



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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Nat West Cricketforce Weekend and a Feast of New Competitions



This year's Nat West Cricketforce work will take place over the weekend of 19th and 20th March where we ensure our facilities are ready for the new season. Jobs that normally required over this weekend are as follows:

- paint gents toilets
- clear shrubs and weeds from rear of clubhouse
- paint equipment room
- paint and clean external brickwork
- clear, clean and repaint lines in external nets
- sand and stain clubhouse tables

If you have any paint brushes, gloves or cutting tools to remove the weeds and shrubs please bring them along. We have also applied for a Jewson account, via the ECB's Natwest Cricketforce scheme, and been successful so this scheme have donated £300 to our account to spend on materials over the weekend. Veolia have also been very generous again this year by providing a skip free of charge.

Food & drink will be provided on the day, kindly prepared by Suzanne Treanor. Nat West Cricketforce tee shirts will be provided for the first 25 volunteers, which will save you getting your own clothes dirty. It's normally an enjoyable weekend so come along, even just for a couple of hours, and ensure our club is ready for the new season, as this may double up as a pre-season get together in the clubhouse.

Keith Light has got the above works and his new role off to a great start by arranging for the council to renew all of our fascia's, soffits & gutters, renew the front shutter, arranging for Havering Construction College to build a new bin storage area and tidy up the back of the clubhouse and kit store room by removing the old wooden door and replacing it with blockwork.



Come and join Mickey Clifford and Keith Light over course of
the Nat West Cricketforce Weekend 19th & 20th March

A working party consisting of Suzanne Treanor, Graham Thwaites, Peter Reynolds, Keith Light, Debbie Light and Debi Blackman-Little attended the club on 28th February to ensure both the kitchen and bar are ready for action by cleaning everything from top to bottom.

Lee Carter has also been busy in his new role as fixtures secretary by ensuring our fixtures card is packed throughout the season. We have entered some new competitions this year with the seniors playing in 2 x T20 competitions , a new under 19 team playing in the Nat West under 19 T20 competition and the under 15s playing in the Metropolitan Essex Cox and Kings cup competition. This is also as well as all of our 3 senior teams playing in the T-Rippon Mid Essex League, the Sunday team playing in the Essex Sunday League, the under 12s playing in the Peter Coe Cup as well as all our junior teams playing in Havering League.

Lee has also managed to arrange some excellent pre-season friendlies as well as some mid-week matches and some fixtures for our Saturday 4ths/Sunday 2nds, as well as organising the 3rd XI pitch at Billericay while the pitch at Thames is being re-laid. Below is a full selection of all our teams' fixtures so far for the season ahead.

First Team

Date	Opponents	Ground	Start	Type
Saturday 16th April 2016	Noak Hill Taverners	Away	13:00	Friendly
Saturday 23 April 2016	Trowbridge - Tour	Away	13:00	Friendly
Saturday 30 April 2016	Basildon & Pitsea	home	13:00	Friendly
Saturday 07 May 2016	Canvey Island 1st X1	away	13:00	League
Saturday 14 May 2016	Brookweald 1st X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 21 May 2016	South Weald 1st X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 28 May 2016	Great Totham 1st X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 04 June 2016	Stock 1st X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 11 June 2016	Burnham Sports 1st X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 18 June 2016	Aythorpe Roding 1st X1	home	13:00	League
Wednesday 22 June 2016	DST T20	Home	17:30	Friendly
Saturday 25 June 2016	Ingatstone 1st X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 02 July 2016	Springfield 2nd X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 09 July 2016	Canvey Island 1st X1	home	13:00	League
Wednesday 13th July 2016	Belhus	Away	17:30	Friendly
Saturday 16 July 2016	Brookweald 1st X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 23 July 2016	South Weald 1st X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 30 July 2016	Great Totham 1st X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 06 August 2016	Stock 1st X1	home	13:00	League
Wednesday 10 August 2016	Gravesend	Away	14:30	Friendly
Saturday 13 August 2016	Burnham Sports 1st X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 20 August 2016	Aythorpe Roding 1st X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 27 August 2016	Ingatstone 1st X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 03 September 2016	Springfield 2nd X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 10 September 2016	TBA			Friendly
Saturday 17 September 2016	TBA			Friendly

