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July 2011 Newsletter

Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team (James Mansfield)

2nd July v Rayleigh Fairview II – **‘Collis steers Rainham to victory’**

James Fuller took the helm for this game as the captain was away. He started as he meant to carry on by winning the toss and with Rainham's bowling attack decided to bowl first. Both Rayleigh's openers were dismissed by both our openers for just one run. Ian and James went on to claim 5 more scalps between them for just 62 runs. Jas Hothi, the ever dependable John Wratten and Alex Sullivan got in on the act bowling the rest of Rayleigh out for 141. The only resistance was presented by their middle order, nudging a few runs between them; with one player making 42 before John had him trapped LBW.

After the break Rainham lost a quick wicket with Alex being caught by the opposition. Was this the start of the collapse? No! Joe Sarro and Paul Collis took us to 93 with Paul scoring a quick fire 52. JUG! Joe could not see us through (perhaps it was the thought of purchasing a jug) and he was dismissed for 39 on the 120 mark, leaving Dave Adkins and James Fuller to finish the match off. 143 for 3 another comprehensive victory for Rainham.

9th July v Purleigh – **‘Opening bowlers wreak havoc’**

Purleigh beat us the first game of the season, so Rainham had a real incentive to exact revenge this week! The skipper was back, but perhaps should have sent Fuller out for the toss as he lost it and Rainham were put into bat. Alex hit a quick 18 runs before falling to the young Essex spinner. Then Joe fell for 28 with the score on 79. Paul got started and then went back to the club house with 30 to his name and this seemed to be the case for a lot of the Rainham bats. Many starts but nothing substantial. Ash Foster did his best scoring a splendid 43, but did not have time to reach his 50. Rainham eventually finished for 192 for 8 from their 45 overs. Not a great score, but considering the size of the ground and Rainham's bowling attack this was a good enough total to try and defend.

James Fuller and Ian Havard were obviously on a promise as their opener fell first ball of the innings, followed by 2, 3, 4 and 5 for just 20 runs. Ian Havard claimed in 3 wickets for 19 runs and was replaced by John Wratten who got straight in on the act! After claiming his 5th scalp for just 20 runs from 10 overs Fuller was replaced by Jim "Elmar Fudd" Mansfield who only managed a maiden before John claimed the remaining wickets to finish with 2 for 6 from 2.2. A pleasing victory, not only because we had been beaten by them the first game of the season, but they had the most arrogant, anti social Aussie in the world playing for them. TFC Bruce!

16th July v High Easter – **‘Rain, rain go away’**

The heavens opened in biblical proportions Saturday morning so Rainham had to turn their ship round and head for home. Fortunately all the games in division 5 were abandoned so our lead was not cut at the top.

23rd July v Springfield III – **‘Sullivan blow out turns good’**

Another away game for the 1st XI and it seemed like it was going to be a tough day when Alex had a blow on the A13 with Jas and Ash in the car. Fortunately there was no accident and they managed to make it 15 mins after the start. Rainham won the toss and despite missing three players decided to bowl first. John Wratten opened and must have regretted the decision at the toss as he saw his first 2 ball fly straight back past him for 4! Ian then sorted that out at the other end and clean bowled him. John then got in on the act

after some superb slip fielding by Jas. I would describe the catch but he has probably already told you all! Alex joined in on the slip action and took another catch from Johns bowling. Rainham have a nice little competition running between the two slip fielders and it is a closely run contest! Long may it continue! So with the opposition on no more than 30 with 5 wickets down Rainham did the usual and took their foot off the pedal! Unfortunately the whole team went slack in the field and instead of bowling them out for 70/80 runs we allowed them to get back into the game and score 134. Their Captain put in an excellent (if not somewhat fortunate innings) scoring 49 with some support from the bowlers.

We really need to find our killer instinct and destroy teams when we get the opportunity. Morale was low at tea, but if put in perspective it was only 134 runs we had to get and Alex went out with exactly that attitude, scoring 54 Not Out seeing the team through to the end. He was given support by the Batsman formally known as Ash Foster, who is now known by N.O. As per usual N.O., finished not out on 38. When put into perspective it was another good win but it could have been better.

30th July v Great Totham II – ‘**Gallant Garnet cannot withhold Totham**’

Great Totham eventually turned up at 14:00 so the game began late. We decided that there was nothing we could do about the late arrival of the team as there was no guidance in the rule book and we were not that kind of team anyway.

