



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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Playing Update

1st XI

“No Captain, No Worries” - Rainham 1st XI vs. Stock 1st XI – 06/05/17

The opening day of the season saw the 1st XI play host to consistently tough opposition, Stock. With captain Jas Hothi unavailable, the team was under the leadership of vice Jon O’Neill who had lost the toss and were put in to bat. Openers, Ronnie Jackson (40) and Biren Patel (15), laid a strong foundation from which Rainham could build, and build upon they did. With dangerous Jon O’Neill (40) quickening the run rate, the job of closing an impressive batting performance was with Daniel Skipper (42*) and Alex Sullivan (26*) who brilliantly brought Rainham to 227 for 5.

Early season cobwebs were nowhere to be seen at Spring Farm for the Rainham XI bowlers. In typical, opening weekend conditions, Rainham’s swing king Dipal Patel (2 for 28 off 8 overs) was first to make a break through dismissing both openers. With very little runs on the board, on came Biren Patel (4 for 33 off 10 overs) who continued to pile on the pressure which ultimately the Stock XI batsmen couldn’t handle and found themselves all out for 178 after 40.4 overs. A great start for the 1st XI taking maximum points.

“Never To Be Seen Again” - Rainham 1st XI vs. Hornchurch Athletic 1st XI – 13/05/17

The 1st XI travelled with full confidence to recently promoted Hornchurch Athletic and were in no mood to slow momentum built from the previous week. Having lost the toss once more, Rainham were made to bat and having lost 2 early wickets, it was up to Garnet Shallow (39) to fight back and provide an anchoring innings which he did so superbly. Sid Patel (38) and Jon O’Neill’s (35) fluid batting helped Rainham amass a total of 222 all out after 44.3 overs, coming just shy of maximum batting points.

On a hard deck, Jon O’Neill (4 for 32 off 10 overs) looked to utilise his extra pace and bounce to dismantle and unsettle the Hornchurch’s openers and he did so successfully. As Rainham began to look on top, a missed run out opportunity (no names need be mentioned!) changed the state and direction of the game as the fortunate Hornchurch batsmen made the most of his gifted life making a cool 50. Now into the last over, and only 6 needed by the opposition, “Rocket” Ronnie Jackson (1 for 8 off 2 overs) stepped up, going for 5 to secure a rare draw for the 1st XI. Points shared.

“Tail Save The Day” - Rainham 1st XI vs. Writtle 1st XI – 20/05/17

Game week 3 couldn't come quick enough for the 1st XI who were hungry to put the previous week's wrongs, right. Rainham were put into bat, and the decision from the Writtle skipper seemed to have paid dividends as wickets fell leaving the 1st XI short of 100 runs with 5 wickets down: Sid Patel (22) being the highest scoring top order batsmen. With thanks to experienced batting from Rushi Patel (29*) and Tyler Bunn (11*), Rainham batted out the overs and finished with a score of 154 for 9. A small but defendable total.

With a big performance needed, it was Biren Patel (4 for 26 off 10) who stepped up and delivered, producing a wonderful spell of bowling. Assisted by Jon O'Neill (1 for 26 off 10) and Tyler Bunn (1 for 27 off 10), Rainham found themselves needing 4 wickets with only 40 runs to play with. On came “part-timer” Jas Hothi (4 for 11 off 3.3), whose accurate and decisive bowling made mincemeat of Writtle's tail order and ultimately bowling the opposition out for 129 from 42.3 overs.

“Catch It...” - Rainham 1st XI vs. Great Totham 1st XI – 27/05/17

On a hot, cloudless day, the 1st XI travelled away to Great Totham. Rainham's day didn't start great as they were made to bowl and were to begin the game 2 short thanks to Biren Patel and his wayward sat nav. Great Totham immediately took advantage of the small boundaries and spaces in the field and began to tee off. An early dropped catch would bite Rainham in the arse as that particular opener went on to make a ton off no more than 60 balls. After a disappointing bowling display, Great Totham had amassed a total of 324 for 8 with Jon O'Neill (4 for 63 off 10) being the pick of the bowlers.