Second Team

Date	Opponents	Ground	Start	Type
Saturday 23 April 2016	Abridge	Away	13:30	Friendly
Saturday 30 April 2016	Havering Atte Bower	Away	13:00	Friendly
Saturday 07 May 2016	Havering Atte Bower	Home	13:00	League
Saturday 14 May 2016	Herongate	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 21 May 2016	Great Wakering	Home	13:00	League
Saturday 28 May 2016	Mountnessing	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 04 June 2016	Navestock and AG	Home	13:00	League
Saturday 11 June 2016	Ingatestone 2nd X1	Home	13:00	League
Saturday 18 June 2016	Hornchurch Ath 2nd X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 25 June 2016	Writtle 2nd X1	Home	13:00	League
Saturday 02 July 2016	Bentley 3rd X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 09 July 2016	Havering Atte Bower	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 16 July 2016	Herongate	Home	13:00	League
Saturday 23 July 2016	Great Wakering	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 30 July 2016	Mountnessing	Home	13:00	League
Saturday 06 August 2016	Navestock and AG	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 13 August 2016	Ingatestone 2nd X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 20 August 2016	Hornchurch Ath 2nd X1	Home	13:00	League
Saturday 27 August 2016	Writtle 2nd X1	Away	13:00	League
Saturday 03 September 2016	Bentley 3rd X1	Home	13:00	League

Third Team

Date	Opponents	Ground	Start	Type
Saturday 07 May 2016	Little Baddow 3rd X1	away	13:00	League
Saturday 14 May 2016	Wickham 2nd X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 21 May 2016	Rayleigh 5th X1	away	13:00	League
Saturday 28 May 2016	Eastwood 3rd X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 04 June 2016	Great Totham 3rd X1	away	13:00	League
Saturday 11 June 2016	Navestock AG 2nd X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 18 June 2016	Great Baddow 4th X1	away	13:00	League
Saturday 25 June 2016	Bentley 4th X1	away	13:00	League
Saturday 02 July 2016	Rayne 2nd X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 09 July 2016	Little Baddow 3rd X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 16 July 2016	Wickham 2nd X1	away	13:00	League
Saturday 23 July 2016	Rayleigh 5th X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 30 July 2016	Eastwood 3rd X1	away	13:00	League
Saturday 06 August 2016	Great Totham 3rd X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 13 August 2016	Navestock AG 2nd X1	away	13:00	League
Saturday 20 August 2016	Great Baddow 4th X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 27 August 2016	Bentley 4th X1	home	13:00	League
Saturday 03 September 2016	Rayne 2nd X1	away	13:00	League

Sunday Team

Sunday 1st X1	Opponents	Ground	Start	Type
Sunday 24 April 2016	Warminster - Tour	Away	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 01 May 2016	Hainault & Clayhall	Away	14:00	League
Sunday 08 May 2016	KTM	Home	14:00	League
Sunday 15 May 2016	TBA	Away	14:00	
Sunday 22 May 2016	Hockerill	Away	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 29 May 2016	Hainault & Clayhall	Home	14:00	League
Sunday 05 June 2016	KTM	Away	14:00	League
Sunday 12 June 2016	Rayleigh Fairview	Away	13:30	Friendly
Sunday 19 June 2016	Rose & Crown	Away	14:00	League
Sunday 26 June 2016	TBA		14:00	
Sunday 03 July 2016	TBA	Away	14:00	
Sunday 10 July 2016	Harold Wood	Away	14:00	League
Sunday 17 July 2016	Rose & Crown	Home	14:00	League
Sunday 24 July 2016	TBA		14:00	
Sunday 31 July 2016	TBA		14:00	
Sunday 07 August 2016	East Ham Corinthians	Home	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 14 August 2016	Harold Wood	Home	14:00	League
Sunday 21 August 2016	TBA		13:30	
Sunday 28 August 2016	TBA		13:30	

Sunday 2nd XI

Sunday 2nd XI	Opponents	Ground	Start	Type
Sunday 01 May 2016	Six a Side & Table Tennis Tournament	Home	12:00	Friendly
Sunday 08 May 2016	TBA		13:30	Friendly
Sunday 15 May 2016	TBA	Away	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 22 May 2016	Harlow Town	Home	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 29 May 2016	TBA		14:00	Friendly
Sunday 05 June 2016	TBA	Away	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 12 June 2016	TBA		14:00	Friendly
Sunday 19 June 2016	TBA		14:00	Friendly
Sunday 26 June 2016	TBA		14:00	Friendly
Sunday 03 July 2016	TBA	Away	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 10 July 2016	TBA		14:00	Friendly
Sunday 17 July 2016	TBA		14:00	Friendly
Sunday 24 July 2016	Harlow Town	Away	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 31 July 2016	TBA		14:00	Friendly
Sunday 07 August 2016	TBA		14:00	Friendly
Sunday 14 August 2016	Woodford Green	Away	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 21 August 2016	TBA		13:30	Friendly
Sunday 28 August 2016	Presidents Day	Home	09:30	Friendly

