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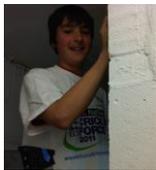
Promotion for 1st XI and another Successful Presidents Day

The highlights for the club in August was the 1st team gaining promotion to Division 3 of the T-Rippon Mid Essex League with 2 fixtures remaining and the success of Presidents with 2 excellent fought 20/20 matches played in a great spirit, with the day nicely rounded off by singer Luke Burr. Thank you to our President Barry Bumpstead who organised the Quiz night and generously arranged for the evening entertainment. There are lots of other people to thank during this day to make it a success which will be covered later in the Newsletter.

Credit must go to 1st XI skipper James Fuller for leading a young team (I'll include Johnny Wratten in this as he was the born the same year as me) to its second successive promotion and also doing it by playing the game in the right spirit with the 1st team in the top 20 of the league's sporting points out of 108 teams. On an individual basis both Sid Patel and Garnet Shallow have had an excellent month with the bat both accumulating plenty of runs with Sid just missing out by 8 runs for his maiden Rainham CC century, which would have been rewarded with a club honours tie.

The 2nd XI have also had an unbeaten month with stand in skipper Ian Gibbs Junior doing what most would call impossible by equalling the tactical nous of Brearley leading the 2nds to 3 successive convincing victories and putting them right in promotion hunt with a crucial victory required in their last game against Wickham. Let's hope that the 2nds can also achieve 2 successive promotions.

One other highlight was under 15 skipper Harry Light making his first team league debut against Old Chelmsfordians on 25th August and rounded his debut off with 3 wickets and Ronnie Jackson at just 13 years of age playing for the England Learning Disability Squad on 18th August. Harry and Ronnie are products of the youth system and let's all hope we have many more youth players that follow in Harry and Ronnie's footsteps.



Harry Light – 3 wickets on his 1st XI league debut v Old Chelmsfordians



James Fuller – Captained the 1st XI to promotion to Division 3



Ian Gibbs Jnr. – a superb unbeaten spell as stand-in Captain for the 2nd XI



Ronnie Jackson – a call up to the England Learning Disability XI

Playing Update

Saturday 1st Team

4th August v Rayne – **'Steady Performance still earns victory'**

In the corresponding fixture earlier in the season Rainham earned a close fought win and with Rayne 3rd in the league this could have been a tricky fixture. Rayne batted first and were more determined to keep wickets intact than to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Two wickets apiece for Ian Havard, Jon O'Neill

and John Wratten were the main wicket takers in a match where the outside edge must have been missed on more than 20 occasions, with the highlight being a spectacular catch in the gully from Peter Reynolds. Rayne finished their innings on a disappointing 114 for 7 after their 45 overs.

Sid Patel and Garnet Shallow kept the scoreboard ticking over but lost their wickets for 10 and 27 respectively. Captain James Fuller then came in the finish the innings in his usual no nonsense fashion hitting 49 not out in just 40 balls to earn a comfortable if not disappointing 7 wicket victory.

11th August v Little Baddow II – **‘Sid, Garnet & Jono run riot’**

This was potentially another tricky fixture which was another close fought affair earlier in the season. Little Baddow seemed really up the match and batted first on a wicket that is regarded as the best in the league. Baddow batted first with their opener batting in positive fashion scoring 76 runs. Persistent bowling from Jono and Ian Havard, who took 2 wickets each, could not prevent the Baddow middle order keeping the innings momentum going eventually ending their innings on a challenging 233 for 6.

Sid Patel got the innings off to a good start and then Alex Sullivan lost his wicket, caught behind, for just 6 runs. Garnet Shallow then joined Sid and leant some good support as Sid was smashing the ball to all parts of the boundary before he reached 92 and Jono mentioned to all around ‘Sid’s got 92’ and then the very next ball Sid was caught on the boundary just missing out on his maiden Rainham CC 100 (Sid – it was all Jono’s fault!). Ash Foster crashed one ball for 4 before mistiming the next one and was caught at mid off. Jono was then sent in and immediately got in the swing of things in his usual belligerent way crashing 2 big sixes while Garnet was elegantly gliding the ball through the covers for his 70 not out. Jono eventually fell for 43 off only 23 balls before 1st team debutant Hari Patel joined Garnet to keep the 1st XI on the promotional track with a comfortable 6 wicket victory.