We won the toss and looking at the wicket it seemed like the right decision was to bowl first. I think a side note is needed on the wicket as this was the worst it looked and played all year. We have put serious work into it as a club over the last few months, but unless we are supported by the "professional" work of the council we are going to have to continue playing a pitch as horrific as that. This was the biggest game of the season. Great Totham were 3rd in the league and were snapping at our heels with Rayleigh. So it was a must win game for us. With that in mind you would have thought the team would be pumped..... we were not. We were awful! We did not play as a team and became too negative too soon. After Ian removed the opener for 2 Great Totham re-started like a freight train! They had almost 100 runs on the board by the 10th over. Pace was removed and John Wratten and Elmar Fudd came on to try and stem the flow. From their 24 overs 62 was conceded for 4 wickets, John claiming 3 of them. This put Rainham back into some sort of respectable position and we finally found a bit of character. Garnet came on to claim two wickets and Jas finished the innings off. Overall we made a good comeback and limited them to 204 for 7 from 45 overs. Considering the pace of the outfield this was not a bad total to end up chasing.

Alex and Paul opened. Paul was shafted by a pea roller early on and Alex top edged a ball that sat up to the keeper. Joe was then caught out and Rainham were in trouble. Jas and Garnet tried to steady the ship, but scoring was hard as the pitch was playing havoc. Although Jas only scored 6 he managed to hang around and put on a partnership with Garnet, before he was bowled. Rainham were not only running out of bat they were also running out of time. Fuller, Burr and Jack McMahon dashed a quick 43 between them, with Garnet falling for a well grafted 70. At one point there was some glimmer of hope that we may make the runs but we were eventually dismissed for 179 - 25 short of our target.

So our second loss of the season and an end to our unbeaten run. Hopefully this is a good reminder to **all** involved that we still have to give everything we have every game if we are going to win this league. Let's hope we can bounce back next week!

Notable performances during July

Batting

Garnet Shallow 70 v Great Totham II
Paul Collis 52 v Rayleigh Fairview II
Alex Sullivan 52no v Springfield III
Ash Foster 43no v Purleigh
Joe Sarro 39 v Rayleigh Fairview II

Bowling

James Fuller 5 for 20 v Purleigh
Ian Havard 3 for 19 v Purleigh
John Wratten 3 for 31 v Great Totham II
Garnet Shallow 2 for 26 v Great Totham II

Saturday 2nd Team



Dan Elliot
impressive
debut v St.
Johns

2nd July v St. Johns Billericay II – **‘Young bowling attack shines’**

On paper this was going to be a tough game against 2nd in the table St. Johns Billericay who had only lost one match against top of the league Great Baddow III. Brearley went into this match with a young bowling attack of George Light, Reiss Sims, Ricky Cooper, Dan Skipper and, making his Mid Essex League debut, under 15 Captain Dan Elliot. The average age of this attack was just over 16 years. All the young bowlers bowled well taking 2 wickets a piece with the performance of the day being Dan Elliot who bowled the maximum 12 over finishing with figures of 2 for 33 with his leg spin, including the dismissal of the St. Johns opener who had made 52. St Johns were finally dismissed for 179 which could have been better with the last 2 wickets putting on over 70 runs.

This left a gettable target of 180 and experienced openers Mickey Callaghan (very in Mick’s case) and Paul ‘Tarquin’ Margiotta set about the task with gusto putting on over 150 for the first wicket before Mickey was caught after making 69 runs. A slight hiccup of Dan Skipper being run out left Mickey and Jack McMahon to steer Rainham home with 3 overs and 8 wickets to spare and probably the best team performance of the season so far from a young 2nd XI.



The Elliots, Adkins and
Sims ready to take the
field against Little
Baddow

9th July v Little Baddow III – **‘Fathers and sons lead Rainham to victory’**

After the stand out performance of the previous week Brearley was determined to keep the momentum going and it was Little Baddow that stood in the way, who the 2nd team beat in the first league match of the season. Brearley took to the field with 3 father and son combinations of Dave and Jamie Adkins, Kenny and Reiss Sims and finally Pete and Dan Elliot, which is probably the first time in the club’s history that this has happened. Rainham batted first with openers Mickey Callaghan and Dan Skipper taking 50 mark for the first wicket when Mickey was dismissed for 27. Dan Skipper continued made 65 (is he going trying to go for 1000 runs this season?) before being run out for 1 succession. Excellent support from Adrian Moon (39), Dave Adkins (27) and Kenny Sims (31no) ensured Rainham accumulated 213 runs losing just 4 wickets.

