



## Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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### December 2010 Newsletter



#### Playing Update

##### Indoor Cricket

There was only one indoor cricket match this month with the A team keen to taste victory against 4<sup>th</sup> place Goresbrook B and hopefully remove them selves from the foot of Division 1. Rainham won the toss and decided to bat with openers Dave Adkins and Graham Thwaites getting Rainham off to a steady start before Dave was bowled by one of the Goresbrook opening bowlers. This then brought James Fuller to the crease with some big hitting which was complemented by the usual Thwaitesy nudges and the partnership moved Rainham onto 60 for 1, before both batsmen retired on 25. Some sharp fielding by the very young Goresbrook team (we must have been giving away about 20 years average age), contributed to Alex Sullivan and Peter Reynolds both being run out and Joe Sarro losing his wicket to a smart catch. This then brought Graham and James to resume their partnership taking the score to a challenging 95.

Joe Sarro and James Fuller opened the bowling and kept Goresbrook to below the required run rate when Joe struck and took the first wicket, with Alex Sullivan taking a comfortable catch. Dave Adkins then defied the age gap of the 2 sides by swooping on the ball while Goresbrook went for a quick single and his return just over the stumps lead to the loss of Goresbrook's second wicket. Not long after Joe Sarro completed his bowling spell by bowling an off cutter to the advancing Goresbrook batsman which resulted in a stumping. Although Rainham were taking wickets at this stage all the Goresbrook batsman were running quick singles which was keeping them just behind the required run rate.

Goresbrook then built a good partnership before another excellent piece of fielding by James Fuller, hitting the stumps direct while still laying on the floor lead to the loss of Goresbrook's fourth batsmen. With just a couple of wickets to take and Goresbrook closing in on the total of 95 it looked as though the game was going the way of the opposition when they tried one quick single too many from a no ball and Joe Sarro kept his head with a throw over the stumps creating a run out which left 10 runs to get from 3 overs and only one of the opposing wickets intact. With only 5 runs needed Goresbrook went for another quick single when Joe Sarro under armed the ball to the bowlers end just removing the bails with a direct hit, but unfortunately the decision went the oppositions way whom then went on to score the remaining runs with an over to spare. With 3 losses out of 3 let's hope that 2011 will bring a few victories for the A team.



Joe Sarro – 2 wickets and a run out v Goresbrook B



James Fuller – 35 runs and a run out v Goresbrook B



Graham Thwaites - 30 runs v Goresbrook B

### Indoor Cricket 2011/12

Next season we are hoping to field a third or C team in the indoor league with at least 4 players being youngsters. This is an enjoyable form of cricket that only lasts for one hour a match and gives good practice of fielding, running between the wickets, communication and experience of handling close match situations. If any under 18s wish to play indoor cricket next season please make them selves known to James Fuller or Peter Reynolds.

### Mid Essex League 2011

With our success of our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI gaining entry into the Mid Essex League Division 11, the fixtures have already been published for the 2011 season, Excel spreadsheet attached. There are some nice places to visit next season with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI playing 5 new fixtures in Division 5 against Navestock, Great Waltham 2<sup>nd</sup>, High Easter, Great Totham 2<sup>nd</sup> and finally Rayleigh Fairview 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI will be playing at Havering –Atte-Bower 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rayleigh 5<sup>th</sup>, Bentley 4<sup>th</sup>, Little Baddow 3<sup>rd</sup>, Hullbridge 2<sup>nd</sup>, St John Billericay 2<sup>nd</sup>, South Woodham Ferres 3<sup>rd</sup>, Great Baddow 3<sup>rd</sup> and last of all Eastwood 4<sup>th</sup>. Attached is a link to the fixtures.



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Some of the text messages received on the night after our successful application of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI to the league are as follows:

- Tell Graham well done from me!
- That's really good pass on my congratulations
- Ha Ha Ha, not another Rabbit out of the hat! Quality. That's great news.
- Wow, well done to both of you
- That's ace! We just need a second team now
- Fantastic. I hope to be playing this year but I'll need to buy new stuff to play as I have had all my cricket stuff stolen and my brother too
- Good, well done
- Fantastic...just needs more players. A big recruitment drive required I think

There are a couple of references in the above messages to lack of players which was certainly true at the back end of last season when the 2<sup>nd</sup> had to cancel a couple of league fixtures. In this league if we do not fulfil 2 fixtures during the season we will be thrown out of the league and will have to reapply, so it is important from now on that we fulfil all of our league fixtures in future.

