



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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Playing Update

1st XI

Rainham 1st XI vs. Aythorpe Roding 1st XI – 05/08/17

Heavy rain was forecast as the 1st XI faced a top of the table clash away to Aythorpe Roding. Skipper, Jas won the toss and elected to bat with intentions to bowl the opposition out cheaply before the rain came. Rainham were immediately in the driving seat as the first 3 batsmen lost their wickets, nicking behind. As Aythorpe began to rebuild Biren Patel (2 for 28 from 8) dismissed their star bat which orchestrated a collapse as the remaining 5 wickets were lost for less than 15 runs thanks to the bowling of Jon O'Neill (4 for 32 off 10). Aythorpe fell in the 37th over with a score of 166. Dipal Patel (2 for 40 off 10) and Bhavick Patel (2 for 34 off 6.5) also among the wicket takers.

In reply, openers Jas Hothi (38) and Biren Patel (39) started brightly before losing their wickets. A useful knock from Sid Patel (19) edged Rainham closer to a victory; it wasn't until 8 wickets down that the first XI were to seal the win as Tyler Bunn 8* and Dipal Patel (13*) calmly got the boys over the line. This victory put the 1st XI within touching distance from the top spot with only 4 more league games to be played.

Rainham 1st XI vs. Tillingham 1st XI - 12/08/17

Once more, the 1st XI found themselves trekking into the depths of Essex to play an away match against a weakened Tillingham side. Having lost the toss, we were made to bowl. An unwise decision by their captain however as our bowlers were too much to handle as 7 batsmen fell for ducks. Consequently, Tillingham were made all out in the 30th over with extras (35) matching their highest scoring batsmen. The wicket takers being Bhavick Patel (4 for 6 off 7), Jon O'Neill (3 for 18 off 8) and Tyler Bunn (2 for 31 off 17).

Despite an unthreatening chase, the 1st XI were in no mood to mess about as Jas Hothi (55*) and Biren Patel (32*) sharply got Rainham to the target of 96 in the 15th over without a loss of wicket. A comfortable victory for Rainham which ensured them promotion to the premier division.



Post-match victory photo. The squad who achieved promotion.

Rainham 1st XI vs. Springfield 2nd XI – 19/08/17

Rainham played host to strong Springfield and won the toss. No match information is available except that the 1st XI posted a score of 127 for 10 in the 45th over. In response, Springfield fell short having been bowled out for 62 in the 23rd over.

Rainham 1st XI vs. South Weald – 26/08/17

The last match of August had the (hungover) 1st XI travel to South Weald. Faces dropped soon after arrival as the toss was lost which made the Rainham side bowl first. Yet all was not doom and gloom as Abdal Altaf (3 for 41 off 7) picked up his first wicket for the 1st XI in the first over of the match. Slack fielding plagued the team as players not holding numerous catches assisted South Weald to a score of 200 all out after 44 overs. Jon O’Neill (3 for 10 off 7) and Jas Hothi (2 for 18 off 7) also amongst the wickets.

After teas, Tom Herbert (63) and Sid Patel (19) began the response, building a healthy platform for the likes of Rushi Patel (20), Adam Savory (23) and Dipal Patel (26) to all cash in on. With 5 wickets in hand and 50 or so runs needed, the 1st XI were strong favourites but in typical Rainham style a collapse lured. Thankfully, with 1 wicket spare, Jas Hothi (17*) and Garnet Shallow (6*) saw the 1st XI over the finish line in the 38th over.

Soon after, Rainham received news that Aythorpe had lost and that now we were top with 1 game remaining.

Batting

Bowling

T. Herbert vs. S. Weald - 63	Bh. Patel vs. Tillingham – 4/6/7
J. Hothi vs. Tillingham – 55*	J. O’Neill vs. A. Roding – 4/32/10
B. Patel vs. A. Roding - 39	J. O’Neill vs. S. Weald – 3/10/7

2nd XI

Rainham 2nd XI vs. Navestock 1st XI – 05/08/17

Harry and his team played host to Navestock at a wet Spring Farm. Having lost the toss, the 2nd XI were made to bat first and were instantly put under the cosh as quick wickets fell with only Sam Crotch (26) making any notable score. This was until skipper, Harry Light (57), found himself at the crease and began to make the scoreboard tick again. Despite a healthy partnership with Will Knowlden (22), wickets continued to fall and runs soon dried up as Rainham finished with 165 for 9.