Rainham started positively however struggled from the off to maintain the run rate required. Garnet Shallow's (49), Biren Patel's (59) and Ronnie Jackson's (30) batting performances were not enough to force Rainham to a victory who were eventually all out for 254 after 38.5 overs. Not the finish to the month that the 1st XI were hoping for yet could hold their head high as they finished May in 2nd place with only a few points between them and the leaders.

Batting	Bowling
B. Patel vs. G. Totham - 59	J. Hothi vs. Writtle – 4/11/3.3
G. Shallow vs. G.Totham - 49	B. Patel vs. Writtle – 4/26/10
D.Skipper vs.Stock – 42*	J. O'Neill vs. H. Athletic – 4/32/10

2nd XI

“Bowling Bubby Boy” - Rainham 2nd XI vs. Ingatestone and Fryerning 2nd XI – 06/05/17

The 2nd XI were to kick off their season away at Ingatestone. The opposition batted first and made a total of 183 for 7 with the pick of the bowlers being new boy Bhavick Patel (4 for 34 off 8). The chase started positively as Reece Powell (32) and George Gough (39) fired Rainham into the driving seat; it was then Charlie Puncher (54*) with some tidy batting who helped Rainham surpass the 183 needed in 39.2 overs with 5 wickets to spare. A great victory for the 2nd XI, starting the season with a bang.

“Agonisingly Close For The Seconds” - Rainham 2nd XI vs. Great Wakering 1st XI – 13/05/17

The first home match for the 2nd XI saw them play host to tough opponents Great Wakering. Unfortunately, the day’s play was not to go in favour of the 2nd XI as they struggled from the off with Tony Stouchberry (30) being the only notable score. This was until Charlie Puncher’s (45*) and Sam Crotch’s (25*) impressive batting brought the Rainham total to 160 for 9. Ultimately, there was not enough runs on the board as Great Wakering crawled over the finish line with 1 wicket spare after 36.2 overs. The stand out bowlers being Harry Light (2 for 20 off 6) and Alex Sullivan (3 for 45 off 10).

“A needed response” - Rainham 2nd XI vs. Writtle 2nd – 20/05/17

Rainham travelled to Writtle and were eager to put the previous week’s loss behind them. The opposition were brilliantly restricted to 140 in 45 overs having lost 8 wickets thanks to the bowling of Charlie Puncher (3 for 26 off 10) and Sam Crotch (2 for 40 off 8). Over to the batsmen, opener Abdal Altaf (33) took full advantage of this rare opportunity and, assisted by Tony Stouchberry (21), put Rainham into a healthy position. The 2nd XI reached the total set within 36.2 overs with 5 wickets down. Charlie Puncher (22) and Bhavick Patel (35) also amongst the runs.

“Smiles all around (even from Puncher!!!)” Rainham 2nd XI vs. Rayne 1st XI – 27/05/17

The last match of the opening month was to be played against Rayne 1st XI on a crisp Spring Farm wicket. Having lost the toss, the opposition decided to bat first in the glorious conditions, however were again restricted to a low total of 173 for 6 thanks to very tight bowling. The bowler of the day being Sam Crotch (5 for 19 off 9). Tony Stouchberry’s (38) textbook batting technique once more built the foundation for Rainham’s middle order to do what they do best: smash. It was over to inform Charlie Puncher (56*) and Nikhil Patel (66*), in typical 2nd XI fashion, to breeze past the total set by the opposition after only 34.4 overs and having lost only 2 wickets. A fantastic finish to May for the 2nd XI who have won 3 from 4.

Batting	Bowling
N. Patel vs. Rayne – 66*	S. Crotch vs. Rayne – 5/19/9
C. Puncher vs. Rayne – 56*	Bh. Patel vs. Ingatestone – 4/34/8
C. Puncher vs. Ingatestone - 54*	C. Puncher vs. Writtle – 3/26/10

3rd XI

“Thames Is Put To The Test” Rainham 3rd XI vs. East Hanningfield 2nd XI – 06/05/17

Thames’ new, lords-esc wicket was to have its first taste of excitement on the opening day of the season as Rainham faced East Hanningfield. Being bowled out within 39.1 overs, the 3rd XI amassed a total of 155 thanks to youngster Ben Little (57), Adam Savery (23) and Micky Clifford (28). No one could have anticipated the outcome of the days play as Rainham edged the win by only 2 runs. The opposition finished just short with a score of 153 for 7 after 40 overs: the bowler of the day being Kenny Sims (4 for 33 off).

