



RAINHAM CRICKET & FOOTBALL CLUB

(Affiliated to the Essex County Cricket Board, the Club Cricket Conference, Essex Playing Fields Association)



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Another bit of good news for the Club, Joe Attfield was awarded the winner of the Essex Cricket OSCAs (Outstanding Services to Cricket Awards) in the age 19-25 category. Joe will now go forward to National awards to be held at Lords, where Joe will be treated to a tour of the Lords Museum, Dressing Rooms, Long Room and Press box as well as a 3-course lunch. Good luck to Joe at the National OCSAs!



Joe receiving his Essex Cricket OSCAs award at the recent Essex v Surrey County match

Some more good news in that our first team will have a chance to apply for the status of playing in the Shepherd and Neame Essex League (SNEL), which is the main feeder league into the Essex County side. This would be the first time in the club's history that we would have played in this league and shows great progress within the club since our entry into Division 5 of the T-Rippon League in 2010. There are no guarantees that we would be accepted, but it is good we are being recognised as a club with the potential to play this standard of cricket.

End of Season Playing Update

1st Team

This is the best season the 1st team have ever had in the Premier Division of the T-Rippon League, finishing 2nd overall to Springfield and the form team in the league in the second half of the season with 11 consecutive victories, including wins against, traditionally, the 2 strongest teams in the T-Rippon Bentley and Springfield. Our bowling and fielding was exceptional, with just our batting letting us down at times. With around half the team coming from our youth section the future looks rosy, as long as we continue to put in the effort. Well done to all that played in our first team, which was excellently led by Jono.

2nd Team

Newly promoted to Division 4 it was pretty much the same story for the 2nd XI with 3 games being called off due to the weather and a few early season losses, the 2nds also ended up the form team in the second half of the season, beating the teams that finished 2nd and 3rd overall in the league and finishing in 4th position. A little more luck with the weather and the 2nds could have finished in the top 2 and yet another promotion after starting in 2011 in division 11. Harry Light may stand down as Skipper in 2020 and for someone so young, he has shown great maturity in leading the 2nds over the last 3 and a half years. If Harry does stand down, the committee would like to express its thanks for a job very well done.

3rd Team

Congratulations to the 3rd XI for another season of promotion to Division 5 (The Division our 1st XI started off in 2010). Finishing 2nd in Division 6 to Brookweald 2nds by just 2 points, means the 4th or 5th consecutive promotion for the 3s, which didn't even exist within the club up until 2012. Well done to Brearley and all that played in the 3s this season.

4th Team

Another first for the club in that it is the first time in the club's history we have had 4 teams playing league cricket on a Saturday. A massive thank you to Dave Vickers for skipping the side and to his vice captains of Jason Downton and Warren Courtney. They all stuck to the club's principles of giving the youth a chance and this was one of the club's great achievements this year, with the added bonus of being very competitive in Division 10 finishing 4th and other than a couple of administration hiccups, could have finished higher.

Sunday XI

Another competitive season on the Essex Sunday Premier league lead by Nikhil Patel just missing out on the pay offs in the last match of the season, even after a win against Upminster. Other notable victories during the season were against Belhus, Buckhurst Hill and local rivals Goresbrook.

Under 19s

Six matches this year for the under 19s, which was a very young team manly made up of under 14s. With our eldest players being Ben Little, Will Knowlden, Jack Wallace and Anthony Connor, it is with massive respect to all players that took on some very good and experienced under 19 teams, where we were competitive in all matches, even if they were all defeats. With the experience gained this year, this should hold the under 19s in good shape for next season.

Under 15s

Our under 15s played in 3 competitions this year, which was the National under 15 Cup where we lost in the second round, the Cox and Kings Cup winning 3 of their 5 matches and finishing 5th out of 9. Finally, in the Havering League finishing 3rd with 3 wins and 2 defeats. With 15 matches being played the season has been a success, so thank you to Joe Attfield and Warren Courtney for managing and coaching the side and to the many parents that helped with umpiring, scoring and refreshments.

Under 13s

In his first season of managing a youth team. Jono's under 13s won the Havering League winning 4 of their 5 matches, only losing their first match against Goresbrook. They also played 3 friendlies winning 1 and losing 2. Due to work commitments Jono will not be able to manage a team next year, so if we have any willing volunteers then please let Peter Reynolds know. Thank you to Jono for managing the team and Ronnie Jackson for helping with the coaching of this team on Monday nights.



Alex Porter receives the under 13 Havering League Cup

Under 12s

Managed by Paul Newman, this was one of our most successful seasons in the Brian Taylor Trophy. Although only one win this could quite easily have been three, as a one run loss against Old Parkonians and a 2 wickets loss to Buckhurst Hill shows we are being more competitive in this competition, but also shows that teams like South Loughton and Woodford Wells a setting the benchmark we are aspiring to. Paul also managed 3 teams in the Ardleigh Green Big Bash competition with one of the teams making the final and just missing out to Hornchurch.