18th August v Ongar – **‘Havard and Fuller rip into Ongar batsmen to gain promotion’**

This was an important game as victory and other results going their way could ensure promotion for the 1st XI with 2 games still remaining and out of form Ongar stood in Rainham’s way. Captain Fuller put Ongar in and led the way by taking 3 of the Ongar wickets and was ably supported by opening bowler Ian Havard who kept his consistent bowling for going by also chipping in with 3 wickets of his own. Ongar were eventually bowled for a very below average 83.

Alex Sullivan again struggled with his recent form and was dismissed early scoring 2 runs, which led to Sid Patel and Garnet carrying on where they left off the previous week by compiling runs in quick fashion before Sid was out for 33. Ash Foster kept Garnet (42 not out) company to guide Rainham to a comfortable 8 wicket victory and a second successful promotion for the 1st XI.

25th August v Old Chelmsfordians II – **‘First XI debut not a heavy burden for Harry’**

The task for the first XI now was to ensure that another victory could set up a last game of the season encounter against Rayleigh II for the 4th Division title. Old Chelmsfordians batted first and were positive right from the outset with one of their openers and their number 4 both making half centuries. Harry Light was making his first team league debut at the age of just 15 and was the pick of the Rainham bowlers taking 3 wickets. Rainham took the last wicket in the 44th over with Old C’s accumulating a challenging total of 204.

Before the first XI could set about the task of chasing the runs the heavens opened in spectacular fashion with the outfield of Springy in pools of water, which is an unusual sight. The rain was consistent with both Captains agreeing that the conditions were unfit for further play and just 10 points were collected from this match with the hope that the rain had also affected the match at Rayleigh. Unfortunately Rayleigh had got off to a flyer bowling their opposition out for just 53 runs and got the runs before the bad weather reached them, which means that Rayleigh cannot be caught, but this will not prevent Rainham trying to avenge the only league defeat of the season to date.

Saturday 2nd Team

4th August v Old Chelmsfordians IV – **‘Jimbo and Hiren wreck Old C’s’**

The big worry in this game was Captain Brearley was on holiday for 3 weeks and Ian Gibbs Junior had some big shoes (some would say head) to fill in his absence. Gibbo relished the task by winning the toss

and putting in Old C's in to bat. The bowlers also responded in the same way with James Mansfield taking 3 wickets for just 8 runs in his 12 overs including 8 maidens with excellent support from Hiren Patel taking 4 for 14 to leave Old C's reeling on 49 all out.

Joe Sarro opened the innings with Kenny Sims (Were we short of batsman this week!), with Joe setting about the task in a positive way scoring 30 not out to lead Gibbo to his first league victory as a Captain by an emphatic 8 wickets to keep the pressure on 2nd place Wickham.

11th August v Galleywood II – **'Niral cracks maiden league 50'**

Gibbo was riding high after a convincing victory and was determined to keep the 2nds in the promotional hunt against Galleywood whose batting normally eclipses their bowling. Galleywood batted first and showed again that they a decent batting outfit in this league but their display was not assisted by some below par short pitched bowling from the normally consistent 2nd XI bowling attack. The pick of the bowlers was Jas Hothi taking 2 wickets and bowling his full 12 over allocation. Galleywood ended their innings on a challenging 202 for 6.

After a flat display in the field the 2nds were determined to make amends with the bat and all the batsmen played their part with Joe Sarro adding 31, Tigsy 22, Adrian Moon 40, Paul Collis 19 not out and the pick of the batsmen Niral Patel making his first league half century for the club with 66 splendid runs to lead the 2nds to a 5 wicket victory. Another great Captaincy display from Gibbo with 2 wins out of 2 and the added bonus of Wickham losing and the 2nd XI now in the second promotional slot behind unbeaten Springfield, who cannot be caught even at this stage of the season.