“Wickets Shared By Bowling Attack” - Rainham 3rd XI vs. Willow Herb Blackmore 2nd XI – 13/05/17

The 3rd XI’s first away game of the season saw them come up against Willow Herb Blackmore CC. Loose bowling from the opposition, giving away a total of 43 extras, and Micky Clifford’s experienced batting helped Rainham to a total of 140 all out after 24.5 overs. Even with 55.1 overs to play with, the opposition struggled to make any notable partnerships because of Rainham’s tight bowling. It

was Kenny Sims (3 for 26 off 9), Warren Courtney (3 for 12 off 5), Umer Khan (2 for 15 off 9) and Bradley Manning (2 for 8 off 4) all amongst the wickets to ensure that Willow Herb were unable to chase down the total being bowled out in the 45th over for a measly 93 runs. A great bowling display from the 3rd XI.

“Little Runs... Little Delivers” - Rainham 3rd XI vs. Canvey Island 2nd XI – 20/05/17

The 3rd game week of the season had the 3rd XI play host to rivals Canvey Island. On the day, Thames’ outfield played like a jungle as any shot would have to be in the air if they wished for it to have any chance of beating the boundary. This showed as Rainham were restricted to 74 for 8 in 40 overs with the batsmen amongst the runs being inform Micky Clifford (24), Nick Thwaites (9*) and youngster Antony Connor (10*). With such little runs to play with, it was Ben Little (5 for 15 off 9), whose fantastic spell of bowling earned himself a club honour, alongside Umer Khan (2 for 22 off 9) who stood up and delivered as Canvey finished all out for 57 after 25.3 overs.

“Guess who’s back” - Rainham 3rd XI vs. Chignal 1st XI – 27/05/17

The return of recently engaged Neeral Patel (35) was welcomed with open arm by skipper, Thwaites as his decision to bat first began to pay dividends when Neeral and Ian Little (25*) began to fire. Unfortunately, the tail order could not embrace the opportunity of time at the crease and failed to build on the solid foundation provided as the 3rd XI were all out in 36 overs with a score of 143. Over to the bowlers, it was the familiar face of Umer Khan (3 for 27 off 8) and the new face of Husham (3 for 14 off 8) who aided Rainham in bowling the opposition out for 115 after 35 overs.

Batting	Bowling
B. Little vs. E. Hanningfield – 57	B. Little vs. C. Island – 5/15/9
N. Patel vs. Chignal – 35	K. Sims vs. E. Hanningfield – 4/33/9
M. Clifford vs. W. H. Blackmore – 29*	W. Courtney vs. W. H. Blackmore – 3/12/5

Sunday 1st XI

“Action Is Left Arm Around” - Rainham Sunday 1st XI vs. Hainault & Clayhall 1st XI – 07/05/17

A strong XI were selected by the Sunday skipper, Nikhil Patel, for an away grudge match against Hainault as they looked to start the season with a win. Having lost the toss, Rainham were made to bowl and got off to a flyer with the opposition’s oversea player nicking one behind from the bowling of Jon O’Neill (1 for 17 off 5). It was the tricky, left arm around bowling attack of Biren Patel (4 for 23 off 8) and Bhavick Patel (2 for 21 off 3.3) who finished Hainault’s innings, who found themselves all out after 29.3 overs with a total of 141.

With few runs on the board, Rainham were confident in picking up the win. However, after losing the wicket of Sid Patel (31) and Rushi Patel (26), the middle order struggled to build and lost 4 quick wickets with little to show from it. It wasn’t until the partnership of Jon O’Neill (34*) and Biren Patel (10*) that Rainham’s middle order showed some stability and in doing so, cruised to the target needed after only 27 overs.

