



RAINHAM CRICKET & FOOTBALL CLUB

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



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Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all club members from all the committee and what better way to start off the Christmas celebrations by attending the Rainham CFC Christmas party on Saturday 21st December from 7.30pm with our fully stocked bar, mince pies and mulled wine for all. Paul



Newman has organised this event and arranged for a couple of nice prizes for the raffle on the night with Galaxy Tablet A 10.1 and a pair of tickets for the West Ham v Liverpool Premier league match. Raffle tickets are available at £10 each either paid into the club main account or cash on the night.

Please also come along and sample some of our potential new lagers, ciders and ales that may be put on the pump courtesy of new league sponsors Shepherd and Neame. Sample the beers and give your opinion.



Some other great news is that we have secured winter nets at the brand-new facility of the Harris Academy in Ockendon. Winter nets will take place every Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm starting on 8 January through to 25 March with costs remaining at £4 each. This brand-new net facility has 6 lanes, with 4 being allocated to the youth and 2 for the seniors. We will keep everyone informed in the new year.

Sunday League - Annual General Meeting

There were doubts that we may not play league cricket this season on a Sunday, but thank you to Biren Patel for stepping in to be Captain of the Sunday XI for the 2020 season. Biren is keen to give youth a chance which will be an excellent standard of cricket for any of our promising youngsters. There is also a t20 competition in the Sunday league, which may be the only form of t20 cricket we get to play at senior level in the year 2020, so good that the club will continue to play this form of cricket next season, which can be very enjoyable evenings or days. It was proposed the Sunday t20 competition be played on a league basis with some of the matches being a 3 team round robin format at one venue. If we could host one of these days it would be a great day out.

Finally, there is a possibility the club may enter the Village cup. Future newsletters will keep you updated

Under 12s Indoor League

A good end to the season for both the under 12s indoor teams ending their season with a win. The Royals completed their season with an impressive win against Orsett Tornados to probably finish third in the league with 5 wins and 2 defeats and the Rhinos also finishing their campaign with a win against Orsett Titans with a final tally of 2 wins and 5 defeats.

The main success of the indoor cricket was that we managed to play 26 players and all played at least 2 matches each. Well done to everyone involved it has been a very enjoyable indoor campaign again and we hope to see everyone at the indoor nets in January

Under 16s Indoor League

Our under 16s have started their indoor league season getting off to a great start against Stanford. Bowling first there were too many extras and the fielding lacked energy with the under 16s having to chase a challenging score of 114. Our response didn't get off to the best of starts with Alfie Stouchbury being run out in the first over without facing a ball, but some consolidation from Kyan Lehal and Bobby Little kept the score moving with Kyan eventually retiring on 25. Charlie Vickers kept the score moving also, retiring on 25 and then some big hitting from Louis Smith lead the side to victory with 2 overs to spare. Well done to Joe Attfield for managing our indoor under16s side this year.

ECB Foundation 1 Coaching Course

There is a new coaching course that will replace the coach support worker course which will be the ECB Foundation 1 Coaching qualification,

This programme has been designed to give learners the knowledge, skills and confidence to coach cricket sessions that are active, purposeful, enjoyable and safe. An ECB Foundation 1 Coach will be qualified to lead coaching sessions independently and without supervision.

Courses are available from January 2020, so if anyone is interested please contact Peter Reynolds. The club will fund the courses and, as always, we are always looking for further volunteers to support our youth coaching programme. Below are the course venues and dates.

- **New Vic, Plaistow** <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/ghqr3p>
22nd and 29th March 0930 – 1630
- **Maltings Academy, Witham 0900 – 1700** <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/whqr3q>
04th and 11th April
- **Essex County Ground, Chelmsford** <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/khqr3w>
19th & 26th April 0900 -1630
- **Essex County Ground, Chelmsford** <http://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/1hqr3x>
3rd and 17th May 0900 - 1600

Umpiring and Scoring

Other areas where it would be good to have further volunteers is scoring and umpiring, especially for youth matches. We will also require a scorer for 1st XI Shepherd and Neame matches in 2020. Prior to the summer season starting the club will run basic umpiring and scoring courses, which will be held in the clubhouse. Scoring is not as difficult as it may seem, so if anyone is interested please contact the committee.

Dynamos Cricket

I attended a cricket roadshow in early December at the Oval Cricket ground, which was very well attended and was designed to be the next stage of development for youngsters after the All Stars programme, known as Dynamos Cricket. This is designed at 8 to 11 years old and to be run in conjunction with our existing youth programme. As with the all stars this will be an 8 weeks programme and participants will receive a personalised t-shirt and opportunities to be involved with the new Hundred matches. Volunteers will also receive a New Balance t-shirt, a ticket to a Hundred match and 20% discount on all New Balance merchandise.

The committee will be making a decision in the new year whether to run with the programme and as is normal will be very much based on volunteers.



The Dynamos cricket workshop hosted at the Oval Cricket Ground

Rainham CFC

The Rainham CFC football finally got around to playing some league matches with a 3-2 win against Barn Sports last Sunday 15 December to turn around a 4-1 deficit against this team in the first league game of the season. This is only the fifth league match played due to some good cup runs that finally came to an end against Premier League Team Hashtag United. By all accounts this 3-1 loss against the Premier League team could quite easily have gone the other way if chances had been taken.

This now makes the league win loss record of played 5, won 2, drew 1 and lost 2 leaving us in tenth place out of twelve, but with the end of cup runs means we have played 4 games less than most of the sides in the league. Let's hope those games in hand will be successful as this will take the team to at least top 3. Good luck to Keith, Steve and the boys in 2020.

There are some further developments on the football side with the possibility that some junior team or teams may want to break away from their existing set ups and find a new home at Spring Farm Park, playing under the name as Rainham CFC. These are all part of the long-term plans for the club in having a similar set up on the football side as there is with the cricket, with youth teams flowing through to senior teams. This is not something that will happen overnight, as it has taken just over 10 years to achieve this on the cricket side. The committee hopes to meet with these junior football teams in the new year.