Jamie Adkins was hungry to bowl after his bowless debut for the 1st XI the previous week and took the new ball with the consistent George Light. Both took early wickets with George finishing on 2 for 21 and Jamie 3 for 28. The Sims family then finished off the Baddow innings with Reiss taking 1 wicket and Kenny taking 4 and, I am not making this up, but Kenny actually caught 2 also!! Another great team performance from the 2nds with Little Baddow being dismissed for 97 and Brearley feeling that the second promotion spot may be there for the taking.

16th July v Rayleigh V – **‘Rain wins the day’**

With Brearley keen to keep the momentum going of 2 impressive victories and wishing to avenge the defeat earlier in the season against Rayleigh, the rain ended up being the winner with not a ball being bowled.

23rd July v Hullbridge II – **‘Hullbridge fail to field a side’**

A phone call from Hullbridge on Friday night informing us that they were unable to field a side lead to a disappointing second week without league cricket for the 2nd XI and an unsatisfactory 26 point victory, which is not the way we like to win matches. This now puts the 2nd team third in the league but still 54 points behind second placed St. Johns Billericay who we have to play on the final league match of the season.

30th July v Great Baddow III **“Unbeaten, not anymore”**

The 2nd XI end the month unbeaten with a stunning victory over the up until then unbeaten Great Baddow. Brearley won the toss and with howls of advice coming from all angles “Bowl with the new cherry” he decided to bat. A strong batting line up then proceeded to score 246-6 from 45. Slowly at first but then consistently increasing the run rate, Tarquin Margiotta got things going with yet another great knock of 64 with Dan Skipper (32) contributing to a super stand. The innings was then taken to new levels with a really entertaining boundary filled partnership (Yes boundary) from Pete Reynolds (80) and Dave Adkins (39), really great batting at a key moment in the game. The opposition skipper commented how he

admired the way our youthful looking batting line up were scampering singles all through the day. The innings ended with Kenny Sims standing at point as he lost his leg stump.

Baddow started well and after Kane White collapsed with a ligament problem after 1 over the 4 man attack was now 3!!! Kenny Sims and Mickey Callaghan huddled together and admitted to panicking and thinking all was lost!! What we then proceeded to observe will never be forgotten with bowling changes, field placings and pure tactical genius. Brearley had arrived. Baddow succumbed to 148 all out with superb bowling from Reiss Sims 4-32 with support from Kenny Sims 2-40 and Dave & Jamie Adkins with 2-25 and 2-45 respectively. Baddow were beaten for the first time and more importantly with Billericay losing the 2s are now right in the hunt for promotion. When Brearley was asked by the Baddow skipper for advice at the end of the game, he refused to comment and instead reiterated how he simply plants seeds and then watches the ideas become reality.

Notable performances during July

Batting

Peter Reynolds 80 v Great Baddow III
Paul Margiotta 73 v St. Johns Billericay II
Mickey Callaghan 69no v St. Johns Billericay II
Dan Skipper 65 v Little Baddow III
Adrian Moon 39 v Little Baddow III

Bowling

Kenny Sims 4 for 20 v Little Baddow III
Reiss Sims 4 for 32 v Great Baddow III
Jamie Adkins 3 for 28 v Little Baddow III
George Light 2 for 21 v Little Baddow III
Dan Elliot 2 for 33 v St Johns Billericay II

Mid Essex Sporting League Table

After our first team finishing 5th from bottom of the Mid Essex sporting league table last year, which was mainly down to clubs marking us on an incorrect criteria such as facilities and travelling distance, it was good to see that at the half way stage this year the 1st team are 72nd out of 109 with an average of 7.22 marks out of 10 (last season 6.67) and even better the 2nd team 13th out of 109 with an average of 7.89. Let's ensure that this continues in the second half of the season as we wish to pride ourselves as a club that plays the game in the right way. Well done to Captains' James 'Elmer Thudd' Mansfield and Graham 'Brearley' Thwaites for ensuring that the attitude and behaviour of all players is channelled in a positive manner.

Sunday 1st Team (A message from Skipper the 'Skipper')



Rumour has it that it took longer for Jamie and Skipper to lock up than the game lasted against South Weald CC

1st game against South Weald was a short game down to a shocker of a pitch we were bowled out cheaply but they had to work hard to get the runs no notable performances

Next was arguably one of the strongest team the Sunday XI have ever played, firstly by conceding 300+ runs in 40 overs and then being bowled out quite convincingly.

