



RAINHAM CRICKET & FOOTBALL CLUB

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



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Newsletter: April 2021

The last club newsletter was published way back in November 2020, so it may seem with the lack of news that there hasn't been too much going on, but this couldn't be further from the truth. We have all missed winter nets and playing on Friday nights at Grays in the indoor league, so the committee have put their time to good use in putting things behind the scenes in place.

We held our first ever virtual AGM back in January, thank you to Jono. This was so successful that many thought it was one of the best AGMs we have held, this was mainly thanks to Jono's technology skills which also allowed the voting process to be done in a very professional way. It is from the AGM we welcome Paul Newman who was voted in as Club Vice Chairman and Paul Margiotta as the new club welfare officer (of club safeguarding officer to give it the new title). The remainder of the committee were voted in for those that previously stood. We have to say a big thank you to Keith Light who had stood down from the Non-Cricket Director role and his position on the bar committee and Kelly Wallace-Holtom for the great work she has done as our club welfare officer. The positions of Non-Cricket Director and bar committee are still vacant, so if anyone would like to stand for these positions, it isn't too late, please contact anyone on the committee.

One new change to the club constitution, that was voted in at the AGM, was for annual subscriptions for family with 2 or more children at the club will have a reduction in annual subscriptions after the first child, so the first child we be £50 and the second £40.

We also say welcome to new club team captains Joe Attfield (2s), Samir Patel (4s), Ben Little (Sunday) and Tom Herbert (t20). Again, we have to say thank you to departing team captains Ian Little, Dave Vickers, Biren Patel and Ronnie Jackson.

We are now in a position to hold organised outdoor sporting activity from 29 March and a risk assessment has been completed and sent to all club members and the next significant date of Boris's road map is Monday 17 May, which then allows us to re-use the club house, but in no more of groups of 6.

Other things that have taken place, which I'll go into more detail in this newsletter, are club sponsorship, further funding, new equipment and our updated club website.

Sponsorship

Our main club shirts are being sponsored by Agora Syndicate 3268, which is traditional Lloyd's Syndicate with the attendant reputation for probity, flexibility, service and entrepreneurial flair.



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Website agoraunderwriting.com

This sponsor is thanks to Jono, who works for this company and spoke to his bosses. This will probably result in some discount on purchasing new club shirts for 2021.

Our t20 kit this year will be sponsored by Waterproof it Roofing Services, which is thanks to 1st XI wicket keeper Tom Herbert. WATERPROOF IT



Roofing Services provide professional and extensive roofing services at a GUARANTEED LOW PRICE.

Paul Newman has also worked his persuasive magic by obtaining approx. £2,000 of doors and door furniture from Travis Perkins free of charge on the basis that we put a sign up on our nets, which has now been duly obliged.



Last of all just before the original lockdown back in March 2020, Hari Patel arranged for the company he works for, Howdens Kitchens, to sponsor the club to the tune £500.



Great work from everyone that has been involved in obtaining club sponsors for the 2021 season

Funding – Sport England

We have put many bids over the years with Sport England to try and obtain funding for various projects and we recently finally came up trumps with the Sport England Return to Play fund, which will enable us to redevelop the showers and toilets at Spring Farm Park. This work is long overdue, so the opportunity to renovate and make them COVID-19 safe, gave us the reason to apply for this fund. We were successful in gaining £7,000 to go towards this project.



New Equipment

Last year we were successful with Veolia Funding, which has enabled us to obtain a new mobile net at Spring Farm park, covers at Springy and Thames, new sight screens for Thames, permanent ramps for our containers at Springy, new audio equipment for Springy, new mowers for Springy, new scarifiers for Thames and Springy and a new scoreboard at Springy. Most of this equipment is now in place and should be ready for the league season and will enable us improve our training and playing

The new scoreboard with electronic shutter looks superb and the old electronic scoreboard will be transported to Thames.



Playing Updates

First Match of the Season

The first match of the season will take place on Saturday 10 April at Thames RFC. This will be an interclub seniors match and will commence at 1pm, so if the weather stays kind please go over and give all those playing some support.

