



## Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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### August 2010 Newsletter

#### Playing Update

##### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Team

With a playing record of 7 won and 7 lost at the beginning of August and sitting in mid table a couple of defeats against Woodham Mortimer away and Purleigh at home left us just 20 points or one further defeat away from relegation to Division 6. Good performance from Keith Blake with the ball, 50 from Adrian Moon and a quick fire 40 from James Fuller were the highlights against Woodham Mortimer in a 67 run defeat. The next match against promotion chasing Purleigh saw excellent bowling performances from Mid Essex debutant Dan Sawyer with 1 for 38 in 10 overs and personal best figures of 7 for 76 from Alex Sullivan saw Purleigh post a respectable 220 all out in 43 over. This left Rainham 47 overs to reach their target but a disastrous start of 29 for 5 after 10 overs saw Dan Skipper and Peter Reynolds bat together again since their big partnership on tour. Another partnership from this pair of nearly 100 runs saw Dan Skipper depart on 38 and Rainham were finally bowled out for 154 ensuring a valuable bonus batting point.

The next game was a vital must win game away against bottom of the table Ashingdon. With player availability limited Rainham turned up with only 10 players and then an inspirational appearance from his sick bed from Club Captain James Mansfield gave Rainham a massive boost just prior to the match starting. Rainham must have been close to a club record, certainly a Mid Essex League best, when posting a massive 325 for 4 in their 45 overs. Peter Reynolds opened the innings and batted all the way through eventually ending up scoring the club's first century in this league with 127 not out. This was eclipsed by James Fuller who then came in after 33 overs and scored a chance less 106 not out in less than 40 balls with a mixture of power and deft shots. After waiting over 2 years for a first team player since Mickey Callaghan to score a league century we ended up just like the 165 bus to Rainham with 2 arriving almost at the same time. A partnership of over 170 in the last 12 overs from this pair ensured Rainham posted a more than healthy total of 325 for the opposition to chase. Some blistering and accurate bowling from opener Ian Havard who took 4 quick wickets left Ashingdon reeling early on in their run chase, eventually being bowled out for 146 with Ian Havard finishing the innings off and ending up with figures of 5 for 26 and dismissing Ashingdon for 146, ensuring we collected the full 26 points and securing Division 5 cricket for another season.



Alex Sullivan – his best ever bowling figures of 7 for 76 v Purleigh



James Mansfield – inspirational appearance from his sick bed



Peter Reynolds – scored Rainham's first ever Mid Essex League Century with 127no v Ashingdon



James Fuller – after success with the ball and playing golf on tour, a faultless display with the bat against Ashingdon.

The final league match of the season was against Rayleigh II which was a mid table struggle with neither team being able to be promoted or relegated. Rayleigh batted first but some excellent bowling from all the bowlers dismissed Rayleigh II for 169 with Alan Aviss taking 4 for 29 and James Fuller 3 for 26. A good start to the innings by Alex Sullivan 49no and good support from Dan Skipper 38 and Ash Foster 10no took Rainham to 125 for 2 before the heavens opened forcing the game to be abandoned with Rainham unable to collect just 11 points from this game.

With 2 teams promoted and relegated from Division 5 Rainham look forward to travelling to another 4 new destinations in 2011.

Notable performances in August as follows.

#### **Batting**

Peter Reynolds 127no v Ashingdon  
James Fuller 106no v Ashingdon  
Peter Reynolds 62 v Purleigh  
Adrian Moon 50 v Woodham Mortimer  
Alex Sullivan 49no v Rayleigh II

#### **Bowling**

Alex Sullivan 7 for 76 v Purleigh  
Ian Havard 5 for 26 v Ashingdon  
Alan Aviss 4 for 29 v Rayleigh II  
James Fuller 3 for 36 v Rayleigh II  
Keith Blake 2 for 50 v Woodham Mortimer

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

It was a very disappointing month for the 2nds with Thurrock IV calling a game off due to lack of players and Rainham having to do the same against Bow Rovers II and Goresbrook IV. The lack of players for 2<sup>nd</sup> team league games is a worrying situation which will have to be addressed in 2011, especially as we are applying for the 2nds to play in the Mid Essex League in 2011.