No one could have predicted the day’s outcome however, as Navestock finished 2 runs shy of the win in a tense final over as the opposition hit a score of 164 for 8. The wicket takers being Hashem (3 for 19 off 10) and Harry Light 2 for 32 off 7). A nerveless bowling display from the 2nd XI.

Rainham 2nd XI vs. St. Johns 1st XI – 12/08/16

Back to back home fixture for the 2nd XI had them face St. Johns and after having lost the toss, Rainham were made to bowl first. This was to prove a terrible decision by the opponent’s captain as his team were made all out for 62 after 35.1 overs. Charlie Puncher (6 for 19 off 9.1) stole the show as he won his first club honour taking 6 wickets. In reply, the 2nd XI only needed 19.3 overs to chase the target at a cost of 4 wickets: Tony Stouchberry (32*) with the highest score.

Rainham 2nd XI vs. Little Waltham 2nd XI – 19/08/17

No match information available.

Rainham 2nd XI vs. Rayleigh 3rd XI – 26/08/17

The 2nd XI batted first making a total of 216 for 8 and later held Rayleigh to 99 for 7 in their 45 overs. No match statistics available.

Batting	Bowling
H. Light vs. Navestock - 57	C. Puncher vs. St Johns – 6/19/9.1
T. Stouchberry vs. St Johns - 32*	Hashem vs. Navestock – 3/19/10
S. Crotch vs. Navestock - 26	H. Light vs. Navestock 2/32/7

3rd XI

Rainham 3rd XI vs. South Woodham Ferrers 2nd XI – 05/08/17

The 3rd XI travelled to South Woodham Ferrers to play their first game of August. Soon after arrival, the toss was lost and Rainham were made to field first. The day’s play started well as Ben Little (2 for 12 off 5) quickly dismissed their 2 openers. The opposition began to rebuild until their set batsmen was caught and bowled by Umer Khan (3 for 24 off 5). Following this it was Jamie Adkins (3 for 22 off

9) to join the party who swiftly took the wickets of the middle to lower order batsmen leaving South Woodham all out in the 33rd over for 117.

Captain for the day Joe Attfield (31) opened confidently and before being dismissed began to build a healthy partnership with Graham Burr (42*), whose steady innings helped the 3rd XI over the finish line in the 34th over having lost 4 wickets. Kenny Simms (20) also among the runs.

Rainham 3rd XI vs. Rayleigh 5th XI – 12/08/17

Rainham lost the toss, were made to bowl, then sharply dismissed the opposition in the 29th over for 66. In reply, only 1 wicket was lost as the 3rd XI cruised to victory. No match statistics available.

Rainham 3rd XI vs. Navestock 2nd XI – 19/08/17

Rainham faced a tough trip to a strong Navestock and for the 3rd week running lost the toss. Having been put in to bat, the 3rd XI put on a show as 2 players made their maiden tons. Firstly, Ben Little (112) whose knock saw him become the youngest Rainham player to make a ton and later, Tyler Bunn (102) who demonstrated his skill and technique. The 3rd XI finished on a score of 236 for 5.

Oddly, Navestock were uninterested in chasing the target and were more intent on boring the bowlers to death as they finished with a score of 116 for 1 in their 40 overs. Tyler Bunn (1 for 21 off 9) being the only wicket taker in this bizarre game.

Rainham 3rd XI vs. Springfield 4th XI – 26/07/17

No match information available.