On the 17th game was off due to poor weather.

On the 24th the team played in a close game, Rainham batted first and posted 155, notable contributions with the bat from Mickey Cal 34, Paul Collis 35 and Ian Havard 26 not out, in response Old Eastonians only were restricted to 135 with 4 wickets taken by young Harry Light to go with his 13 not out

On the 31st we were put in to bat against Belnor, this game marked the return of one Sid Patel, getting us off the to a good start was Mickey Cal 22 and Graham Dordoy 34 which gave Sid Patel a licence to stroke the ball as he made 75, before throwing his guts up because of all the quick singles and twos, in the end we made a very respectable 210. In response Belnor did not make the best of starts as they lost their first 3 wickets cheaply, and their 4th wicket partnership gave them a sniff of chasing the total but good bowling from Darren Shine and Sid Patel ensure that Belnor fell short of the target

Notable performances during July

Batting

Syd Patel 75no v Belnor
Dan Skipper 48no v Belnor
Dan Skipper 39 v Kiwi Fancy Dans
Paul Collis 35 v Eastonians

Bowling

Harry Light 4 for 22 v Eastonians
Syd Patel 3 for 12 v Belnor
Steve Jackson 3 for 44 v Kiwi Fancy Dans
Darren Shine 3 for 30 v Belnor

Youth Section

Under 15s

3rd July v Hornchurch Athletic – **‘Improved batting display from the under 15s’**

With 4 successive defeats in the Havering League the under 15s were determined to turn this around against Hornchurch Athletic. Skipper Dan Elliot won the toss and openers Ricky Cooper (taking a week off from Harold Wood) and Georgie Gough got Rainham off to a positive start running well between the wickets and putting on 25 for the opening partnership before Ricky was run out. Georgie was then bowled for 9 which led to another 3 quick wickets tumbling. Ronnie Jackson (29), William Emsden (6) and Ricky Anatol (18) all batted well taking Rainham to 114 all out in 19.3 overs and the best batting display of the season to date and a wicket that was generally keeping low.

Hornchurch Athletic’s openers looked solid steadily taking them to 40 runs before Harry Light took the first wicket with a catch from Ricky Cooper. Athletic’s number 3 continued in the same way as the openers before being bowled by Ricky Cooper with the score on 80. Charlie Gregory then struck with Georgie Gough taking a difficult catch, but one of the Hornchurch openers was still at the crease and finally made his 50 with the last ball of the 19th over taking Athletic to a deserved victory. A good game and almost a taste of victory from the improving under 15s.

10th July v Upminster ‘B’ **‘Jackson in the runs again’**

This was a friendly match against Upminster ‘B’ who won the toss and chose to bat. Excellent bowling spells from Harry Light (4 overs for just 7 runs), Georgie Gough (2 wickets for 13 in 4) and further wickets from Sam Russell and Ronnie Jackson restricted Upminster to 120 for 4.

Ronnie Jackson and Kieran Howard put on 40 for the first wicket before Ronnie was caught top scoring on 24 and was followed by 5 quick wickets which left the under 15s struggling to reach the total. Sam Russell and Charlie Gregory hit a flurry of runs at the end and were not out on 19 and 13 respectively leaving Rainham just 28 short of the required target, which was an improved performance against the same team earlier in the season.

20th July v Goresbrook **‘Good start ruined by rain’**

This was a mid-week friendly match and with the under 13s making progress in every match, Rainham chose to bowl in some over cast conditions. Opening bowlers Harry Light and Ronnie Jackson got Rainham off to an excellent start with both taking 2 for 13 from their 4 overs and with William Emsden also contributing with an excellent throw over the top of the from the boundary to run out the Goresbrook opening batsman this left the opposition reeling on 24 for 5 after 8 overs. A good partnership for the 6th wicket took Goresbrook to 63 for 5 after 12 overs with Kieran Howard having a good day behind the stumps by almost putting an end to this partnership with a stumping off the bowling of William Emsden (it looked out to me!). The heavens then opened to put a disappointing end to this promising start.