“Sid Smashes Ton” - Rainham Sunday 1st XI vs. Oakfield Parkonians 1st XI – 14/05/17

Another away game had Rainham travel to the familiar ground of Oakfield Parkonians. In winning the toss, the Sunday side elected to bat first and it was Jas Hothi (83) that got things rolling, yet he

was not to be the days highest run scorer: this award goes to Sid Patel (108*). Sid's big innings and Jon O'Neil's (33*) monstrous sixes helped Rainham to a massive total of 282 in 40 overs.

Now over to the bowlers, it was Harry Light (2 for 34 off 8) who was first to make the breakthrough and, aided by Youngster Ben Little (2 for 30 off 6), washed through the early wickets. On came Bhavick Patel (4 for 22 off 6) with a classy spell to see Rainham home with another comfortable victory. Oakfield Parkonians all out for 115 after 28 overs. A generous score considering 5 slip catches were dropped. Jono, Jassy, Nikhil!

“Sid Smashes Ton Vol.2” - Rainham Sunday XI vs. Scintilla 1st XI – 21/05/17

Off the back of 2 dominating performances, Rainham wished to continue their blistering form at a hot Spring Farm. The toss was won and the decision to bat first was made. Captain, Nikhil Patel (36), helped lay a platform for which his team could build upon and finally, when a wicket fell, “Sunday Superstar” Sid Patel (104) was unleashed and caused havoc for Scintilla's bowlers, hitting ANOTHER ton!!! Backed by Jas Hothi (34), Rainham reached the total of 219 for 6.

Having saw out the opening bowlers, the opposition didn't have much to show for on the score board and were in need to begin to tee off. However, Scintilla were unprepared as to how hostile the bowling attack of Biren Patel (2 for 26 off 8) and Bhavick Patel (5 for 11 off 5) was to be, which ultimately showed as they fell short of the run chase by 125 runs, being bowled out for 94. A common theme for the Sunday team's oppositions thus far.

“Here Comes The Rain” - Rainham Sunday 1st XI vs. Upminster 2nd XI – 28/05/17

The first arranged Sunday friendly, skippered by Charlie Puncher, was to be played in musty conditions at a soggy Spring Farm. A young team (barring Micky Clifford and Steve Jackson!) was trusted to bat first as Charlie had won the toss. A respectable score of 166 from 40 overs was recorded from the young(ish) side with the pick of the batsmen being Charlie Puncher (40) and Steve Jackson (25). Unfortunately, the weather took a turn for the worse and play finished after only 6 overs into the Upminster's innings. No result.

Batting	Bowling
S. Patel vs. Scintilla – 108*	Bh. Patel vs. Scintilla – 5/11/5
S. Patel vs. O. Parkonians - 104	B. Patel vs. H. & Clayhall – 4/23/8
J. Hothi vs. O. Parkonians - 83	Bh. Patel vs. O. Parkonians – 4/22/6

T20 XI

“May Day Misery” - Rainham T20 XI vs. Goresbrook T20 XI – 01/05/17

For the first T20 game of the season, Rainham were drawn to play local rivals Goresbrook, away in the Essex Sunday ESL T20 Knockout Competition. On a wet day, skipper Jon O'Neill sent the opposition into bat and looked to utilise the conditions, however Goresbrook took a liking to the Rainham opening bowlers and began raking up the runs. It was not until tight bowling from Anish Patel (3 for 17 off 4) and Biren Patel (2 for 36 from 3) that slowed the Goresbrook attack who finished on 149 for 7 after 20.

Things didn't start great as Rainham lost a wicket in the first over and struggled to score against Goresbrook's spinners on a slow outfield. The innings of Ronnie Jackson (23), Jon O'Neil (17) and

Rushi Patel (19) were not enough for the T20 XI to reach the target, finishing shy of the run chase and all out for 118 in 19 overs.

“50 and out” - Rainham T20 XI vs. Stratford T20 XI – 25/05/17

Rainham were to play hosts to a strong Stratford side on a beautiful Thursday evening. Jon O’Neill won the toss and elected to bat first. The wicket of Sid Patel fell early and in response, Rainham’s Jon O’Neill (50) and Jas Hothi (46) put on a mesmerising partnership hitting all over the park. Some late inning bashing from the likes of Nikhil Patel (15) Ronnie Jackson (9) and Charlie Puncher (6) helped the T20 XI finish on a healthy score of 151 for 6.