Batting	Bowling
B. Little vs. Navestock – 112	J. Adkins vs. S.W.Ferrers – 3/22/9
T. Bunn vs. Navestock - 102	U. Khan vs. S.W.Ferrers – 3/24/5
G. Burr vs. S. W. Ferrers – 42*	B. Little vs. S.W.Ferrers – 2/12/5

Sunday 1st XI

Rainham Sunday 1st XI vs. East Ham Corinthians – 06/08/17

The Sunday side started August with a friendly vs. East Ham at Spring Farm Park. Skipper, Mick promptly lost the toss and were made to bowl first. Rainham skittled the opposition all out for 144 in the 36th over with the star bowlers being youngster Raj Hothi (4 for 39 off 8) and Sam Crotch (3 for 16 off 8). In reply, it took the Sunday XI just 34 overs at a loss of 4 wickets to chase the total. The run scorers being Will Knowlden (45), Tony Stouchberry (29), Mick Clifford (31*) and Tyler Bunn (29*).

Rainham Sunday 1st XI vs. Oakfield Parkonians – 13/08/17

No match information available.

Batting	Bowling
R. Hothi vs. East Ham – 4/39/8	W. Knowlden vs. East Ham - 42
S. Crotch vs. East Ham – 3/16/8	M. Clifford vs. East Ham – 31*

T20 XI

Rainham T20 XI vs. Barking T20 XI – 15/08/17

Having finished second in their group, the T20 XI were selected to face Barking away in the quarter finals. The toss was lost and Rainham were made to field first. Bhavick Patel (1 for 15 off 3) made the first breakthrough which immediately triggered a collapse in the Barking camp as Charlie Pucher (4 for 12 off 4), Jon O'Neill (2 for 1 off 2.4) and Biren Patel (2 for 7 off 3) ripped through the opposition leaving them with only 51 for 10 off 14.4 overs.

Much of the collapse was down to the quality of pitch so Rainham knew the chase wasn't going to be a walk in the park. 3 quick wickets fell but it wasn't until Sid Patel (18) and Charlie Pucher (10) began to push Rainham to victory that began to settle the nervous players and supporters. However, a further 4 wickets fell until Ronnie Jackson (8*) and Biren Patel (4*) saw the T20 XI home. Rainham qualify for the semis.





Batting	Bowling
S. Patel vs. Barking – 18	C. Puncher vs. Barking – 4/12/4
C. Puncher vs. Barking – 10	J. O’Neill vs. Barking – 2/1/2.3
R. Jackson vs. Barking – 8*	B. Patel vs. Barking – 2/7/3

Youth Section

Under 15s

The last Havering League match for the under 15s was against traditionally strong Hornchurch away at Harrow Lodge Park.

Hornchurch won the toss and chose to bat as Daniel Purton and Kyan Lehal opened the bowling for the under15s. Daniel immediately got stuck into both the Hornchurch openers bowling one and a

catch from Raj Hothi for the other. A small partnership developed for the home side until Louis Smith came on and broke the partnership, caught behind by Anthony Connor. Two Hornchurch batsmen retired on 25 and then wickets began to tumble at regular rates as Alfie Stouchbury, Jack Wallace and another wicket from Daniel completed a fine all-round bowling display with only 2 wides bowled in 20 overs. Captain, Will Knowlden, also set the tone in the field with 2 fine catches, as Hornchurch finished their innings on 91 for 6.

Regular and inform openers Anthony and Will got the innings off to a great start, both retiring on 25 as Rainham's total was 51 off 10 overs. Charlie Vickers and Raj Hothi departed quickly, but then partnerships from Alfie, Bobby Little and Daniel took the total to 85 at the end of the 19th over. Kyan and Jack Wallace kept cool heads to score the 6 runs required for victory in the last over, in a very fine all-round team performance to end the season in style.

Well done to both Joe Attfield for managing the team and Charlie Puncher and Darren Holtom for assisting with the coaching.



Jack Wallace with his most improved under 15 player award at the presentation evening



Will Knowlden – under 15 fielding award or catalogue model?



Anthony Connor – 119 runs for the under 15 batting award

Under 13s

After 2 fine victories against Gidea Park and Hornchurch to turn the Havering League season around the final opposition was against Harold Wood. Harold Wood won the toss and decided to bat as Kyan and Louis Smith opened the bowling, both taking a wicket each. Other wickets from Charlie Vickers Jahanzeb Khan and Alfie restricted Wood to 70 for 5, in what was strangely a good bowling performance, but lacklustre in the field.