## Youth Section

### Youth Section Winter Nets

Winter nets will commence on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 7 to 8pm at Hall Mead School and will continue until 4<sup>th</sup> April. Summer training nights will start on 11<sup>th</sup> April and will start half an hour later than usual at 6.30pm until 7.45pm. Bank Holiday Mondays will also continue to be training nights during 2011. There will be a small charge of £2 per night for all that attend to cover the cost of the hire of the hall.

### New Recruit

After the success of the school cricket tournament held in the summer Dave Adkins has been contacted by Ricky Cooper who played for Britton's School and won the best batsman trophy on the day, and he has expressed an interest in playing for the under 15s next season. Ricky has also played regularly for Harold Wood CC youth teams, but wants to play for a club nearer to his home. With the under 15s entering the Havering League for the first time in 2011, I am sure that Ricky will be a valuable asset to the youth section and we all welcome him to the winter nets on the 4<sup>th</sup> February.



Ricky collects his  
'Best Batsman' trophy  
from Club Chairman  
Graham Thwaites

### Player Recruitment in Schools

Dave Joynes has made some contact with Brady and Parsonage schools to see if they are willing for the club to either hold some coaching sessions or carry out a presentation about the club with a view to try and recruit some further young cricketers into the club. Dave also has some A3 recruitment posters which some local shops are displaying in their windows and hopefully the schools will also display on their notice boards.

### Funding & Fund Raising

#### The Chafford School Proposal

Graham Thwaites has made contact with the Head of Chafford School and the School are as keen as we are to progress with the plans to build a new pavillion on the School grounds. At present they are waiting for the council to sign over the land to the School, below is the note recieved by Graham.

*'I'm so sorry we haven't yet been able to give you the official go ahead for your excellent plans. Governors were fulsome in their support of your proposals, at their recent meeting, and we are as keen as you to move forward on your proposals.'*

*At our last meeting, I think Ray Emmett, our Chair, explained we were still waiting for the Local Authority to sign over the land to us. Unfortunately, despite Ray's best efforts that has still not officially happened. Ray returns from Spain this weekend and I know he has emailed to demand an urgent meeting with the Local Authority's Legal Department in the hope we can resolve by the end of this year.*

*I hope to be able to contact you with positive news early in the New Year and then we can move forward on what we all here believe is a very exciting partnership.'*

Let's all hope that we have some excellent news on this proposal in the New Year.

#### Havering Youth Opportunities Fund

Unfortunately our application for a new bowling machine was not successful due to the fund running out of cash due to the recent Government cuts to local authorities (I blame Dr. Jack). A big thank you to all the boys that wanted to be a part of this application which would have also meant standing I front of a panel and presenting our case. Six boys all came forward to be part of this application so a big thank you Dan Elliot who prepared the application, Scott McHugh and Ronnie Jackson who volunteered to do the presentation, Kieran Howard, Harry and George Light who also offered their services in taking part in this application.

### Tesco Community Fund

In light of the disappointment of the Havering Youth Opportunities Fund application for a new bowling machine, an application has been sent to the Tesco Community Fund to see if we can obtain some funding for a bowling machine and further training aids. We will not hear until March 2011 whether we have been successful or not, so let's hope after all the effort put in by the boys with the Youth Opportunities Fund that this application goes our way.

### Cooperative Community Fund

Another application for funding has been sent for a new mobile net with the Cooperative Community Fund. We will not hear if we have been successful or not until at least April, but if successful the mobile net should help us with coaching sessions especially as we have had to put the renovation of the artificial practice area on hold until we finalise the details with the Chafford School proposal.

### London Community Skills

The above scheme is designed for more volunteers to become skilled coaches in all different types of sports. I have viewed the website and if someone is willing to become a cricket coach or wishes to learn or enhance their skills on cricket wicket preparation courses then this scheme will enable the club to get discounts of up to 75% on the list price. There is £3 million available in this fund so if we have any further volunteers to become a coach or help the club in cricket wicket maintenance or wishes to enhance their skills in either then please make themselves known to Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 who will assist in any application made via this scheme.