Tight bowling was needed from the Rainham bowling attack to keep the opposition at bay and it was to be Nikhil Patel (3 for 30 off 4) and Charlie Puncher (3 for 14 off 4) who provided putting the T20 XI in a somewhat comfortable position. Not one of Stratford’s middle and tail order hit above 10 runs thanks to some superb work in the field and finished the oppositions inning swiftly, falling short with 129 off 19.1 overs. A fantastic win for the T20 XI.

Batting	Bowling
J. O’Neill vs. Stratford – 50	C. Puncher vs. Stratford – 3/14/4
J. Hothi vs. Stratford – 46	A. Patel vs. Goresbrook 3/17/4
R. Jackson vs. Gorsebrook - 23	N. Patel vs. Stratford – 3/30/4



The Boys in Blue Pre-Victory Photo



A Jubilant Charlie and Abdal struggle to hold in their excitement at the prospect of a big score



Jono applauded for his 50



The Skipper’s celebratory jug

U15 XI

The under 15s have played 4 Cox and Kings cup matches with the results being successful to date with 2 wins, especially a notable win against Wanstead, 1 loss v Gidea Park and one match that was abandoned. There is still one final game to play in this group, which is away to West Ham, so all potentially to play for.

Only 1 league match so far for the under 15s, which was a 10 wicket loss to Goresbrook and an excellent 30 not out retirement from Captain Will Knowlden.

Goresbrook were also our opponents in the Essex Cup and a loss could not be avoided, even though there were superb innings from Anthony Connor, 53 not out and Jack Wallace 11.

Further fixtures ahead for the 15s in the league against Hornchurch and Upminster.

Joe Attfield has been managing the under 15s this year and he has again joined up with Goresbrook for a joint team in the under 16 matchplay competition. Places are up for grabs and their first fixture is this Sunday 25th June against Brentwood.

U13 XI

Three fixtures for the under 13s against Upminster, Goresbrook and Hornchurch Athletic. Some good batting performances from Flynn Treannor, Kyan Lehal, Alfie Stouchbury and Bobby Little has been notable in these three matches. Jamie Little also had a good day with the ball taking 2 wickets against Hornchurch Athletic. The under 13s are mainly made up of under 12s and good progress is being made by all the boys.

U12 XI

The under 12s have faced some strong opposition in the Peter Coe cup and have not let themselves down in any way, even though they have suffered 3 defeats in their 4 matches. A close encounter against Upminster resulted in a 26 run loss with Kyan taking 3 wickets, Alfie 4 and good knocks from Bobby Little, Louis Smith and Kyan.

Next up was Newham and a superb display in the field with all catches being held and wickets being shared by Joe Gray, Flynn and Alfie Clark. Even though we were only chasing 41 only 1 wicket was lost in reaching the required target with Alfie Stouchbury ending on 27 not out.

Goresbrook were the next opposition and they batted first with Kyan being the stand out bowler taking 3 wickets. Disciplined bowling from Goresbrook kept the Rainham runs down as Flynn and Kyan ended up both not out on 10 and 16 respectively.

Woodford Wells batted first and an excellent display in the field for the first two thirds of the match kept the Woodford Wells wicket tumbling at regular rates with Alfie Stouchbury bagging 4 wickets, Sam hare contributing 2 run outs and 2 good catches from Louis Smith. An excellent 8th wicket partnership from wells took their score past 130. In the chase Rainham kept going to the end with an excellent 6th wicket partnership from Joe Gray 22 and Leo Fevzi-Hunt 15 ensuring Rainham scored 78 runs in reply.

The final 2 fixtures in the Peter Coe Cup are Woodford green away and then Ilford at home

U11 XI

Only 2 matches for the under 11s to date but a busy late June and July coming up. The first match was a friendly against Goresbrook that was a good all-round display from everyone involved. Alfie Clark top scored with 9 followed by Charlie Sutton on 7 and Leo on 6. The top wicket taker was Fraser Oates with 2 and other wicket taken by Alex Porter and Alfie.