Charlie and Alfie opened the innings, but a blow was dealt as Charlie lost his wicket in the first over. Sensible batting from Alfie and Bobby Little took the score to 51, before Bobby was dismissed for 15, Kyan and Alfie then took the under13s to victory in the 10th over for an 8 wicket victory.

A big thank you to Jay and Warren for another terrific year and a fine end to the season with 3 consecutive Havering league victories.



Kyan with his hat-trick award and the actual ball he bowled



Louis Smith almost drops his best fielder trophy!



Sam Hare most improved under 13

Under 11s

There were 2 matches to play for the under 11s to complete their Havering League campaign against Hornchurch and Ardleigh Green.

First up was Hornchurch at Springy and the under 11s were in buoyant mood after 3 consecutive wins. Rainham won the toss and chose to bat on a fine Sunday morning. Debutant Layla Mason opened the innings with Govind Singh and both did a fine job in keeping out some very good Hornchurch bowling.

Hornchurch proved to be a very good outfit as wickets tumbled on a regular basis, as only Louis Merry, Leo, Fraser Oates and Charlie Sutton troubled the scorers. Twelve wickets were lost in total as the under 11s posted a score of 184.

Hornchurch proved to be just as adept in the batting department as all of their batters scored runs, with Charlie Sutton being the pick of the Rainham bowlers taking 2 wickets, but was closely pushed by Holly Vickers bowling her 2 over posting 1 maiden for just 2 runs, as Hornchurch amassed 307 in reply.

The final league match was against Ardleigh Green, which was an evening game at the end of August and could have been a struggle with the light.

Leo won the toss and chose to bat as Louis Merry and Holly kept the Green bowlers at bay. Cassie and Elsie followed with Cassie Doyle scoring 3 and the ever-improving Elsie Orwell keeping her wicket intact. Alfie Clark and Jay Shipton kept the score moving, among a string of Green wides, as the score was taken to 241 after 12 overs.

Entertainment then followed with Leo and Joe Parsons scoring 15 and 5 respectively, took the team total to 271 after 16 overs. Fraser and Alex also ran well between the wickets and kept the score moving, until Fraser lost his wicket on a couple of occasions in the last over as Rainham posted a healthy 283 after 20 overs.

Holly and Louis opened the bowling taking a wicket each and it certainly was 'Ladies Night' when Cassie and Elsie came on to bowl as they claimed another 3 wickets between them. A further 4 wickets

fell which were shared by Joe and Leo with assistance from an Alex catch and an Alfie stumping as Ardleigh Green's innings finished on 210 and an excellent end to the under 11s season.

Credit must be given to Ronnie Jackson and Paul Newman who have coached the under 11s on Monday nights.