Youth Managers for 2021

As usual we are dependant on volunteers at our club to ensure that we can run a youth section at Rainham CC. The lockdown has halted the progress we were making as a youth section of the club and we have some more volunteers that have come on board this year with Jas Hothi and Tom Herbert expressing a keen interest to go on a coaching course and Paul Stretton volunteering to become an All-Stars Activator.

The team managers for this year will be as follows:

- Under9s - Darren Orwell/Peter Reynolds
- Under 11s – Peter Reynolds
- Under 13s – Ronnie Jackson
- Under 14s – Ronnie Jackson
- Under 15s – Jas Hothi
- Under 16s (joint team with Hornchurch Athletic) – Peter Reynolds
- Under 19s – Joe Attfield

Youth Fixtures

There is a new competition this year, which is run by Essex Cricket in the Community and called the Alistair Cook Cup for the under 14 age group. The winners of this competition will represent Essex in the National under 15s cup. We have entered this competition and have been drawn in a group with Belhus, Orsett and Thurrock and Stanford Le Hope.

Our under 19s have been drawn in a group with Upminster, Leigh-on-Sea, Hadleigh and Thundersley, Hutton and Shenfield

The group stage matches of both of these competitions have to be played by 1 August and are fixture dates are still being arranged.

As usual we will be entering our under 9, 11, 13 and 15s in the Havering League, but we have also entered our under 16s in the Trevor Bailey Matchplay Trophy (joint team with Hornchurch Athletic), under 15s in the Metropolitan Cox and Kings competition and the under 13s in the Len Steniford Trophy.

Not all fixtures have been finalised, mainly the Havering League, and it is hoped they will be completed within the next couple of weeks, but below are the fixtures that have been finalised to date.

Under 16s

Day	Date	Opposition	Type	Venue	Time
Sunday	04 July 2021	Bancroft Lions	Matchplay	Home	12pm
Sunday	11 July 2021	Buckhurst Hill	Matchplay	Away	12pm
Sunday	25 July 2021	Brentwood	Matchplay	Home	12pm
Sunday	01 August 2021	Springfield	Matchplay	Away	12pm

Under 15s

Day	Date	Opposition	Type	Venue	Time
Sunday	16 May 2021	Wanstead A	Cox & Kings Cup	Home	9.30am
Sunday	23 May 2021	South Loughton	Cox & Kings Cup	Home	9.30am
Sunday	06 June 2021	Buckhurst Hill	Cox & Kings Cup	Away	9.30am
Sunday	13 June 2021	Bancroft Lions	Cox & Kings Cup	Away	9.30am

Under 13s

Day	Date	Opposition	Type	Venue	Time
Sunday	02 May 2021	Frentford B	Len Steniford Cup	away	09.30am
Sunday	09 May 2021	Walthamstow	Len Steniford Cup	home	09.30am
Sunday	27 June 2021	South Loughton	Len Steniford Cup	away	09.30am
Sunday	04 July 2021	Bancroft Lions	Len Steniford Cup	away	09.30am

Youth Training

Youth training will start on Monday 5 April at 6.30pm and will continue every Monday right until the end of August. With restrictions in place, we will have to ensure that all equipment is sanitised and hygiene breaks are taken every 20 minutes. The club risk assessment has been sent to all parents so we will have to all ensure we stick to the Government guidelines.

We will also be conducting some net sessions as well, so please look out for any messages from your coaches to see when they will be carrying out these sessions. They will be on a first come first serve basis, but also to ensure that as many participants take part as well.

All-Stars Programme 2021

As previously mentioned, we will have Paul Stretton join Lizzie Pattison and George Light this year to be one of our All-Stars Activators. This is an 8 weeks programme aimed at 5-8 years old as an introduction to cricket.

Our programme this year will commence on Monday 17 May and go right through to Monday 5 July. Each session will start at 6.30m and costs £40, which includes the activities, All star kit and t-shirt. This is an ECB lead programme of which Rainham CC host at Spring Farm Park.

If anyone has any children of this age group or has family or friends that do and wishes to sign up, please do so by looking at the All-Stars Website. A copy of our poster is attached below.