Since originally writing the above one of our members, Paul 'Tigsy' Margiotta, has applied for an ECB level 1 coaching course via this scheme and he has been successful. The normal cost of the course is £210 but as Paul is committing to 25 hours coaching at the club he has received a 75% discount and it will just cost the club £55. If successful, we will welcome 'Tigsy' to the youth section practice sessions on Monday evenings during the summer, which will boost our ECB qualified coaches in the club to 8.

## General News

### Club Mark

A meeting was held in early November to try and progress our application to become a 'Club Mark' Club. We are hoping that our final submission will be ready by early February. The benefits of becoming a 'Club Mark' club are that we will raise our profile, improve the structure of coaching sessions, improve our chances of more funding, better links with local schools, increase our membership, retain our members and attract more volunteers.

### Kitchen & Julie Kennelly

Ash Foster and James Fuller have taken it on themselves to start this year's Nat West Cricket Force works early by finishing off the tiling in the kitchen. Ian Foster also put his carpentry skills into good practice by boxing in all the pipe work. Thanks to Ash, Ian and James for the time they have put in to ensure that the kitchen looks good for 2011. With Julie having spent a bit of time in hospital recently, hopefully this small piece of good news will help Julie on the road to a quick recovery.



Julie – get well soon, a new tiled kitchen awaits, courtesy of Ash, Ian and James

This year's Nat West Cricket Force weekend will take place over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April, more news will follow in later editions, although we are hoping that the Chafford school proposal will be successful it is likely that we will still be using our existing club house for at least another season or two.

### James Fuller - ECB Level 2 Coaching Course

James Fuller started his level 2 coaching course at the end of November and has now completed his first 8 modules. In order for James to pass the course he will have to put some of his skills in practice, assisted by an existing level 2 coach. James will be looking to do this during the youth section winter nets and he will have to carry out 6 x 30 minutes session of supported practice in all skill levels of the game, batting,

bowling and fielding. James will be looking for 6 willing volunteers from the youth section to take part in the supported practice.

### Christmas Competition

Some of the entries received for this competition are listed below

- 'Fuller was not to know how uncannily close his impression of the Hamster was to be later that evening'
- 'And we were the winning side'
- 'I wish we had gone to the pub with the others'



Ablly assisted by the decision committee, which consisted of the Reynolds family the winning entry was Dave Adkins with 'Fuller was not to know how uncannily close his impression of the Hamster was to be later that evening'. For all those that were on tour we all know what Dave is referring to. A bottle of red wine will be on its way to Dave.

### New Year Predictions

With the New Year upon us I have made some predictions about the club for the 2011 season and listed some estimated odds.

The A team will stay in Division 1 of the Havering Indoor League (10/1)	The B team will be promoted to Division 2 (4/1)	We will develop stronger links with local schools (Evens)
We will pick up some silverware (hopefully not a new set of cutlery for the kitchen) (10/1)	Dan Skipper, Graham Dordoy or Jas Hothi will earn a club tie (8/1)	The under 15s will win at least 2 league games in their first season in the Havering League (2/1)
The under 13s to win at least 1 league game in the Havering League (8/1)	Joe will buy a round at the bar (100/1)	Dave Adkins will play some Mid Essex League Cricket (2/1)
Dr. Jack will score more runs than he did in 2010 (3/1)	Adrian Moon to buy a bat that will last more than 6 innings (20/1)	James Mansfield will be 'tea total' (500/1)
The sight screens will be delivered and used (Evens)	Ian Havard to take 2 x 5 for's in the Mid Essex League (9/1)	Scott Dordoy to take 25 league wickets (40/1)
Alex Sullivan to score a Mid Essex League Century (18/1)	George Light to match his brother Harry and take a 6 for in a match (7/1)	Mickey Callaghan to score more 50s than 40s (50/1)

Lets see how many of the above come true. The committee wishes everyone a happy new year.

### Newsletter Articles

If anyone wishes to contribute any articles, reports or has any suggestions for the Newsletter in 2011, please feel free to drop me a note via email to [peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com](mailto:peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com).

### Chairman's Notes

Chairman's notes will be updated in the next Newsletter.