Leo gets presented with his mini matchplay t-shirt



Cassie receives her most improved player award

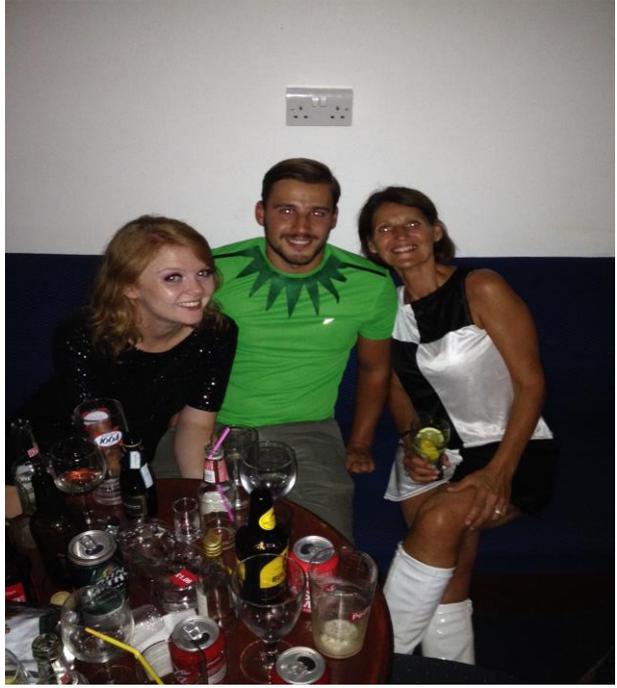


80's Night

An array of fancy dress was on offer including Maverick and Goose, Batman and Cat Woman, George Michael, E.T. and the Mario Brothers at yet another unforgettable night at the clubhouse. The party continued 'till the early hours with 80's classics on offer throughout. 1 notable highlight of the night was a bet which had been made to get George Michael (Pete Reynolds) to umpire the kids match the following morning wearing his inappropriate attire from the night previous. Quote "Easy money for the club".











President's Day

The infamous President's day was once more a massive success for Rainham CC which attracted a record crowd. The after party raged late into the night and was in high attendance until doors were closed (approximately 4 in the morning!!!).

The first game was a mix of the U11s and U13s who competed against one another in 2 teams: Pete's and Jay's. It was Pete's team who narrowly took the win posting 257 and Jay's team who came just short with 255.

The following game was the day's main event: President's XI vs. Chairman's XI. For the first year ever, the 2 teams were not selected from a hat but by skin colour. Thwaite's and his self-proclaimed colony of Indians and Pakistanis bowled first who restricted Bumper's men to a score of 156. In reply, they came just 3 short with a score of 153.

The final game of the day was the increasingly competitive Lads vs. Dads. The U16 boys batted first and could only make a total of 96 which was soon chased down as the Dads celebrated taking the victory. The (questionable) cricket was enjoyed by all.









The first casualty of the day...



Umer survives heatstroke... ready for the after party.





Has Tyler and Charlie ever been so happy???



RAINHAM IS ON FIRE!!!

Youth Presentation Night

The youth presentation night took place on Saturday 9th September down the clubhouse and was very well attended by the youth section, their parents and senior club members. The night began in a panic as our chairman was running around with dish cloths and mops trying to make the place look respectable and the head of the youth section was panicking because his laptop wouldn't replicate with the TV. All was well as Paul Newman brought in the Pizza and wedges and everyone was ready for the presentation night.

The night had a tinge of sadness as Jay Downton would be stepping down from his role as a team manager for next season, but maintained he still wishes to coach and Warren Courtney may be stepping down altogether (we'll hope to try and persuade him otherwise!). These 2 have been great servants of the youth section over the last 4 years and have been at the heartbeat of all things positive with the youth, so it would be a great shame for them both to step down.



Jay and Warren – terrific servants of the Rainham CC youth section

A small gift of the club's appreciation was presented to Malcolm Little for all the help he gives during the winter nets and to Suzanne Treanor, Mo Billet, Nicola Knowlden, Kelly Wallace-Holtom, Julie Oates and Claire Downton for the hospitality and administration duties throughout the season.

Holly Vickers managed to win the prestigious champagne moment award for bowling out older brother Charlie in training, but was closely run by Cassie Doyle's all run 5 and Louis Smith's 6 on President's day.

Below are the full list of awards and some more photos of the evening.

Under 11s - Batting	Leo Fevzi-hunt
Under 11s - Bowling	Leo Fevzi-hunt
Under 11s - Fielding	Alfie Clark
Under 11s – Most Improved	Cassie Doyle

Under 11s – Mini Matchplay Participants	Charlie Sutton, Leo Fevzi-Hunt, Fraser Oates, Jay Shipton, Louis Merry, Elsie Orwell, Govind Singh, Luis Hardy, Billy Barland
Under 12s - Batting	Alfie Stouchbury
Under 12s - Bowling	Alfie Souchbury
Under 12s – Fielding	Louis Smith
Under 12s – Most Improved	Sam Hare
Under 13s - Batting	Kyan Lehal
Under 13s - Bowling	Kyan Lehal
Under 13s – Fielding	Flynn Treanor
Under 13s – Most Improved	Flynn Treanor
Under 14s – Indoor Batting	Charlie Vickers
Under 14s – Indoor Bowling	Raj Hothi
Under 14s – Indoor Fielding	Charlie Vickers
Under 14s – Indoor Most Improved	Bobby Little
Under 15s – Batting	Anthony Connor
Under 15s – Bowling	Kyan Lehal
Under 15s - Fielding	Will Knowlden
Under 15s – Most Improved	Jack Wallace