The only match the 2nds actually played was against Hornchurch Athletic IV, which ended in a 20 run defeat. Tight bowling from Joe Sarro 1 for 34 and Alan Aviss 1 for 17 restricted Hornchurch Athletic IV to 183 for 5. With the 2nds losing cheap early wickets it looked as though they were going to be defeated comprehensively until 104 runs from batsman 8 to 11 putting on 104 runs with Alan Aviss scoring a maiden 50 and veteran Billy 'Buncer' Singh scoring 33no which was still not enough and lead to eventual defeat.

#### **Batting**

Alan Aviss 51 v Hornchurch Athletic IV  
Buncer Singh 33no v Hornchurch Athletic IV

#### **Bowling**

Alan Aviss 1 for 17 v Hornchurch Athletic IV  
Joe Sarro 1 for 34 v Hornchurch Athletic IV

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Team

Only 2 matches for the Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> team against a strong East ham Corinthians and Nazeing Common. The 1<sup>st</sup> match saw Rainham bat first with Graham Dordoy holding the innings together with 58 on his first game back from tour and confirming that his 'Tour Tosser' award was a harsh decision. Rainham went on to score 153 for 8 which was mainly down to Graham Dordoy with some good support at the end of the innings from John Read with 20no. Reiss Sims and Ian Havard took a wicket each and some sharp fielding from Ash Foster with a run out could not prevent East Ham Corinthians reaching their target with 10 overs to spare.

The next match was against Nazeing Common who batted first and scored a very challenging 254 for 6, with one of their openers scoring over 120 which was notable that he was dismissed by Tom Gwillem making his Rainham CC debut. Tom attended the adult beginner net sessions in early July and is keen to play many more games for Rainham. Other wicket takers on the day were under 13s Harry Light and Sam Russell which is encouraging for the future of the cricket club. With a challenging target to reach another couple of our younger players, Jas Hothi and Ash Foster took on the task of chasing the target with both scoring half centuries with 63 and 61no respectively. This valiant effort left Rainham ending their innings on 199 for 9.

**Batting**

Jas Hothi 63 v Nazeing Common  
 Ashley Foster 61no v Nazeing Common  
 Graham Dordoy 58 v East Ham Corinthians  
 John Read 20no v East Ham Corinthians

**Bowling**

Biren Patel 2 for 24 v Nazeing Common  
 Reiss Sims 1 for 30 v East Ham Corinthians

Under 13s

With August being the holiday season it was hoped that a couple of friendlies could be arranged against Goresbrook and Belhus B. With the weather intervening prior to the arranged fixture with Goresbrook, this just left a Bank Holiday 30 over friendly against Belhus B. As with last year at Belhus this ended up being a very enjoyable game with Belhus B choosing to bat first. Good tight opening spells from Harry Light and Georgie Gough removed one of the Belhus B openers which was quickly followed up by Scott McHugh taking a well deserved first wicket of the season. Belhus B then steadily compiled further runs with Daniel Elliot chipping in with a couple of wickets including the Belhus B opening batsman who was eventually dismissed for 54. Further tight spells followed by Charlie Amato and Ricky Anatol and promising spells from under 13 debutants Tom Kelly, Tom Page and Brandon Honey followed and some excellent keeping from promising Nathan Adkins restricted to Belhus B to 153 for 4 in their 30 overs.

As the under 13s had yet to win a home match and the previous highest score being 118, Team Manager Reynolds thought this would be a day where everyone would get a bat. Openers Harry Light and Georgie Gough then applied themselves excellently putting on 131 for the first wicket, before Harry Light was retired not out on 56 (Cheers Keith!). Georgie Gough carried his bat to the end of the innings with 38no playing with a very accomplished straight bat with many stating it was like watching Geoff Boycott all over again. Daniel Elliot went on to score the winning runs and finish off an excellent team performance with everyone playing their part in equal measure.

