



RAINHAM CRICKET & FOOTBALL CLUB

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



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Newsletter: January 2020

We have to start off this newsletter with the great news of Kyan Lehal being selected to play for Essex under 15s in 2020. Kyan has been a dedicated youth player of the club for many years and it is good to see that his application and ability has been rewarded by being selected for Essex.

We all wish Kyan well for his new adventures with Essex and will keep everyone updated of his fortunes and hope this new experience will also shine through with his cricket playing for Rainham. Kyan has looked in good form, with bat, ball and in the field during our under 16s indoor league campaign and there will be plenty more cricket to play for Kyan during the summer with Cox and Kings, Havering League, Matchplay, under 19 t20 and senior cricket all being played in 2020.



Under 12s Indoor League

The under 12s indoor league campaign came to a close just before Christmas with the Royals finishing third in the league and the Rhinos finishing sixth. Below is the final league table and well done to the 26 players that participated.

League Table as at 08 January 2020									
Team	Played	Won	Tied	Lost	Wickets Taken	Win Points	Batting Bonus Points	Bowling Bonus Points	Total Points
SLH	7	7	0	0	36	140	0	0	140
Belhus Lions	7	6	0	1	32	120	0	0	120
Rainham Royals	7	5	0	2	27	100	1	2	103
O&T Tornados	7	4	0	3	30	80	4	12	96
Belhus Spitfires	7	3	0	4	24	60	8	11	79
Rainham Rhinos	7	2	0	5	19	40	8	13	61
O&T Scorchers	7	1	0	6	23	20	16	17	53
O&T Titans	7	0	0	7	22	0	15	22	37

Under 14s Indoor League

Our under 14s start their indoor league season on 7 February, where we are looking for 2 teams to be entered. The under 14s indoor fixtures will conclude just at the time our outdoor training commences, so a nice flow of cricket from then until August for this age group. The team managers will be Joe Attfield and Peter Reynolds.

Under 16s Indoor League

The under 16s have had an impressive indoor league season, winning 4 out of 4 in their first set of matches and it all came down to the final match against Belhus Wolves, who also had the same win/loss record. Belhus batted first and looked to score runs right from the very first ball with urgent running between the wickets. Impressive bowling spells from Kyan and Charlie Sutton were the highlight of the Belhus innings from Rainham as well as an excellent run out from Sam Hare.

Rainham's innings got off a to a good start by keeping up with the run rate, until Kyan was run out. Alfie Stouchbury, Charlie Vickers and Louie Smith kept the momentum going, until Rainham finally ran out of wickets and lost by 30 runs, with the main difference being the extras and the tidiness in the field by Belhus. Overall a great effort to all involved, including team manager Joe Attfield.

Seniors - Indoor League

The senior team have only entered one team this year in the South Essex indoor league, with the team being captained by Ben Little. Their first match starts on Monday 10 February, so good luck to Ben and all involved, as Ben is determined to enter the new Shepherd and Neame campaign with a bang!

ECB Foundation 1 Coaching Course

More great news in that Dave and Charlie Vickers will be taking the coaching foundation stage 1 course in 2021, as soon as Charlie is 17 years old. As the club grows and we have more and more participants it is important that we maintain our coaching structure, so that we have the correct number of coaches per participants to ensure our coaching sessions are manageable, safe and enjoyable. If we do not maintain this coaching structure then we may have to go down the road of having waiting lists for any potential new members and it is not something the club wants to introduce.

If anyone wishes to go on the foundation 1 coaching course, the dates and venues are below, please contact the committee as the club will pay for anyone that wishes to attend.

- **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

Dynamos Cricket

As mentioned in last month's newsletter 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 programme costs £40.



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. We really need someone to own and run this programme, which will involve a 3 hours training course locally and coaching programmes available online that are very easy to follow. If anyone wishes to get involved please contact Peter Reynolds

All Stars Programme 2020

Our All Stars Programme is ready to book and will commence from Monday 18 May for 8 weeks through to 6 July. Our Activator will again be Lizzie Pattison with George Light also lending a well needed hand. The All Stars is becoming more and more popular each year, so help from any parents or anyone that wishes to get involved would be most appreciated. In order to become an All Stars Activator just involves a 2 hours evening course and a Disclosure check of which neither costs any money.



For those that wish to book their children onto the course please go to the website allstarscricket.co.uk and anyone that wishes to help out at the All Stars sessions, then please contact Peter Reynolds. The club will do everything they can to support any volunteers that wishes to help with this programme. Eight weeks in the evening sunshine at Springy, what could be better!