Under 15s

Under 15s	Opponents	Ground	Time	Type
Sunday 08 May 2016	Buckhurst Hill	Away	09:30	Cox & Kings Cup
Sunday 15 May 2016	Oakfield Parkonians	Away	09:30	Friendly
Sunday 22 May 2016	Upminster	Home	09:30	Cup
Sunday 29 May 2016	Loughton	Away	09:30	Cox & Kings Cup
Sunday 05 June 2016	Fives & Heronians	Away	14:00	Cox & Kings Cup
Sunday 12 June 2016	Goresbrook	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 26 June 2016	Gidea Park & Romford	Home	09:30	League
Wednesday 29 June 2016	Hornchurch	Away	17:30	Cox & Kings Cup
Friday 01 July 2016	Harold Wood	Away	17:30	League
Sunday 03 July 2016	South Woodford	Away	09:30	Cox & Kings Cup
Friday 08 July 2016	Hornchurch	Home	17:30	League
Sunday 10 July 2016	Hornchurch Athletic	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 24 July 2016	Upminster	Home	09:30	League

Under 13s

Under 13s	Opponents	Ground	Time	Type
Wednesday 11 May 2016	Goresbrook or Hornchurch Athletic	Home	17:30	League Cup
Wednesday 08 June 2016	Upminster A	Home	17:30	League
Friday 10 June 2016	Harold Wood	Home	17:30	League
Wednesday 15 June 2016	Hornchurch Athletic	Away	17:30	League
Wednesday 06 July 2016	Goresbrook	Home	17:30	League
Wednesday 13 July 2016	Upminster B	Home	17:30	League
Wednesday 20 July 2016	Hornchurch	Away	17:30	League
Wednesday 03 August 2016	Ardleigh Green	Away	17:30	League
Sunday 14 August 2016	Gidea Park & Romford	Away	09:30	League

Under 12s

Under 12s	Opponents	Ground	Time	Type
Monday 02 May 2016	Maldon	Home	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 15 May 2016	Woodford Green	Home	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Monday 30 May 2016	TBA	Away	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 05 June 2016	Newham	Home	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 19 June 2016	Bentley	Away	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 03 July 2016	Brentwood	Home	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 17 July 2016	Hutton	Away	09:30	Peter Coe Cup

Under 11s

Under 11s	Opponents	Ground	Time	Type
Sunday 29 May 2016	Upminster B	Away	09:30	League
Thursday 09 June 2016	Goresbrook	Away	17:30	League
Sunday 26 June 2016	Gidea Park & Romford	Away	09:30	League
Thursday 28 July 2016	Ardleigh Green	Away	17:30	League
Sunday 31 July 2016	Hornchurch	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 07 August 2016	Harold Wood	Home	09:30	League
TBA	Upminster A	TBA	TBA	League

Indoor Havering League Playing Update

A good end to the indoor season with 5 matches in February, two for the 'A' Team against, Ardleigh Green twice and Seven Kings, one for the 'B' team against Noak Hill Taverners and one for the 'C' team v Matt's Melons, with victories in 4 out of the 5 games. The 'A' team were in with an outside chance of finishing top in a tight league, but lost their final match to Ardleigh Green and the 'B' team finished second in their league. The 'C' team finished their season in fine style with a last match victory. Full reports on all of these matches can be found on the 'News' section of the club website, which can be accessed by the following link: <http://www.rainhamcc.co.uk/Default.aspx>

Well done to Jas Hothi, Tom Herbert and Brearley for ensuring all of our indoor fixtures took place

Winter Nets – Champion School

A reminder that juniors and senior indoor nets will continue every Thursday night, right through to 31st March, when we then commence outside. Juniors nets start at 7pm and seniors at 8pm and just £3 per session is good value for money. Thank you to coaches Warren Courtney, Paul Newman, Jason Downton, Steve Jackson, Joe Attfield and Charlie Puncher for ensuring we have plenty of coaches in attendance at the junior coaching sessions. Also, a special mention to Malcolm Little who collects the £3 fee from all the juniors every week, which is a massive help to the coaches during the evening.

Social Events

2016 Events

Watch this space in next month's Newsletter to see what social events will be in store in the new season, as new Social Secretary, Biren Patel will issue the themes and dates of our Saturday night social events. If anyone has any ideas they would like to put forward or even assist during the events then please do not hesitate to let Biren know.