Special mention goes to Scott McHugh who has captained the team in a very unselfish manner and many times stepping in to do a job either with bat, ball or even behind the stumps and finishing off his season with a well deserved wicket. The improvement made by all the under 13s has been very impressive this year and the time and effort put in by all the coaches Dave Joynes, Adrian Moon and James Fuller has reaped 3 impressive victories, one tied match and 7 close defeats. All the boys will be moving up to under 15 level next year and will probably be entered into the Havering League in 2012.

Impressive statistics during the 2011 season were as follows.

<b>Batting</b>	<b>Bowling</b>	<b>Fielding</b>
Harry Light 182 runs averaging 22.75	Ronnie Jackson 13 wickets	Ronnie Jackson 4 catches and 3 run outs
Georgie Gough 104 runs averaging 13	Harry Light 6 wickets	Daniel Elliot 3 catches
Ronnie Jackson 101 runs averaging 12.63	William Emsden 5 wickets	Harry Light 2 catches and 1 run out
	Daniel Elliot 5 wickets	Charlie Amato 1 catch and 1 run out
	Sam Russell 5 wickets	

**Funding & Fund Raising**Veolia & Havering Riverside Trust

We recently received a phone call from Gary Baker from the Havering Veolia trust confirming that we had been granted £22,000.00, which we will use to refurbish the artificial wicket area ensuring that both bowling lanes are fully utilised and protected. We are hoping to receive written confirmation within the next few days.

## The Chafford School Proposal

Chairman Graham Thwaites recently met with the Governors from Chafford School and came away from a very positive meeting with the Governors fully backing Rainham Cricket Club using the schools as their ground with a brand new pavilion being built. We will have to fund the building of the pavilion and we will have to present our proposal to the school Governors by the end of September. Potential funding opportunities may be available from Sport England and the Veolia and Havering Riverside Trust. This is a very exciting opportunity which the committee will do their very best to ensure this proposal is taken as far as it possibly can.

## Social Events

### Presidents Day

Again this was a very enjoyable day with a junior interclub match taking place in the morning with a mix of the under 13s and under 11s playing in a very close game. Many of the under 11s impressed and at times showed the under 13s how to bat, especially Tom Page in his opening stand with Georgie Gough. Sam Russell was the stand out player in the field with both his ground fielding and bowling. Other impressive performances from under 11s George Seager, Alex Nicholl, Ewan Campbell, Brandon Honey and Regan Sims ensured that the game was a very close affair. The remainder of the under 13s that made up the teams were Charlie Amato, Scott McHugh, Daniel Elliot and Harry Light.

The main event of the day was the Presidents XI against the Chairman's XI. The Presidents XI consisted of Barry Bumpstead, Joe Sarro, Adrian Moon, Jack McMahon, James Fuller, Kenny Sims, Ian Foster, Graham Dordoy, James Mansfield, Scott Foster and Josh Lamb.

The Chairman's XI team was made up of Graham Thwaites, Kevin Newton, Garnet Shallow, Jas Hothi, Dan Skipper, Keith Blake, Ash Foster, Reiss Sims, Peter Elliot, Tom Gwillem and Ian Havard. Due to the rain the match was restricted to 23 overs per side with each batsman retiring as soon as they reached 30 runs and each bowler restricted to just 3 overs. The Presidents XI batted first making a creditable 179 with batsmen Moon (35) and Fuller (34) both retiring and good contributions from President Bumpstead (17), Sarro (21) and Scott Foster (18). The pick of the Chairman's XI were Reiss Sims (1 for 15), Hothi (2 for 18), Blake (2 for 29) and Chairman Thwaites (0 for 16).

The Chairman's XI had a tough task chasing a target of around 8 and got off to a bad start losing Chairman Thwaites for just 5 runs, but then a solid stand by Newton (31) and Shallow (31 Welcome back Garnet!) and excellent support from Skipper (35) and Ash Foster (28) gave the run chase a good go but fell short by just 5 runs. The best of The Presidents bowling came from Graham Dordoy (1 for 18), Josh Lamb (1 for 24), Kenny Sims (1 for 25) and James fuller (0-12). Well done to President Bumper for sealing a victory for the second year on the trot and closing the gap to 3 -2 in the Chairman's favour.