Winter Nets

Winter Nets commenced at the Harris Academy in Ockendon on Wednesday 15 January and for the last 2 weeks has been extremely well attended. The new facility seems to have bolstered everyone's enthusiasm to practice during the winter. It is good to see the different age ranges of the youth from under 9s through to under 15s with 4 nets available from 7pm to 8pm with an average of 25 attendees. As usual this wouldn't happen without our volunteers that carry out the coaching in the nets.

Senior numbers have also been very well attended and they use 2 nets from 7pm to 9pm. I don't think it is any coincidence that the quality of the new facility has boosted the numbers, so let's hope it continues right up to the start of outdoor training which starts for the youth on Monday 6 April at Springy from 6.30pm.

London Youth Games – Indoor Cricket Qualifiers

The selection process for selecting year 9 girls and boys to play for Havering at the London Youth games has now been concluded after a number of weeks practicing and whittling the numbers down to the final 10 to play for the girls' and boys' teams.

We must congratulate Leo Fezvi-Hunt for being selected to play for the boys' team and Holly Vickers, Elsie Orwell and Nimrut Kaila all being selected to play for the girls' team. Both qualifiers take place at the Harrow Leisure Centre near Wealdstone, with the boys taking part at on Sunday 2 February at 1pm and the girls on Saturday 8 February. If Havering win their group, they will then qualify for the finals, which in previous years has been hosted at Lords. Good luck to Leo, Holly, Elsie and Nimrut, we hope to see you all at Lords!

Havering League Meeting & Junior Fixtures

On Wednesday 5 February youth managers Joe Attfield, Darren Orwell, Peter Reynolds and fixtures secretary Jas Hothi will be attending the Havering League meeting to arrange many of the youth fixtures for our under 9, 11, 13 1st 15 teams. As well as the Havering League fixtures, we will again be entering the Brian Taylor Trophy for our under 12s and the Metropolitan District competitions the Len Steniford Cup for our under 13s and Cox and Kings Cup for our under 15s. All youth fixtures should be finalised and published by mid-March.

Signing-On Night – Friday 27 March 2020

Our annual signing on night will take place on Friday 27 March from 7pm in the club house at Springy. Annual subscriptions for the year will be as follows:

- Juniors - under 16 - £50
- Under 21s and Students - £50
- Ages 22-25 - £70
- Ages 25 and over £90



As an added bonus on the same night will be the England v Italy football match, which we will be screening down the club. Come along to the club and enjoy a nice social night whilst cheering on England against the Italians.

Game Night – Friday 6 March 2020



Talking of social nights on Friday 28 February there will be a Darts, Rings and Poker night down the club from 7.30pm. If anyone fancies their chances at Darts and Rings then the clubhouse at Springy will be the place to be. Have you ever played Rings before? Do we have any potential Fallon Sherrock's or Peter 'Snake bite' Wright's in our midst? If so come along and enjoy a good night of Darts and Rings that will be rounded off with a late-night Poker school



Funding for Shower Refurbishment

The committee is always looking to improve our facilities at Spring Farm Park and prior to the season starting we are hoping to refurbish the showers and Gents toilets area and improve the water pressure, so the water is free flowing in all parts of the clubhouse. This will be dependent on obtaining some funding, so we have applied to the Ford Britain Trust. via their large funds scheme, and we should hear by the end of March if we have been successful or not. We will keep all club members up to date with this proposed project, so fingers crossed we are successful with our application to the Ford Britain Trust



Pre-Season Pitch Works

It is at this time of year we have to turn our attention to maintaining our wickets at Spring Farm Park and Thames RFC ready for the new season. Early season pitch works initially just involves a bit of drag-brushing but will progress to rolling around mid-March, so if anyone would like to volunteer to be on the pitch rota for pre-season and during the season, then please contact Joe Attfield. Training will be given down the club.

Rainham CFC

The Rainham CFC team are solely concentrating on their league programme now they are out of the cup and a chance to start climbing the league. January has been a month of mixed fortunes with a good start to the month with a couple of 1-0 victories and then ending the month with a couple of defeats. This leaves Rainham CFC in eighth position in the league, with a record of played 9 won 4, lost 4 and drawn 1, but with a couple of games in hand over most of the teams in the league a couple of wins could take our team to top 5. Good luck to Keith, Steve and the boys to keep climbing the table.