Paul maybe standing down next year, but we hope to persuade him to carry on, so hopefully no vacancy for the under 12s manager next season.



Aaditya Rakesh with his under 12s most improved award

Under 11s

Eleven matches played for the under 11s this year, which is the equal most played since we started an under 11 team in 2013. This year has probably been the most successful for the under 11s winning 6 of their 7 Havering league matches, winning the Havering League and winning 3 out of the 4 friendlies.

We also entered 2 teams in a very enjoyable night on the Mini Matchplay at Chelmsford with one of the teams, led by Alex Sullivan, winning all 3 of their matches. Overall a very enjoyable season.



Dave Thursting most wickets award



Ibrahim Malik honours tie for 5 wickets



Jay Shipton with the under 11 league winners cup



Luis Hardy under 11s most improved

Under 9s

A big thank you to Lizzie Pattison, ably assisted by George Light, for not just managing the under 9s, but also leading our All Stars programme for 5 to 8-year-olds.

The under 9s played 4 matches this year and had a very enjoyable time during these matches and we hope to play more games in 2020. Lizzie will be standing down as team manager in 2020, but will be carrying on with our All Stars Activator, so if anyone would be interested in managing the under 9s next year please let Peter Reynolds know.



Ivy Orwell most wickets award



George Spencer celebrates the most runs award with a burger



William Green most improved award

Extension to the Existing Outdoor Net Facility

The works to the extension to our outdoor net facility finally got under way on 23rd September and will be ready well in time for the year 2020, Below are some photos of the progression of the works and the finished extension.



Day 1 works



Day 5 and finished

Indoor League

The under 12s start their indoor league campaign with both of our teams, Royals and Rhinos, playing each other on Friday 4th October. We have massive squads in both the teams, so the priority will be to give as many players matches as possible. There are teams in the league, so 7 matches for each team with all fixtures finishing on 29th November. Paul Newman will manage one of the teams and Peter Reynolds the other.

Winter Nets

We will be looking to book our winter nets at the Ockendon Academy from Wednesday 8th January 2020 through to 25th March 2020 from 7pm to 8pm. This hasn't been finalised yet as we are still waiting for Essex CCB to finalise their contract with the academy. There are 6 lanes in this new facility and we will probably allocate 4 to the youth and 2 to the seniors. Hopefully we will hear in the next few weeks, so we can use this new facility. We will be looking to keep the fees to £4 per session, but will confirm as soon the costs have been agreed with Essex CCB and the Ockendon Academy.



The new net facility at the Ockendon Academy

Clubmark

Our Clubmark renewal is at the final stages so we should know in October if we have the accreditation for another 3 years. Thank you to Jono for leading our Clubmark renewal this season. This will also help with our application into the Shepherd and Neame Essex League

Rainham CFC

The season has started for our newly promoted football team and started with a shock 4-1 defeat in a match where we had about 80% possession. The team soon recovered in their next 2 cup matches with 2 wins in a row. Goodluck to Keith and the boys for the remainder of the season

Other Funding Opportunities

Co-op Community Fund

Rainham CC have been successful in applying for funding for our outdoor nets from the Co-op Community Fund and the way it works is as follows:

- Go to the Co-op website coop.co.uk/membership to apply for Co-op membership, which will cost £1.
- Then select a cause you wish for 1% of everything you spend with the Co-op whether it be at a supermarket, insurance, legal services, electrical or any other service they provide. The Rainham CC cause is via the following weblink <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/22244>
- It will take a week before your membership card arrives. Once it arrives present it after you have spent with the Co-op and then 1% of what you spend will go towards the cricket club and our effort to extend the existing outdoor nets.

Our local supermarket Co-ops are in Elm Park, Hornchurch and Upminster and probably places near where you work.

There are also benefits of being a Co-op member such 5% going back into your membership account and potential share in Co-op's profits.



Please spread the word as we have up until October 2019 to raise funds, as to date we have managed to raise over £2,100.64, which is a lot more than we anticipated with this fund

Volunteers

It's the time of year when we turn our attention to next season and the roles we need to fill to continue with our current infrastructure. On the youth side we will be looking for more All Stars Activators. An under 9s team manager, an under 13s team manager and, as always, we will welcome anyone that would like to take up cricket coaching.

The bar Manager role will also become vacant next year after 5 or 6 of the most successful years our bar takings have had, so we have to say a massive thank you to Micky Clifford for all the good work he has put in over these years. Please contact anyone on the committee if you would like to take on any of these volunteering roles.

Jono – Level 2 Coaching

After one year in the post of team manager and a successful one as well, Jono will be standing down as a team manager due to work commitments. It is not all bad news as Jono will be starting his level 2 coaching course so he will pass on the benefit of his experience on Monday nights during the summer and winter nets during the winter.

Recent & Upcoming Socials & Important Dates

Mr & Mrs Night

A new theme for an RCC social night and thanks to Keith Light for suggesting and hosting the night it ended up being a great success. Around 20 couples took part with the overall winners, Darren Holtom and Club Welfare Office, Kelly Wallace-Holtom just pipping 4th team super star Lee Sutton and wife Sharon in the final.