Big Moments of summer fun!

ALL STARS

Join us at: Rainham CC Spring Farm Park Lambie Lane North Rainham RM13 9JF

Sessions will run: Monday 17 May to 5 July 2021

Session timings: 6.30pm to 7.45pm

For any questions please email: J.reynolds@sky.com

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre

Pre season - Pitch Maintenance Works

For those that have been to Spring farm Park recently, they will have noticed the wicket square has been roped off, which should enable the grass to grow and any work being carried out is not ruined by park users riding bikes or playing football on it. It is with thanks to Steve Porter and Jono who carried out the work to rope off the square.

There has also been plenty of pitch maintenance activity at Springy and Thmaes lead by our pitch coordinator Joe Attfield, both squares are looking as good as they ever have prior to a season starting, so we hope that the excellent work of our band of many volunteers at these grounds reap the rewards of pitches playing consistently over the course of the season.

Club Website

Our club website has been redesigned, again thanks to the IT skills of Jono. The website was impressive before and is now even more so. Please have a look as this will be full of club news, order form for kit, club documents and various other information as well.

The club website can be found via the following link: <https://www.rainhamcc.co.uk>

Rainham CFC

After the football season was suspended back in December with Rainham CFC being stopped in their tracks after showing some good form, the Brentwood Sunday League has made a decision to commence with a mini cup competition.

Rainham CFC start their first fixture on Sunday 11 April against Herongate Athletic. Further fixtures follow over the next 3 Sundays with a home match at Springy v South Brentwood on 18 April (come and lend your support) and 2 consecutive away fixtures at Emerson Oak and Brenthill Rovers. Good luck to Keith, Steve and the boys in this cup competition.

Chairman's Notes

Well after a long dark winter and a shortened 2020 season we find ourselves in the exciting eve of a full 2021 cricket season.

The enthusiasm is palpable and you can sense that a lot of exciting weeks are ahead of us.

We start the season with the England vs India interclub challenge at Thames Academy on the 10th April. A competitive but friendly match that materialised from the winter verbal exchanges on the RCC WhatsApp group during the India/England test series.

However, unlike that series we have promised to provide fair pitches and unbiased umpiring at the match. Of course, the committee are completely neutral.

"COME ON ENGLAND "



We start our league campaigns on the 24th April for the 1st team who we expect to clinch promotion in the Hambro league (Formerly SNEL).

The 2nd/3rd & 4th team begin on the 1st May.

We also have a 5th team starting on May 1st playing senior friendly cricket and we have many 5th team games already organised.

The club continue to grow and this is exciting as it offers many opportunities for younger players to find the correct level to enjoy their cricket.

The Sunday side led by Ben Little is in Premier league Sunday action this season also.

Of course, our award-winning youth section has already started training and Monday night's will begin to look normal again (Bar is back open 😊).

Last Monday Pete Reynolds told me the bowling was a tad rusty, but the ice sculpting was superb.

As ever we hope to provide many social events from May and HEADLINE NEWS, as aforementioned the bar should be open from this Monday 12th April as per government guidelines (outside only in groups of 6).

Covid-19 has been devastating to many and our hearts go out to all who have suffered, but RCC will not yield an inch and we'll be here for you all summer long!!!!

You'll find significant improvements to both Springy and Thames with large investments made into playing facilities and pavilions.

A major project to completely rebuild the toilet and shower facilities is about to begin and you'll be able to visit the latrine with suitable reading matter for 30 minutes without catching Green parrot disease.

I am sure it will look absolutely superb with motion activated lights and a toilet seat that plays JERUSALEM on completion. (Nice work Ian Little 🙌).

The whole club and all its members owe a debt of gratitude to the many tireless volunteers who have worked relentlessly throughout lockdown and the dark winter to ensure the club growth continues unabated. It's absolutely staggering.

Final thought?

Well with both Springy & Thames investing in top of the range covers to protect the pitches I was reminded of last Saturday morning as the alarm sounded.

" ITS IMPERATIVE WE DO NOT LEAVE MOISTURE UNDER THE COVERS "

See you in the slips

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