### Tour Photos

Below are some photos, kindly supplied by Sharon Adkins, from the tour to Des Ormes, Brittany at the back end of July. Happy days, excellent tour and great company!!



The Booze Brothers – Bandit, Raspberry, Jimbo and Stowaway about to hit the Des Ormes Night Life



The Tour Party – drinking to success or drowning our sorrows (I can't remember what day this was taken)



Armstrong's Century - with a congratulatory handshake from the Hamster

### Race Night

Well done to James Mansfield for stepping in on the day to take charge of the Race Night. What appeared to be a not very well attended night had a few late comers arrive and another enjoyable night was had by all. To reward Jimbo's good work he won the last bid race to collect a pot of £47. Also on the night was a mini auction with successful bidders being Adrian Moon, bagging himself a couple of Essex CCC tickets for their final county match against Durham and Dave Joynes who claimed the highly sort after Dagenham & Redbridge FC v Walsall FC tickets. Overall the club made over £300 which will be invested in improving our cricket facilities.

### Dinner and Dance

It is highly likely that the end of season dinner and dance will take place at Berwick Manor at the end of January. The reason why this has been moved from the normal November slot is because it works out a lot better value for money in January. Please look out for further details, which hopefully will be known when the next Newsletter is sent, especially the 4 new club tie winners from this season. Prior to the dinner and dance there will a pre Christmas get together down the club.

## General News

### Club House & Improvements

Progress has been made with the club house with the electrical works being started by the council this week. This now just leaves the container to be delivered where we can store all of our equipment, which should also free up some room in the club house. All of this work will enable us to finish off the works in the bar and kitchen and have our sight screens finally delivered.

Keith Blake has also met the council cricket pitch maintenance manager to establish exactly what works the council will be carrying out to our wicket during autumn. Once this is established Keith will be organising a day for volunteers to carry out further important work to improve the wicket.

### Dave Adkins Normandie Cycle Challenge

Dave Adkins has volunteered for a sponsored cycle challenge in October! He is taking part in the New Ways Normandie Challenge (200 miles over 4 days). New Ways supports a range of health and development projects, mainly in North Kenya, that will ultimately enable the people we help to take responsibility for their own lives. To do this, they need access to water, health facilities and education, as well as the tools to grow food for themselves and their livestock – in this way they are empowered. Dave has set himself a personal fundraising target of £2000.



Dave Adkins – looking to make 200 (miles) in 4 days, which is a lot quicker than he takes to score a 50 when batting

You can donate in two ways. The first is to simply respond direct to Dave and he will add your name to a paper list, and at some stage will chase you with a Gift Aid form to complete. Alternatively, and probably the easiest way, is to donate online via his Just Giving web-page:

<http://www.justgiving.com/David-Adkins>

We all wish Dave the very best in his efforts to raise money for this worthy cause.

### Mangit Singh

On a sadder note an old club member Mangit Singh died recently after a long battle against illness. Mangit was the brother of Billy 'Buncer' Singh who still plays for the club and his recent batting exploits have been mentioned earlier in the Newsletter. John Read and Barry Bumpstead both knew Mangit very well and I'll leave you with a few words from our President regarding this sad loss.

"Mangit was in fact responsible for me and many other cricketers that joined Rainham CC. I knew Mangit from school, he was then one of very few Asians that attended our school, but even then Mangit was always very well liked and accepted by all. Mangit played for Rainham for many years and also skippered the Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> XI during his many years with Rainham. As a person, you couldn't find a nicer bloke, it has been sad that Mangit had suffered poor health in recent years as I think he would still

have been involved with the club. John Read, I and quite a few old Rainham boys attended his funeral on Tuesday which was appreciated by his family so the club was well represented.”

#### Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm over the club. If anyone wishes to stand for committee positions or team captains then please either email, text or write to Peter Reynolds ([peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com](mailto:peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com) or 07711-144497) by the 4<sup>th</sup> October. You can also nominate or second no more than 3 candidates.

#### Chairman's Notes

The Chairman will send an end of season note in the next Newsletter.

**Nick (Graham) Thwaites**