A good night for Alfie in the under 12s section



An engrossed and not so engrossed (Jack!) audience at the presentation



Holly with the prestigious champagne moment trophy



Happier moments for Charlie with the under 14s indoor batting trophy



Jay S receives his mini matchplay t- shirt



Raj – top indoor bowler for the indoor under 14s



Bobby – most improved indoor under 14 (who's the photo bomb walley!)

CCC 2017 Spin Scholarship Trials

All at Rainham would like to wish Nakul Patel the best of luck at the CCC spin scholarship trials at Leicestershire County Ground on 17th September. Nakul has been improving year upon year which has seen him awarded with multiple call ups to the 1st team. At just 16 years of age, he shows great maturity and level headedness so deserves every success come his trials next Sunday. GOOD LUCK NAKUL.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Youth Section – Go Karting Night at Lakeside Karting Friday 22nd September 2017

Paul Newman has arranged an end of season go-karting night at Lakeside karting on Friday 22nd September and I believe there has already been over 30 requests to attend. If anyone wishes to attend please contact Paul Newman on 07841-039238 and pay £15 per person to attend. The club has also subsidised the event by putting £200 towards the total spend of the evening.



Participants from the last Go-Karting night back in December 2015

Dinner and Dance

The club's end of year award ceremony will be hosted at the new Ingerbourne Links Golf and Social Club. The date in question will be 11th of November. Ticket prices and other information will be available. A date for your calendars.

Buy a Brick

A reminder that bricks are still available to purchase at a price of £20. Register your interest by writing your name on the notice board's list. The big reveal is planned to take place during President's day. A fantastic opportunity to make sure your name is a part of the club for the rest of time...

Order Kit Online

It is not too late to order yourself some of Rainham's fine garments!!! The website, the link of which can be found below, requires the password "RAINHAM112" before you are directed to the personal Rainham store.

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

The image displays a grid of six Rainham Cricket Club merchandise items for sale. Each item is presented in a separate panel with a 'personalise' button in the top left corner and the 'McCricket' logo in the top right corner. The items are:

- Rainham Cricket Club Curve Match Sweater:** A white long-sleeved sweater with a dark V-neck and dark trim on the cuffs and hem. Price: £25.00.
- Rainham Cricket Club Long Sleeved ERGO Match Shirt:** A white long-sleeved polo shirt with a dark collar and dark trim on the cuffs and hem. Price: £29.00.
- Rainham Cricket Club Tek Slim Training Pant:** A dark blue slim-fit training pant with a small club crest on the left thigh. Price: £25.00.
- Rainham Cricket Club Performance Top:** A long-sleeved performance top with a blue upper half and dark blue lower half, featuring yellow accents on the sleeves. Price: £24.00.
- Rainham Cricket Club Performance Top (Blue):** A blue short-sleeved performance top with a dark blue V-neck and dark blue trim on the sleeves.
- Rainham Cricket Club Performance Top (Dark Blue):** A dark blue short-sleeved performance top with a blue V-neck and blue trim on the sleeves.

A vertical 'PRODUCTS' label is visible on the right side of the grid.

“FUN 15”

Rainham’s leading run scorer Alex Sullivan has been randomly selected to tackle the FUN 15. Sully’s notorious technique of using not just his bat but also his front pad has pushed him to the top of the leader board in runs scored as well as LBWs against. In addition, Sully holds 3rd spot for wickets taken which in the minds of many epitomises “bad balls get wickets”. All jokes aside, Sully is a club legend who consistently helps Rainham to the successes achieved each year and a man who lets his impressive records do the talking.