The next match was notable for the debuts of Leo Billet, Frankie Dineen, Elsie Orwell and Govin Singh. Alex Porter shone with the bat scoring 11 runs as the under 11s succumbed to Gidea Park by 46 runs in our first Havering League match of 2017.

Further fixtures ahead in the next week with a friendly against Belhus, and league matches against Uppminster and Goresbrook.

All Stars Cricket

We have taken on the ECB initiative of All Stars cricket which is aimed at 5 to 8 year olds taking part in an 8-week programme of cricket related skills. We have 10 signed up officially, but more youngsters have taken part in these sessions as the weeks have gone by. This has been a much better success than anticipated and Monday nights are a real buzz down the club as we are attracting more youngsters in each age group. All of this couldn't be done without the excellent assistance from coaches and coach support workers. It's a massive thank you to Pete, Jay, Warren, Paul, Dal, Darren, Joe, Charlie, Ronnie, Tyler, Suzanne and Claire that all contribute to making these nights fun for all the kids.

Kwik Cricket Tournaments

Another busy year at Spring Farm Park as we hosted 3 tournaments for Havering and our own involving the Rainham schools.

The first one we hosted this year was the biggest we have had to organise with 28 boys teams taking part as we had 10 pitches cut, thanks to our groundsman Nigel and some great volunteering stints from Keith Light, Joe Attfield, Tom Herbert, Charlie Puncher and refreshments provided by Suzanne. It was also good to see a new winner as Benhurst took the spoils in a close fought final against Uppminster. It was also to see Rainham Village progress to the knock out stages of his tournament.

Next up was the Havering girls Tournament where 23 schools participated. We again saw a new winner as Nelmes beat Hylands in a close fought final.

The most important tournament for us is our own kwik cricket tournament, which is just for the Rainham schools. Even though the attendance was not the best we have had with only 5 teams taking part it was a great success as Parsonage Farm became the first school to win the tournament twice. The Parsonage team was made up of 3 Rainham CC players: Alex Porter, Alfie Clark and Charlie Sutton. The tournament is now sponsored by Trophyland, who also provided the medals to the winners and runners up.

Last of all we hosted the Havering Festival aimed at year 3 and 4 where 10 schools participated. The final match was another cliff hanger with the festival being won by Benhurst winning from the very last ball of the match against Ardleigh Green. Below is a photo and the headline from the Romford Recorder.



Benhurst and Ardleigh Green pupils face the camera after their final meeting at Rainham Cricket Club.

Benhurst pupils pip Ardleigh Green rivals to Havering Schools' crown at Rainham

It would have to go without saying that if we didn't have the volunteers to make all of these days a success, then the Havering Sports Collective would not keep asking us every year to host them. So it's thank you to Will Knowlden, Nicola Knowlden and her friend Dawn, Suzanne Treannor, Raj Hothi, Jas Hothi, Jono, Brearley, Tom Herbert, Charlie Puncher, Ben Little, Joe Attfield, Keith Light and hopefully I haven't missed anyone, who gave their time.

Mini Matchlay Festival at Essex CCC

For the third year in a row we have entered the mini matchplay festival for under 11s that is played at the home of Essex CCC in Chelmsford. Our day will be on Wednesday 9th August starting at approx. 6pm, so make a note in your diary to come and support the boys and girls.

Cricketfest Weekend 15th/16th July

Rainham CC will be taking part in the ECB initiative called Cricketfest, over the weekend of 15th and 16th July.

The weekend will start the 1st XI taking on local rivals Hornchurch Athletic and the 3rd XI taking on Willow Herbs 2nds at Thames in the Mid Essex League. At approx. 6pm we will be running an extra All Stars sessions for our 5 to 8 year olds and then in the evening it will be rounded off with a new themed night of Caribbean Karaoke in fancy dress from 8pm.

The following morning will be a Peter Coe Cup match with the under 12s taking on Ilford. There is also no fixture for the Sunday XI that day, so even the possibility of reviving an inter club 6 a side with the table tennis tournament.