There are some dates that have already been set, which are now club traditions as follows, so make sure you put them in your diary:

- Six a side & table tennis tournaments – Sunday 1st May
- Presidents day – Sunday 28th August
- Youth Presentation night – Saturday 10th September



New Social Secretary Biren Patel an ex
Table Tennis competition winner

General News

All Out Cricket Live Event

Peter Reynolds attended the All Out Cricket Live Event at Lords on Sunday 21st February, which is a free of charge event with a full range of cricketing activities and speakers throughout the day. The day started with some coaching drills in the MCC Cricket Academy, followed by a Q & A with Test Match Special's Henry Blofeld and then a batting masterclass from Mark Ramprakash and a bowling masterclass with Simon Jones. This was amongst the chance to test out cricket bats, face bowling machines and test out our cricket coaching aids in the MCC Academy.

Jonathan Trott, Simon Jones and Mark Ramprakash also took part in a Q & A hosted by Sky Sport's David Fulton. You could have also booked yourself on a tour of Lords. If this event takes place again next year it is well worth a visit, even just to collect your free pair of Essex CCC tickets (or any County of your choosing) and get a taste of the home of cricket.



The MCC Cricket Academy at Lords where the coaching,
testing of equipment and masterclasses took place



Sky's David Fulton (middle) interviews Simon
Jones (left) and Mark Ramprakash

Coaching in Schools

The first of our coaching sessions in local Rainham Junior schools starts on Friday 4th March at Newtons school at 1.15pm. This will continue over the following 2 Fridays 11th and 18th March. April will be busy with coaching sessions in La Salette, Rainham Village, Parsonage, Brady and Scargill. If anyone wishes to help out during any of these sessions, which are important for local community relations and to potentially gain future players, then please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497

Pitch Volunteers

Alex Sullivan will be organising this seasons pitch volunteers to ensure our wicket at Spring Farm Park plays consistently. Work for the season will need to start around this time of year and involve rolling and watering the wickets and square. If we get around 8 volunteers will mean having to do just one shift on the rota per month, so if you are interested in helping out with our wicket then please contact Alex.



Your pitch at Spring Farm Park needs you! Come and make yourself known to Alex to be a pitch volunteer

Level 2 Coaches Required

Our recent Club Mark accreditation highlighted we are in need of more level 2 coaches. There are courses starting in early March for anyone taking the Coaching Children at interval weeks through to early May and anyone wishing to take the Coaching Young People and Adults route the course starts early April at interval weeks through to mid-May. All the dates are a Saturday and held at the Maltings Academy in Witham. The club will pay for these courses, so if anyone is interested or requires more detail please let Peter Reynolds know.

Cricket Scoring Workshop

In order to encourage more people how to correctly score at cricket, Peter Reynolds will be running a workshop prior to the season starting. The workshop will be designed to know the scoring symbols, know the umpires signals, and score a book that will be correct with the batting and bowling figures adding up. It's nowhere near as difficult as some people may think, so if you are interested let Peter Reynolds know on 07711-144497 and brush up on your scoring skills.

Rainham CC – New Playing Kit

Jono has now placed the order for new playing kit, so anyone that requires any new kit will have to wait until the start of the 2017 season. Caps and shirts have been discounted through the club with the help of London Riverside BID sponsorship money at only £5 each. We have also ordered 22 x T20 coloured shirts for our seniors and under 19 T20 exploits and these have also been discounted.

Hopefully we will be in receipt of all our kit prior to the season starting.

'Dodgy Dozen' Interview – Peter Reynolds

As promised last month, the newsletter will be taking on a new format which will start with a player/member interview based on 12 set questions. This will be the first of some more potentially new regular features. With the 'Dodgy Dozen' a player/member will be selected randomly for any team, including youth players, and be asked the same 12 questions and so to start the ball rolling I have conducted a self-interview.



Name & Brief Club History:

- Peter Reynolds
- Joined the club mid-season (Burrsey's responsible) in 1998 from my old club Eton Manor
- Scored a 50 in my first league match for the 2nd XI and kept wicket
- Played 1st team the following season and kept wicket
- 1999 won the Gidea Park & Romford 6 a side tournament, hitting the winning runs
- Club Honours tie for 5 wicket keeper victims 2002
- 1st XI Captain in 2003 and runners up in the league cup
- First ever 100 in 2009 in a 2nd XI league match v Thurrock
- Became a level 1 coach in 2009
- First ever T-Rippon Mid Essex League 100 by anyone in the club v Ashingdon 2010
- Became a level 2 coach in 2012 and head of youth section
- Won Essex OSCAS in the 'Behind the Scenes' category in 2012 and invited to Lord's for a presentation lunch at the National awards
- Served as a member of the committee since 2003 to the present day taking on various roles as Fixtures Secretary, Head of Youth Section, Club Development Officer, Club Secretary, Social Secretary and now Director of Cricket
- Retired from playing 2016

1) Cricketing Hero(es)?