18th August v Eastwood III – **'Brearley's definitely not missed!'**

On a blistering hot day everyone was praying that Gibbo would win the toss and choose to bat, but the only blight on his copy book to date was he lost the toss and Eastwood decided to bat. Opening bowlers Jamie Adkins and Dipal Patel bowled tidy opening spells, but could not dismiss the East wood openers and the signs didn't look too good when Peter Reynolds dropped a catchable chance in the gully. The drinks break came after only 15 overs, due to the heat and this can sometimes prove a good distraction for the bowling team, which it did in this case. Dipal took a wicket immediately after the break which then gave the 2nds the momentum they needed. Jas Hothi bowled another great 12 over spell taking 2 wickets, supported by Jimbo with 2 wickets of his own, but the pick of the bowlers was Nikhel Patel taking 4 wickets on his league debut to end the Eastwood innings on 124 all out and an impressive team bowling display on a batsman friendly pitch in batsman friendly conditions.

Openers Tigsy and Peter Reynolds got the 2nds off to an extremely cautious start scoring just 26 runs off the first 10 overs, before Reynolds decided to take on the Eastwood slow bowler and hit him out of the attack. Tigsy continued in the same way before being dismissed for 27 in an opening partnership of 70 runs that was steadily gaining momentum. Dan Skipper then came in and took the East wood attack apart by hitting 23 not out in just 12 balls, but not after Reynolds had completed his 50 to lead Rainham to a 9 wicket victory. This was now 3 convincing wins out of 3 for Gibbo and we was all wondering 'Are we missing Brearley?' Again good news filtered through that Wickham had lost again to Great Baddow III who are now the chasing team for the second promotion spot.

25th August v Havering- atte-Bower III – **'A disappointing end to the day'**

Brearley was suitably recharged and back in charge in a game that meant a win would ensure the second successive promotion for the 2nd team. As Havering 1st team did not have a game the match was switched to their picturesque main ground. Rainham bowled first with Jono restricting Havering to just 6 runs from his first 6 overs and some good support from Jimbo who took 1 wicket for just 24 runs in his 12 over spell. This was as far as it got as the heavens opened and continued to do so as Havering were left on 69 for 1 off 25 overs and only 5 points for an abandoned game for the 2nds in their chase for promotion.

As the day went on it was hoped that other games in the league would also fall victim to the weather but news filtered through in the evening that both Great Baddow III and Wickham managed to play their games and win which means that 10 points or effectively a win must be secured in the final match at home to Wickham to ensure promotion.

Sunday 1st Team

5th August v Wenlock Arms – **‘Patels lead Jamie to first victory’**

Young Jamie Adkins made his Captaincy debut for the club in the absence of Sunday captain Jas Hothi. Wenlock Arms batted first and opening bowler Harry Light immediately made an impression by dismissing the Wenlock opener for 0. Good support bowling from Dipal Patel, Dan Sawyer and Ian Foster kept the runs down, but could not prevent the Wenlock number 4 from scoring 77 valuable runs. Harry Light and George Gough were brought back into the attack with Harry finally bowling the Wenlock number 4 and George adding 2 wickets of his own to leave Wenlock Arms on 140 for 6 after 40 overs.

The top of the batting order consisted of 3 Patels Sid, Hari and Neral who all contributed in a big way with Sid being bowled for 37 and Hari and Neral both finishing not out on 35 and 50 respectively and a first victory for Jamie as Captain of a senior team XI.