Name & Club History
Alex Sullivan – Been at Rainham CC for 23 Years.
Cricketing Hero
Cricketing Hero – Michael Vaughan (Batting), Shane Warne (Bowling), Paul Collingwood (Fielding) and Peter Reynolds (Motivational Speeches).
Favourite Club Ground(s)
Old Chelmsfordians
Best Innings
123 not out Vs Rayleigh Fairview
Best Bowling
7 for 76 Vs Purleigh
Best Catch/Fielding
The one last week was pretty good? Running out the overseas player at Gidea Park and Romford with a direct hit from the boundary.
Club Mate Most Like Batting With
Paul Collis historically. Now anyone who is happy turning twos into singles.
Club Mate Least Like Batting With
Anybody who likes to run quick singles.
Best of Times in Cricket
Getting promoted to the 1 st division a few years ago.
Worst of Times in Cricket
Being told/reminded I only have one shot?

Funniest Moment in Cricket

Watching Jono get cleaned up in the nets with the new bowling machine and seeing his bat snap in half at the same time as he fell over. It still makes me laugh to this day:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoOQ135objQ>

Your Song to Enter the T20 Arena

Clubfoot - Kasabian

Your Perfect Tea

Any tea at RCC! Easily the best tea's in any of the cricket grounds I have played at.

The Best Thing About Rainham CC

Peter Reynolds – without him the club could well have folded.

Your Rainham Career in 10 or Less Words

Many highs and many lows and chronically underappreciated 😊.

Your Future Vision for Rainham CC

All three Rainham teams occupying the premier league, division 1 and division 2. A bigger clubhouse with improved facilities. The art of leg spin being appreciated?

Chairman's Notes

Well we saw the 2017 season come screaming to a successful conclusion and what a season it was !!!!

1s Promoted to the Premier league, is the pinnacle of our achievements and trust me everybody contributed to this, from youth coaches to all senior sides. The whole club have worked towards this for over a decade !!!!

When anyone asks "Who are Rainham Cricket club " they will see us battling with all the large Essex clubs next season. Well done everyone at this special place !!!!

Not only did the 1s gain promotion but won the division title !! Adam Savery spinning the side to a final home win to seal the deal !!!!

Guys stayed in the dressing room for 2 hour's afterwards and celebrated together !

Speeches were made (We've sent Sid's to a translation expert), Jas bought a drink , Tom realised he was playing cricket and not walking his dog, Garnet was showered by 2am and Biren finally got the full Monty, all those bits and pieces a distant memory!

Icing on the cake ?

3s also won the divisional title with a hard fought win on Saturday !

Even though Joe Attfield ran himself out by 8 yards going for a not so quick 2nd run and in anger triggered half the side !

Ian Little almost took a catch, it was a great day !

2s had a superb season finishing 3rd with a very young side, without doubt the 2s are hot favourites for promotion next season.

Once they've washed off the false tans and Hair gel , they can really play. Well done to Harry and the guys. Your contribution to 1s and 3s was critical also.

Similarly to Nikill and the Sunday 1s who won the league but just came up short in the promotional play off ! Fantastic season guys !!

U19s and senior 20/20 teams went well into their respective competitions and the midweek team had some enjoyable games (Nobody will ever forget the stylish 41 at Belhus by the mystery guest batsman)

All junior sides improved this season and this remains the lifeblood of the club, all the success above is due to this and with our coaches in place, we are assured future success.

Presidents day was another success with the chairman's 11 levelling the series with a 4 run victory! Many have pointed to my crushing on drive for 4 off Bumpers inswinging Yorker as the decisive moment, I'd rather say it was a team effort !

Superb evening also and some great memories.

Junior game as a great opener and Mick Clifford smashing Ben Little all over the ground to win it for the Dads.

Where was opener Keith Light ? I understand he was working at Car phone warehouse.

Seem like only yesterday i welcomed the season and i must say this has been the most enjoyable of my time at the club, on and off the square.

Still lots to look forward to , Youth presentation night, Newmarket trip , Tour to Alicante, AGM , Dinner and Dance, Firework night and the Christmas bash. Plus indoor cricket kicks off in October ! This place is truly unique Rainham is without doubt ON FIRE

See you in the slips !

Brearley

I Boo Da Bee !!!!