday 1 st Team

The end of season finale dinner and dance will take place at The Manor Restaurant and Hotel on Saturday 14th November and there are still 7 dining places available. It will not be too late for anyone to attend as long as they pay £39 for the 3 course meal and evening entertainment prior to the event. There will also be the usual £10 non-dining option. In all cases please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497.

The format is likely to be as follows:

- Arrive at 6.30pm for pre-dinner drinks
- Sit down at 7pm
- Arrival for non-dining guests and presentations commence at 8pm
- Evening entertainment commences at 9pm with Lee the DJ
- Evening finishes at midnight

There will be a few surprises on the night and a raffle, with the following prizes that have been secured to date and hopefully more to come. So please ensure you bring your £5 notes (or coins) to put in an envelope, write your name on it, ready for the draw. You can have more than one envelope and may win more than one prize.

- Heavenly spa day for 2 at Bannatyne's Health Club
- Meal for two at the Manor
- Afternoon tea for 2 at the Vertigo Lounge in Hornchurch
- 2 tickets for a Surrey CCC Royal London Cup match at the Kia Oval
- Signed Essex CCC shirt
- Kevin Pietersen's Autobiography 'KP'
- 4 ball at West Essex Golf Club
- 4 ball at Warley Park Golf Club
- 4 ball at Brentwood Golf Club
- 4 ball at The Burstead Golf Club
- 4 ball at The Rayleigh Golf Club
- 4 ball at Woodford Golf Club
- 4 tickets for a Colchester United Comedy Club
- 2 tickets for a Leyton Orient FC match
- 2 tickets for a Southend United FC match
- 2 tickets for a Dagenham & Redbridge FC match
- A free month's membership at Abbs Cross Gym
- Box set Golf DVDs
- 4 bottles of red wine
- 4 bottles of white wine

Indoor Havering League Playing Update

Tom and Joe Lead the Charge for Young Guns

25th October 2015 – ‘B team v Goresbrook - the indoor season started with new ‘B’ team captain Tom Herbert (sorry Tom!) leading out a young team of Ronnie, Tyler, Joe, Charlie and Abdal against local rivals Goresbrook. Rainham batted first and got out of the traps at a rate of knots with Tom and Joe both retiring on 25 with good support from Charlie 18 and Ronnie 15 and post an above average 96 runs.

Tyler and Charlie then took charge with the ball taking 2 wickets apiece with Ronnie chipping in with a wicket and a run out to complete the Goresbrook innings of 50 all out. As the ‘B’ team are the defending champions of Division 2 this is an extremely promising start to the season by a very young squad.

Winter Nets – Champion School

It may seem like 5 minutes since the season finished, but with the combination of the indoor league and indoor net practice during the winter, this is all good practice to ensure batsman keep their eye in and bowlers maintain their rhythm during the winter.

This year is no different with winter net commencing at Champion School Sport Hall on Thursday 19th November at 7pm to 8pm for under 16s and 8pm to 9pm for seniors. There will be the normal charge each night of approx. £3, so as to ensure we cover the cost of the Sports Hall. There will be a break due to mock exams and the Christmas and new year break from 10th December and then we recommence in the new year from 7th January every Thursday right through to 31st March 2016. We then commence outdoors at Spring Farm Park from this date.

Funding

Ford Britain Trust

We applied back in June for some funding to the Ford Britain Trust for a new roller at Thames RFC and after being informed we had progressed to stage 2, we heard nothing. It also stated that if we did not hear anything more then we should presume we had not been successful, which we assumed we hadn’t been.

A phone call out of the blue in early October from Ben Hothi informing us that Ford Britain Trust had been in contact with him to confirm he was a Ford’s employee which seemed to reignite the application. Then on the day of the AGM we were informed by the Trust that we had been successful and we were granted £2,000.00 which was needed to ensure we could purchase a new roller at Thames RFC This will hopefully make the maintenance of the yet to be laid new wicket at Thames a lot easier than it is at present with our old Stothert & Pitt roller.

Thank you to Ben Hothi for agreeing to be our Fords employee referee during this process.



A double thumbs up from Ben Hothi after our successful Ford Britain Trust funding bid

General News

Youth Section Presentation Night Saturday 5th September

As promised in the last newsletter, some further photos, courtesy of Debbi and Jay, from the very enjoyable youth section presentation night



Will Knowlden collects his most runs for the under 15s trophy from Brearley



Oh No! Here comes trouble as Louise Vickers, Debbie Courtney & Claire Downton prepare for the dinner and dance, as Tony Stauchbury looks on



Back – Daniel, Middle L to R Kyan, Anthony, Bobby, Charlie, Alfie, Jake
Front – Omelette all enter into the spirit of the evening



Warren ponders on his decision whether to Captain the 4th XI in 2016



Ian Little passes on the benefit of his experience to our England Cricketer



Who says men can't multi task? As Mickey can pull a pint while showing everyone how many runs he scored this year

Youth Section Pre-Season Meeting Friday 6th November

The youth section pre-season meeting will take place down the club at 7.30pm on Friday 6th November. This is where we will be looking for volunteers to manage and coach the youth teams, as well as filling other important voluntary roles such as tea preparation, youth section administration, help on training nights and match days as well as anyone that wishes to attend a cricket related coaching course.

Please come along if you feel you wish to lend a hand during the 2016 season, which has proven to be very rewarding and more enjoyable each season.

Bumper in Spain – A Happy Retirement

We all bid a fond farewell to our long standing President Bumper and his wife Pat, as they have both departed to Spain for a well-deserved retirement. We all wish them the very best and Bumper has already got into the swing of things on the local Spanish golf courses. I am sure we will still see Bumper and Pat now and again at some of our events, especially Presidents Day.



Bumper gets into practice for his retirement with a nice glass of Rioja

Predictions for 2015 Season

Last of all a chance to revisit my 2015 season predictions which was published in the December 2014 newsletter

Indoor A Team to finish top 3 (4/1) Incorrect it was actually the bottom 3	Indoor B Team to win Division 2 (3/1) Correct, thanks Jas	Indoor D Team to win 2 matches (5/1) Correct 2 matches won	Indoor C Team to finish top 2 (3/1) Correct, actually finished top
Saturday 1 st team to finish top 3 (5/1) Correct. It was top two and promotion	Saturday 2 nd Team to be promoted (7/1) Correct, promoted as Champions	Saturday 3 rd Team to be promoted (9/1) Correct, promoted as Champions	Sunday team to double the number of league victories (7/1) Correct. It was more than that with 4 wins
Under 11s to finish top 4 in Havering League (4/1) Incorrect, finished 6th	Under 13s to win 2 Peter Coe cup matches (5/1) Correct, two won	Under 15s to win 2 Havering League matches (6/1) Incorrect only 1	Under 16s to progress to second stages of matchplay (4/1) Correct, almost made it to the semi-finals
Brearley to score a league 50 (200/1) Incorrect, never going to happen	Jas to earn a club tie (25/1) Correct, at long last	Ronnie Jackson to score a 1 st team league 50 (4/1) Incorrect, not quite 39 was his best	Alex Sullivan to score 400 league runs (10/1) Incorrect, 301 runs scored
Tyler Bunn to take 20 league wickets (5/1) Correct	Biren Patel to take 20 league wickets (4/1) Correct 36 league wickets	Charlie Puncher to earn a club tie (20/1) Incorrect. He now has about 10 4 fors	Tom Herbert to take over 15 wicket keeping victims (7/1) Correct 16 for the 1st XI

Thirteen out of twenty which is probably the best I have achieved.