Definitely a theme night to keep for the future, as great fun and family rows was had by all.

Presidents Day

We were blessed with great weather this year, after last year's wash out and what a day to remember. A close youth match, won by Jono's team, followed by runs galore in the seniors match (a victory for the President's XI), the Light challenge, won by Keith, a ladies match, won by Holly's team, the Parents beating the under 16s, so going up 5-2 in the series and who will ever forget that moment in the clubhouse when Ben Stokes guided England to a win from a losing position against the Aussies.

As usual it is our volunteers that make this day a great success, so thank you to everyone involved in making the day one to remember.



All the participants from the youth match on Presidents day. Thank you to Charlie Sutton for umpiring

Youth Presentation Night

Another brilliant turn out for the youth presentation night with trophies being awarded from under 9s through to under 16s and the added bonus of the under 11s and under 13s winning their Havering leagues. The first time in the club's history we have managed 2 youth league titles in a season. Below are all the winners, but special mention to the Champagne moment winner with Alfie Stouchbury bowling out his Dad, Tony, first ball on Presidents day!

Under 9s – Most runs 2019 – George Spencer	Under 12s – Indoor most runs 2018 – Leo Fevzi-Hunt	Under 13s – Most runs 2019 – Leo Fevzi-Hunt	Under 15s – Most runs 2019 – Kyan Lehal
Under 9s – Most wickets – Ivy Orwell	Under 12s – Indoor most wickets 2018 – Taranveer Singh-Sidhu	Under 13s – Most wickets 2019 – Aaditty Rakesh	Under 15s – Most wickets 2019 – Kyan Lehal
Under 9s – Fielding 2019 – William Ronan	Under 12s – Indoor Fielding 2018– Nimrut Kaila	Under 13s – Fielding 2019 – Leo Fevzi-Hunt	Under 15s – Fielding 2019 – Sam Hare
Under 9s – Most Improved 2019 – William Green	Under 12s – Most runs 2019 – Leo Fevzi-Hunt	Under 13s – Most Improved 2019 – Joe Parsons	Under 15s – Most Improved 2019 – Alex Porter
Under 11s – Most runs 2019 – Aaditty Rakesh	Under 12s – Most wickets 2019 – Leo Fevzi-Hunt	Under 14s – Indoor most runs 2019 – Alfie Stouchbury	Under 16s – Indoor most runs 2019 – Kyan Lehal
Under 11s – Most wickets 2019 – Dave Thursting	Under 12s – Fielding 2019 – Leo Fevzi-Hunt	Under 14s – Indoor most wickets 2019 – Michael Henry	Under 16s – Indoor most wickets 2019 – Kyan Lehal
Under 11s – Fielding 2019 – Ibrahim Malik	Under 12s – Most Improved 2019 – Aaditty Rakesh	Under 14s – Indoor Fielding 2019 – Charlie Sutton	Under 16s – Indoor Fielding 2019 – Raj Hothi
Under 11s – Most Improved 2019 – Luis Hardy	Hat-trick v Goresbrook 28 th June 2019 – Bobby Stevens	Club Honours Tie – Ibrahim Malik 5 – 13 v Belhus	Champagne Moment 2019 - Alfie Stouchbury

Annual General Meeting

This year's annual general meeting takes place on Friday 25th October from 7.30pm down the club. If anyone wishes to stand for any of the committee positions or senior captaincy roles then please make yourself known to Jono

A Night with Carlton Leach

Thank you to our Chairman Nick Thwaites and Paul Newman, Social Secretary, for arranging the night. Nick hosted the night to great effect and Carlton was very accessible and open with all of his answers with one of the highlights being his recollection of being in the corner of some of Nigel Benn's boxing matches. The night was a great success and was well attended by Club members and friends with the added bonus of watching Essex win the t20 cup.



Nick Thwaites, Jas Hothi,
Carlton Leach and Biren Patel

Other social occasions as follows:

- Saturday 2nd November – Halloween & Fireworks Night at Springy
- Friday 15th November – Annual Dinner and Dance at Ingerbourne Links Golf Club
- Saturday 21st December – Christmas Party at the Clubhouse

Ronnie Jackson

Some more great moments for Ronnie as he played for Essex against Upminster in the annual charity match at Upminster CC. Ronnie didn't get to bat, but he took a wicket, bowling the Upminster opening batsman, and took a real skier of a catch close to the Rainham CC supporting contingent of Ian and Ben Little, Jas and Raj Hothi and Joe Attfield.

This is not the end of Ronnie's cricketing feats as he also won the South East one-day Learning Disability Trophy with Essex and is soon to depart for Australia on a 3-week tour representing the England Learning Disability squad, playing 3 x One Day Internationals and 5 x t20 matches. Good luck Ronnie and bring the Ashes home!



Ronnie, front row second from the right. With the Essex squad members prior to their LD Trophy win