12th August v East Ham Corinthians – **‘Traitor Biren bowls well for Corinthians!’**

A traditional fixture against East Ham Corinthians saw Rainham bat first with James Fuller being the first wicket to fall after confidently making 15 runs. Solid knocks from Hari Patel (21), Jas Hothi (28), Jono (31) and Nikhel Patel (25) kept the Rainham momentum going but the thorn in the side was the player we leant to East Ham, Mr Biren Patel taking 4 for 13 in an impressive 5 over spell. Fourteen year old Tom Herbert had a good cameo innings of 18 not out to take the Rainham total to 159 for 8 in their 40 overs.

Opening bowlers Harry Light and Jamie Adkins both took early wickets and then some solid middle order performances from the Corinthians middle order kept the runs flowing for the opposition. The pick of the Rainham bowlers was Nikhel Patel with 2 for 27 and further wickets from Jas Hothi and James Fuller could not prevent ‘that man’ Biren Patel to guide the Corinthians to victory with just one over to spare.

19th August v Lyndhurst – **‘Rainham Indians defeat Jono’s XI’**

Rainham’s original opposition cried off due to a lack of players so Jono stepped in to offer Lyndhurst as opposition as long as Rainham could loan about 6 or 7 players. This was achieved with Ash Foster, James Fuller, Tom Herbert, Jamie Adkins, George Gough, and Adam Savery all graciously offering their services to take on Jas Hothi, Brearley and 9 Patels. Lyndhurst batted first and made 127 runs. In reply Rainham Indians made the runs with 4 wickets to spare with the honorary Indian Brearley leading Rainham to victory but not before the debacle of Brearley requesting a runner due to injury, with both Brearley and the replacement runner running when quick singles were required.

Youth Section

Under 15s

1st August v Goresbrook – **‘Ronnie, Charlie and Callum shine’**

Another re-arranged game for the under 15s and the disappointment of only 8 players arriving for the game out of 11 who made themselves available. Goresbrook won the toss and decided to bat and they got off to a rate of knots scoring at around 7 an over for the first 10 overs and only losing one wicket and one of their opening batsman retiring on 50. Charlie Puncher and Callum Bennett then came onto bowl with Charlie taking two wickets and Callum taking one in his spell of 3 overs and conceding just 6 runs. Goresbrook were restricted to 105 for 5 from their 20 overs and a good comeback for the under 15s against strong opposition. Dan Rogers and Tyler Bunn contributed to the other wickets to fall with run outs.

Ronnie Jackson and Dan Rogers opened the innings with Ronnie looking in fine form and Dan nudging the odd single to keep Ronnie company. Dan was dismissed and Ronnie went on to make 30. A quick cameo from Harry Light with 10 runs and some stout defending from Brandon Honey and Bradley Manning ensured the under 15s batted the full 20 overs for their final total of 62 for 5.

Social Events

Presidents Day

President's day was again a success with 2 close fought matches with the President's Team beating the Chairman's by 15 runs and the President bringing the series level to 4 – 4 . Highlights of the match were Harry Patel's 22 for the Presidents, George Light trying to break Graham Saint's 18 ball over club record (although he got Garnet out) and Graham Burr retiring on 25 for the Chairman's Team. It was also good to see some of the older players take part like Jit Johal and Steve Edwards and Graham Page donning his cricket whites instead of propping up the bar. Well done to all that took part.



Bumper and Brearley shake hands with umpires Gary Moon and Derek 'no action' Sullivan looking on.



Barry Bumpstead was pleased that he won the game but even happier that the day was a success



All 24 participants get ready for the big match

The second match was a new format of a Junior XI taking on their Coaches and Dad's XI. Highlights being William Emsden's great bowling taking 2 wickets also taking a catch to dismiss his Dad Mark, who then got his revenge by being the bowler to dismiss William, Harry Light's two fantastic slip catches to dismiss Steve Savery and Steve Mckie, Adrian Moon being left stranded by Tony Bennett to get run out, Jamie Eacott dismissing Harry's Dad Keith after he thought that he had done the hard work of seeing Harry off without getting out, the batting of Georgie Gough (25 not out), Jamie Eacott, Charlie Puncher, Callum Bennett, Tom Herbert, Jake Downton and Nathan Adkins to run the Coaches and Dad's XI so close ending on 104 for 8 chasing 108. A big thank you to all the Dads and Coaches that took part and those that have yet to be mentioned Jason Downton, Alan Puncher, James Fuller and Jamie Adkins. A few of the Dad's have even expressed an interest in playing cricket for Rainham CC during 2013.