England will also be taking on South Africa in the 2nd test over that weekend.

Bronze Sponsorship

IDAL STORE

From all at Rainham CC, we would like to thank NEW bronze sponsor, IDAL STORE, who has kindly donated £500 to the club. This money will go a very long way, improving the clubhouse, its facilities and equipment. The store in question can be found, located only down the road (5 minute walk) from Spring Farm Park. Location: 329 Upminster Road North, Rainham, Essex, RM139JR.

Once again a massive thankyou to IDAL STORE for their generosity!



Quiz Night

Again, another fantastic Social Night over Spring Farm Park which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Congratulation to the winners on the night "Girlies Best Downton" who take the trophy from the previous year's winners: Ben, Jay, Dal and Ian.

Regarding accusations of fiddling, made by several teams, an inquest was made and it can be confirmed that there was ABSOLUTELY NO alteration of results and that the winners won fairly. The only qualm of the night which is still unanswered were from suspicious typing on phones beneath the table. Mr. Downton... Mr. Manning.

Be sure to look out for more Social Nights planned, all of which can be found in the 2017 fixture list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

This is one for your calendars and one which is certainly not to be missed. Rainham's very own Caribbean Night is being held on 15th July where there will be a fancy-dress theme and karaoke all night. Remember ALL are welcome so feel free to invite family and friends!!!

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SATURDAY 15TH JULY

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AND KARAOKE NIGHT**

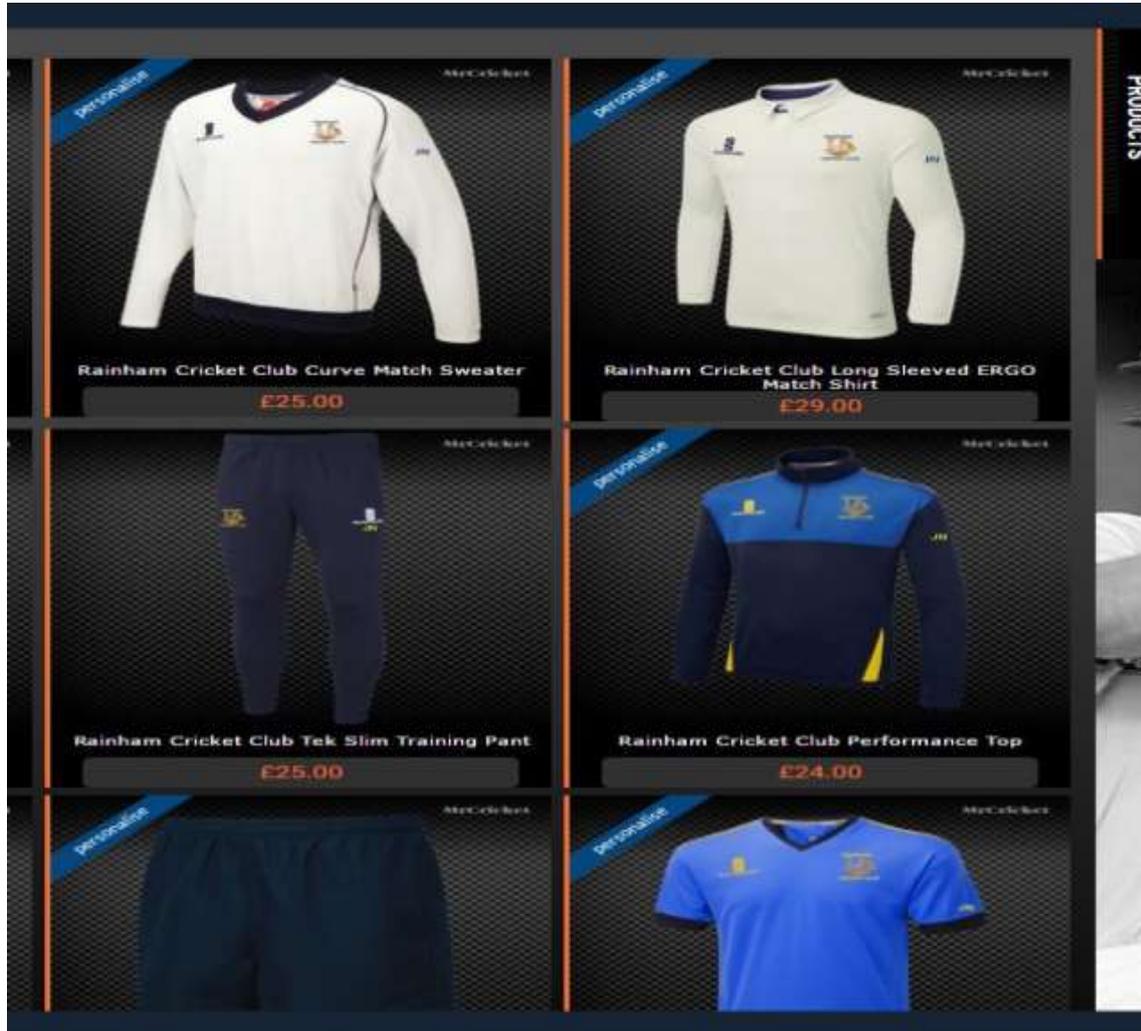
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<http://www.mrcricketshop.co.uk/cricket/club-shop/rainham-cricket-club/>