- Ian Botham – the first English player to play without any fear
- Graham Gooch – England & Essex opening batsman. Dedicated hard worker who reaped the benefits of his hard work
- David Gower – Classy England left handed batsman

2) Favourite Club Ground(s)?

- Belfairs Park, Leigh on Sea – scored my first ever 50 and 1st team 100 on this ground amongst other memorable innings. Batsman's paradise as far as I am concerned
- Penn Street, Buckinghamshire – picturesque village setting, a good bunch of lads and scoring loads of runs while trying not to hit the Rolls Royce's driving by. (It's posh there)

3) Best Innings?

- Already mentioned, the 100 I scored for the 1st XI in our first ever season in the T-Rippon Mid Essex League v Ashingdon. It was also an important game as it was the second last game of the season and there was a chance we could still be relegated. Good to bat right through the 45 overs and smash their South African opening bowlers to all 4 corners of Belfairs Park (not a lover of South Africans) and we won the game with ease and to cap a great day I also took 2 sharp catches.

4) Best Bowling?

- Only last year at Abridge playing for the 2nd XI in a pre-season friendly. I am not a great bowler and only occasionally get my hands on the ball. A few seasons back, at the same ground, I got hammered all over the park (the famous 7/2 field match). This time Gibbo brought me on at a different end and the ball was looping all over the place and I ended with 4 for 25 off 8 overs.

5) Best Catch/Fielding?

- I loved fielding so a few to choose from. This was last season in a top of the table 2nd XI match at Springy against Great Wakering. Things looked to be going away from us when fielding at backward point when one of their set batsman leathered a square cut off the bowling of Dipal Patel. I thought the ball had almost gone past me when I dived to my right stuck my hand out and caught it one handed while falling to the ground. Pure reaction and reflexes, but created by being ready and wanting the ball to come my way. All in vain, as we still ended up losing the match, but this was also a potential turning point as Wakering nervously reached their target.

6) Club Mate Most Like Batting With?

- Dan Skipper. We seem to score big partnerships when batting together and the biggest one that springs to mind is the 233 opening partnership we put on at Thurrock. There have been many others.

7) Club Mate Least Like Batting With?

- Adrian Moon. We did not seem to set a good example as club coaches as we constantly kept running each other out.
- Also, anyone that does not run singles quickly, run the first hard or try to make 2 s into 3s etc. mainly because they want to hog the batting and do not bat for the team. There's one or two still in the club now and some of the older members are probably thinking of Mickey Callaghan, who I once ran an all run 7, which added to his score. Although thinking about it this may have been off the 6th ball of the over!

8) Best of Times in Cricket?

- The present time, the atmosphere at the club with a young first XI, successful teams and a thriving youth section, a positive committee, great socials, good mates with many volunteers makes it a great place to be (make the most of this, see worst of times)
- The 3 promotions of last year
- Seeing the youth develop into good adult cricketers and also fine young men and actually playing alongside some of the youth cricketers in adult teams

9) Worst of Times in Cricket?

- When we had about 4 club members at an AGM sometime in the mid-2000s, during the times when we were struggling to field 2 teams and getting slaughtered nearly every week
- Turning up for my old club, Eton Manor, for an away league match only to be informed, by the opposition, that the rest of my team would not be coming. You won't be surprised it was my last game for that club
- The circumstances of having to be 1st XI Captain in 2003

10) Funniest Moment in Cricket?

- Actually at one of our quiz nights and another Adrian Moon moment. This was after the 'sports' round when the quizmaster (Brearley) announced 'one team have actually scored zero points in the sports round'. Adrian then looked at the team consisting of all women and then proudly piped up 'I bet it's them over there'. As the quizmaster proceeded to call out the answers to the 'sports' round he got to the end of question 8 of the 10 answers, when Adrian then had to climb down by stating 'F*ck me I think it's us', and this time his prediction was spot on.

11) Your Music or Song(s) to Enter the T20 Arena?

- I Bet You Look Good on the Dance Floor – Arctic Monkeys

12) Your Future Vision for Rainham Cricket Club?

- 4 league teams in the T-Rippon Mid Essex League
- The 1st XI consistently competing in the Premier Division of the T-Rippon Mid Essex League
- Our own purpose built club house at Springy
- Excellent wickets at Springy and Thames
- Our Youth teams consistently competing with the likes of Hornchurch CC and Upminster CC
- Local Rainham schools encouraging their pupils to play for Rainham CC
- An enjoyable atmosphere at the club for everyone involved
- More volunteers