Under 13s

10th July v Harold Wood – **‘Big hitting Herbert continues good form’**

This was the seventh league game for the very young under 13 team and another tough one against a well organised Harold Wood XI, who won the toss and batted first. Both the Harold Wood openers got off to good starts retiring not out on 30 and looked as though they would go on to score 200 plus. Alex Nichol then came onto bowl and took the first wicket and continued a good spell of bowling ending up on 2 for 22 from his 4 overs. A great team effort in the field with notable fielding from youngsters Jamie Eacott, Reece Anatol-Liburd and Ricardo Coward ensured that Harold Wood were pegged back to 140 from their 20 overs. Other wicket takers were Bradley Manning and Tom Herbert.

Tom Herbert and Nathan Adkins opened the batting with Tom getting off the mark with a big 6. More hefty blows followed from Tom with another 4 fours, before Nathan was given out LBW (who was umpiring?). Brandon Honey made 1 before being caught and then after not facing a ball for a number of overs Tom Herbert then played across a straight one and was dismissed for an entertaining 23. Tom Page and Reece Anatol-Liburd batted well and consolidated for a number of overs before being dismissed for 5 and 2 respectively. Rainham were finally all out for 43 and look forward to their final 2 league encounters against Ardleigh Green and Goresbrook.

24th July v Ardleigh Green – ‘**Captain Puncher cannot knock out Ardleigh Green**’

Opening bowler Charlie Puncher took on the Captaincy in the absence of Tom Herbert and with his first ball got Rainham off to an excellent start by bowling the Ardleigh Green opener with the first ball of the game. Rainham could not build on this start and Ardleigh Green’s 2, 3 and 4 batsman all went on to retire on 30 and after 11 overs the opposition were 100 for 1. The under 13’s then dug in and in the last 9 overs too a further 4 wickets for only 32 runs. The pick of the bowlers were stand in captain Charlie Puncher taking 2 for 14 from his 4 overs and Alex Nicholl 1 for 4 from 2 overs.

Rainham lost opener Nathan Adkins and number 3 Brandon honey in the first over and were on the back foot right from the start. Ciaran Simpkins then got Rainham off the mark, but another 6 quick wickets followed. Other scorers were Alex Nicholl, Callum Storey and Callum Bennett in Rainham’s final total of 18 all out.

27th July v Goresbrook – ‘**Under 13s just fall short**’

This was the final game of the Havering League campaign and after 8 successive defeats the under 13s were keen to go out on a high, but were unfortunate to lose 2 players before the game with illness. Rainham were put into bat and got off to a nervous start losing the wickets of Nathan Adkins, Brandon Honey and Callum Storey. This then heralded the arrival of Ronnie ‘The Messiah’ Jackson who was called up as a late replacement, which was greeted by great joy by the rest of the team. Captain Charlie Puncher then rearranged the batting order and put in Ronnie at number 6 after Alex Nicholl had kept the Goresbrook bowlers at bay, before losing his wicket. Bradley Manning batted well with Ronnie landing good support and they put on a partnership of 30 before Ronnie played on and lost his wicket, making 16. Bradley then went for 10 and Rainham’s innings was wrapped up in the 20th over, all out for 64.

Goresbrook got off to a good start, just easing above the required run rate. Wickets tumbled at regular intervals with Brandon Honey taking his first wicket of the season and other wicket takers being Bradley Manning, Charlie Puncher and Callum Storey after great diving catch by Nathan Adkins. Another excellent bowling spell from Alex Nicholl claimed another Goresbrook wicket before one of the opposition batsman retired on 25. Good bowling spells from Callum Bennett, Jamie Eacott and Ciaran Simpkins could not prevent Goresbrook from reaching their required target with 1 over to spare to end a very enjoyable first season for the under 13s in the Havering League.



Manager Dave Adkins with the under 13 team after the match v Goresbrook

Social Events

Quiz Night

The first social event took place at the club on 9th July and consisted of a quiz night. The eventual team winners were John Read's and Dave Adkins 'Army' who just pipped the skeleton team of Graham Burr, Adrian Moon and Alex Sullivan. Well done to Dr. Jack for organising and Dawn and Graham Thwaites for comparing and scoring the quiz.

Southend Cricket Festival - Essex CCC v Leicestershire CCC

Rainham CC hit the Southend Cricket Festival with a 22 strong party of club members, colts and family members. The tickets were all free and had been obtained after Danny Sadai has informed us that we could apply for the tickets under a community scheme. With the younger members of the party entertaining themselves by playing cricket, the older members of the party entertained them selves with some side bets of what will be Leicestershire's final score? And how many will Ravi score? Steve Jackson and Adrian Moon picked up the spoils on these bets and then re-invested their winnings in the beer tent. There were around 10 youngsters in the party and their behaviour was commendable and a real credit to the club which just left us with the worry of whether Adrian would behave! The Rainham CC party consisted of Steve, Penelope and Ronnie Jackson, Kieran and Simon Howard, The Adkins, Ricardo and Madonna Coward, Luke McGuire, Josh and Ollie, The Three Musketeers (You know who you are!), Adrian Moon, Brandon Honey, Jack McMahon and Paul Margiotta. We will be looking to take another party to the Southend Festival in 2012 as the day was enjoyed by all those that attended.