“Dodgy Dozen” Interview: Umer Khan

Club joker Umer Khan has been randomly selected to take part in the infamous Dirty Dozen Interview. Umer’s tricky bowling is widely believed to be the hardest to face in Rainham (IF HE BOWLS STRAIGHT...) He is Rainham through and through and is a self-proclaimed 3rd XI legend.



Name & Club History
Umer Khan, Rainham CC
Cricketing Hero
Shahid Afridi!
Favourite Club Ground(s)
Harold Wood
Best Innings
Spain Tour 2016 – 46
Best Bowling
For the 1 st XI in 2015 – 5/15
Best Catch/Fielding
Thames 2017 – Caught on boundary
Club Mate Most Like Batting With
Mick Clifford - Doesn't give me any stress while at the crease
Club Mate Least Like Batting With
Nick Thwaites, still thinks he's 18 years old who can sprint a single while there's short mid-off!
Best of Times in Cricket
Promotion of the 3 rd XI
Worst of Times in Cricket
Losing the game against Navestock this year and as always, Nick Thwaites’s running between wicket and dancing down the track was absolute shambles!!!

Funniest Moment in Cricket
Lol Kenny Sims in the field – enough said
Your Song to Enter the T20 Arena
Bombae, Zack Knight
Your Perfect Tea
Chicken curry and boiled rice!
The Best Thing About Rainham CC
Too much love which makes the club special and always the best social nights
Your Rainham Career in 10 or Less Words
Huge honour to play alongside experienced players
Your Future Vision for Rainham CC
All 3 teams promoted to the premier in the coming years.

Chairman’s Notes: Graham ‘Brearley’ Thwaites

Another super start to a cricket season with 3 teams all in the top 3 and The Sunday team in The top 2 also. The first team in particular have the look and feel of a Premier league team and are 2nd but currently 40 points clear of 3rd. I can't stress just how massive this achievement would be, Rainham cricket club in the elite league mixing with clubs we used to view as giants. Now we stand shoulder to shoulder and our first eleven have a settled look about them, which bodes well for the rest of the season.

As usual our excellent youth section are doing well with some really impressive performances and a continued stream of youth players debuting for the senior sides , this really is the heart of our cricketing existence.

Off the park, we continue to create I think the best social club in Essex cricket ! Really good socials (Well done Paul) and also a real welcoming atmosphere at weekends and midweek. You can walk over anytime for a drink and mix with friends. As well as this the club house is being renovated later this year with big improvements outside and a refit Inside. Keith is driving this effectively for all to see.

Couple of other early comments to make. One is please respect the clubhouse and take responsibility for its upkeep and hygiene. Don't leave it to others to clean up your mess , thank you.

Secondly - let's remember that when your winning cricket matches it's so very easy to be positive but when you lose a few you show show your character. By all means vent your anger privately but come back and channel your anger into an Intensity and commitment that wins you matches.

Thank for supporting your club.

Brearley