Some comments below from some of the people that attended and participated in President's day and the very last comment from our President.

'Great game, really good afternoon'.

'On behalf of me, my mum and the boys I just want to say what a brilliant day and thank you to the committee. Best one yet!'

'Many thanks to all at club for making Sunday so enjoyable, especially Dawn & Ian behind the bar, as we all know how much hard work it is while all others are enjoying themselves. My guests Jaz and Steve were very impressed with how the club has improved in all aspects, which I think reflects the hard work that you three have done in recent years, the atmosphere at the club is as good as I can ever remember....also always good to get one over on the Chairman....now 4-4 bring it on next year! Thanks once again'

Finally a big thank you to all that gave their time to make the day possible such as Dawn Thwaites working tirelessly behind the bar, Julie Kennelly for the food, James Fuller for organising the day and ensuring the equipment was in good working order, Jim Fuller for manning the BBQ all day, Ian Havard for ensuring the bar was fully stocked and finally to our President Barry Bumpstead for arranging the evening entertainment of local singer Luke Burr to round the evening off perfectly and organising the Quiz the previous night, which was always going to be won by the team made up of the committee of Graham Thwaites, Peter Reynolds, Joe Sarro and James (Google maps) Fuller. I also understand there was a dance off between Graham Burr and Adrian Moon during the Luke Burr evening entertainment of which Graham Burr was the victor and Adrian finished 3rd!!

Dinner and Dance

The next big social occasion will be the not to be missed annual Dinner and Dance at Berwick Manor on Saturday 17th November where there will be spaces available for 60 to 70 diners at £35 each and there will be non-dining spaces available at £10 each. I get a feeling that this year's Dinner and Dance will be more popular than ever so please ensure you contact either Graham Thwaites, Ash Foster, James Fuller or Jas Hothi to pay a deposit and reserve your space.

General News

Essex Cricket Tickets

The final set of Essex tickets donated by Danny Sadai were won by Neral and Sid Patel as the under 25 winners for their exploits with the bat with Neral scoring 2 x 50s and Sid scoring 3, one of which he should have converted to a 100. Garnet Shallow won the over 25 Essex tickets again for his exploits with the bat where he seems to score 50 nearly every week and also his vital contribution with the ball. Well done to all 3.

Does Sid do any match day duties?

Contrary to popular belief Sid Patel is not a 'lazy bugger' when it comes to performing match day duties as can be seen from the photo below.



Ronnie Jackson

Ronnie Jackson was selected for the England Learning Disability squad on the 18th August and below is an article on the Essex CCC website.

Ronnie Jackson from the Essex Disability team has been selected to play in the England Learning Disabilities squad. The squad are due to play England Women's academy at Malvern college on the 18th August.

Ronnie has been involved with the Essex team for 3 years now and was selected into the England development squad along with 2 other Essex players, Matt Cowdry and Dan Thomas, over the winter.

Having attended several training sessions as well as 2 squad training camps Ronnie now makes the step into the full England LD squad and if picked for the team at the weekend will become the first player from the Essex Disability team to play for their country.

Everyone from the team wishes Ronnie well at the weekend and with his England career.

Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards (OSCAs) 2012

Unbeknown to Peter Reynolds, James Fuller nominated him for the Essex County Cricket Club 'Behind the Scenes' category in the above awards. On 1st August a letter was received informing Peter that he had been selected as the Essex county winner in this category and he has been invited to Lords on 22nd October to attend the National Award lunch with guest speakers. The boy Fuller must have a bigger written imagination than our club Chairman! Thank you to James Fuller for the nomination, which has ended up as another good news story for the club

Funding

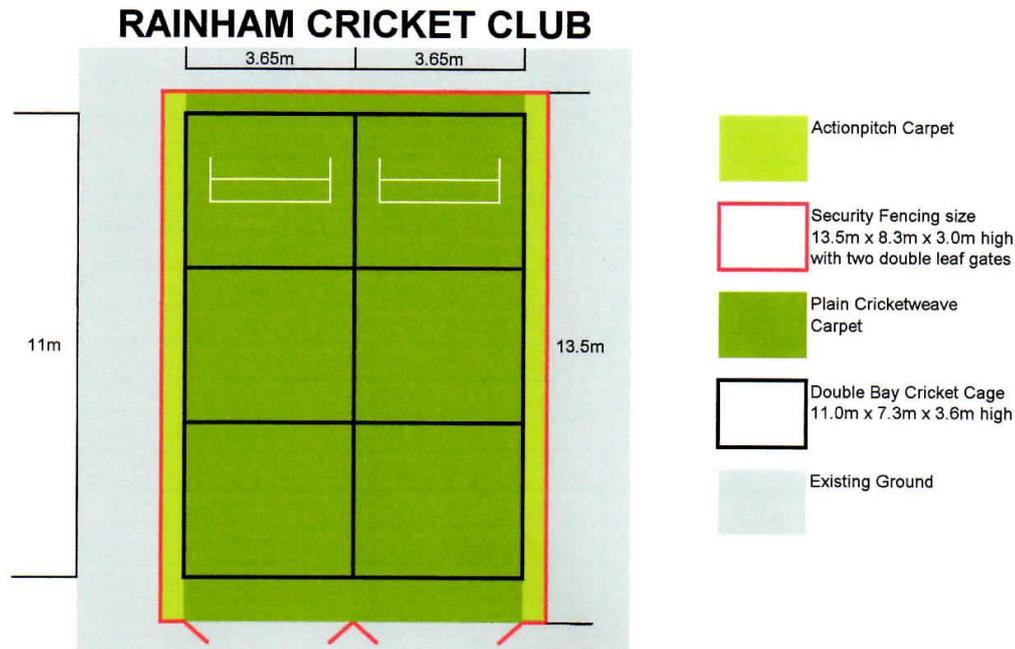
Ford Britain Trust

Our application to the Ford Britain trust was successful with club receiving £1000 which will go towards a new roller to ensure our pitch plays better in the future. From various sources of funding we now have £4500 in the kitty and need to raise another £1500 to secure the purchase of a brand new roller.



Havering Veolia Riverside Trust

As time goes by it is looking as though the proposal to move to Chafford School is less likely to happen so a decision has been made to go back to the Havering Veolia Riverside Trust to re-apply for funding to improve our outdoor net facility. Below is an image of how the new proposed outdoor net facility will look. We will hear if we have been successful in September.



Chairman's Notes

Well the final league weekend is here & with the 1s promoted & season over attention falls onto the 2s, the weather last week robbed us of a certain win and promotion, so a massive weekend at Spring Farm Saturday means a win & it's a double, double promotion for 1s & 2s.



President's day was one of the best ever, with me allowing Bumper to tie the series 4-4. Having said that the enduring memory for all present was my 2 overs of leg spin, maiden overs, ripping turn & some members trying to change my name from Brearley to Warnie !! Sorry guys my superior tactical mind is still my biggest asset.

Thanks to all that attended & also massive thanks to the volunteers who worked in some cases all day as well as Saturday.

Maybe the other enduring memory was the Patel clan dancing to Bollywood music on the boundary, Bumper seem to be participating but in reality had 3 shandys and was trying to walk to the toilet !!

Anyway with the league season closing we still have friendly fixtures & then the serious stuff begins, "The Havering indoor league". No more cover drives & instead the nurdle to leg !!!

Anyway hope to see you Saturday for a celebration drink or in the slips.

Brearley!!