The future of Rainham Cricket Club on the outfield during the tea break at the Southend Cricket Festival

Presidents Day

Presidents Day – as usual this will take place on the last Sunday in August which is bank holiday weekend. It is hoped that there may be a few events happening during the course of the weekend such as poker night and some fantasy football results, but as usual the climax will be the Presidents XI against the Chairman's XI on Sunday 28th August, with the Chairman currently ahead 3 -2 in the series.



Join Barry down the club on Presidents Day on Sunday 28th August

Funding

Lords Taverners



Kwik Cricket equipment
courtesy of The Lords
Taverners

After a quiet few months on the funding front we received good news from The Lords Taverners and we have been granted a free Kwik Cricket equipment kit, which will be very welcoming with our ever diminishing training equipment. We are grateful to Danny Sadai for finding out about this opportunity and the equipment will be put to good use during Monday evening junior training nights.

Grassroots Funding

For the third time in succession we are grateful to Grassroots funding who have recently granted us £3,500, which will be spent on a new bowling machine and further cricket equipment. This equipment

should again ensure that more variety and quality of coaching is given to all club members during senior and junior training nights. The money should be in our account at the end of July once the final form filling has been completed.

General News

The Chafford School Proposal

Chairman Graham Thwaites met with the Chair of Governors and Headteacher of the Chafford School to discuss the possibility of our home ground moving to the grounds of Chafford School. The meeting was positive with the unexpected outcome of the Governors looking for us having a club house and pitch ready within 12 to 18 months. In order for us to achieve this we will have to raise funds to the tune of £400,000. The committee will pursue this opportunity to the best of their ability as funding opportunities are currently available from The Havering Veolia Riverside Trust, Sport England – Inspired Fields, The Marathon Trust and SITA's QEII Major Fields Fund which will be explored within the next few weeks, as well as planning permission from the council.

Newsletter – 2nd Anniversary

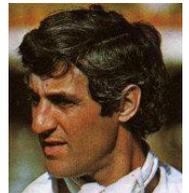
It is now exactly 2 years since the first copy of the Newsletter was written and it is still going strong. Contributions are now regularly made from James Mansfield, James Fuller and of course the ever entertaining Chairman's Notes from Graham. It was also nice to receive some recent feedback from Sam, the mother of Ciaran Simpkins who wrote the following.

“Thanks for sending over the newsletter, was really nice to see that Ciaran got a mention, he'll be delighted about that. I really like the newsletter it seems like it's a good read and you put a lot of effort into the writing – not just a boring list of what happened. Really nice for the kids to get a mention”.

If anyone has any ideas of further input or improvements to the Newsletter please let me know on 07711-144497.

Chairman's Notes

A great month on the field with the first team top of the table and looking good for promotion and the second team unbeaten in July and now right in the promotion mix. Congratulations to all players, also the Sunday eleven as they continue to allow young players to find their feet under the watchful eye of Skipper Dan Skipper.



Off the park we are moving forward again with our application to build a brand new pavilion and ground at Chafford School. Indeed we are planning to aim for season 2013 if possible. We now have a working group assembled to manage this process including Pete, Kevin Newton, Jimbo, Joe Sarro/Coyle/Andolini, and Jason Jarvis. Watch this space as we develop the project. We have mentioned this before but this could really elevate the standing of the club and secure a great future for us if we can secure the funding and make this move. Any ideas or support on the project are welcome.

Also the pitch does continue to improve. Although we saw the results of neglect last Saturday as it misbehaved. No surprise, as it wasn't tended to in the week. It really does make a difference!!

Disappointing was the postponement of the gentlemen's evening. It clashed with other events but the new date will probably the 9th September should be a great night as it will double as an end of season bash.

Rumours of my intended naked version of the hamster with the pole dancers, I would rather not comment on at this stage.

Anyway please come over to the club after a game on a Saturday, it's a nice evening and there is always a welcome in the bar.

See you in the slips!!!

Brearley!!