



# RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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## March 2014 Newsletter



### **Rob Key & David Masters to Open New Net Facility, Further Sponsorship from London Riverside BID & Nat West Cricketforce Weekend**

Another good news and busy month with the official opening of the new net facility being organised, further shirt funding sponsorship from the London Riverside BID, the under 11s being accepted into the mini Matchplay tournament hosted by Essex CCC at the County Ground, the delivery of the new roller and the renovation works to the club house taking part in readiness for the Nat West Cricketforce weekend on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Thanks to Sharon Adkins and Danny Sadai, Rob Key ex England and current Kent County batsman and current Essex CCC fast bowler David Masters will be performing the official opening ceremony duties of our new net facility on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Trustees of the Veolia North Thames Trust, that mainly funded the new facility, will also be in attendance. The net facility can be used after the opening ceremonies and for those that would prefer something less strenuous the bar will be open and food will be available, so please try to attend, as we may even be able to obtain a few batting tips from Rob and bowling tips from David. Proceedings will commence at 5pm, so please come along as it should be an enjoyable afternoon and early evening.



David Masters celebrating 1 of his 500 plus First Class wickets



Rob Key celebrating his double hundred for England v the West Indies in 2004

Terry Lee from the London Riverside BID has also agreed to sponsor our club shirts again in 2014 for £325, so it's good news for any club members that recently ordered a shirt or jumper as this will ensure a £12.00 per person discount. The London Riverside BID has also agreed to sponsor the first match of the season against Belhus that is played at Thames RFC to the tune of £100. As with last season we are very grateful to the London Riverside BID for agreeing to sponsor the club shirts.



Terry Lee from Thames RFC and the London Riverside BID, Danny Sadai and Brearley show off one of the sponsored shirts in 2013

Another couple of dates for the diary is the Nat West Cricket Force Weekend on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> April, where the usual tasks of cleaning the changing rooms, the outside of the club house, the kitchen and clearing the shrubs at the rear of the club house. On top of this there is likely to be some painting to the inside of the clubhouse, after some fantastic work of renovating this area from James Fuller, Ash Foster, Rob Holton, Dan Skipper and Mickey Clifford. We will be obtaining a free skip from Veolia over this weekend and we have met with the Rainham Construction College who will be providing half a dozen young volunteers for the day to gain some work experience, so if anyone knows where we can obtain some free paint for the internal walls and some weathershield paint for the external walls then please contact one of the committee. Most important is volunteers from club membership to ensure our club house and facilities are ready for cricket for the 2014 season and for our special guests Rob Key, David Masters and the Trustees from the Veolia North Thames Trust.

## Playing Update – Indoor Season

### Improvement for ‘D’ Team

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2014 ‘D’ Team v Matt and the Machine** – After an earlier season heavy defeat against the Machine the ‘D’ Team were determined to do better this time and proceeded to get off to a great start by dismissing Matt’s best batsman in the second over: Caught Bennett, bowled Manning. The Machine then continued to score runs at a steady pace until Joe Attfield struck assisted by another good catch from Callum Bennett. One of the opening batsman then retired and the Machine started to take chances to up the run rate which lead to 3run outs, 2 from Bradley Manning and another from Peter Reynolds as Matt completed their innings scoring 102 runs.

Peter Reynolds and Charlie puncher got Rainham off to a good start taking the score to 26 runs before Reynolds ran himself out for 21. Bradley manning was then caught behind and then a good partnership from Callum Bennett and Charlie took the score to 55 as they both lost their wickets in quick succession, but not before Charlie scored 15 and Callum 11. Joe Attfield and Danny Sadai ensured Rainham batted the full 12 overs as Rainham scored 61 which was a lot better performance than the previous match against the Machine which was a 100 run loss. Another thoroughly enjoyable season for the ‘D’ team with an overall improvement, winning one more match than the previous season. Final table below.

| Division Four    |        |     |       |      |      |        |
|------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|------|--------|
| Club             | Played | Won | Drawn | Tied | Lost | Points |
| Harold Wood B    | 8      | 8   | 0     | 0    | 0    | 96     |
| Goresbrook C     | 8      | 6   | 0     | 1    | 1    | 85     |
| Old Gaynes       | 8      | 5   | 0     | 0    | 3    | 77     |
| Matt the Machine | 8      | 4   | 0     | 0    | 4    | 65     |
| Eastonians       | 8      | 1   | 0     | 1    | 6    | 33     |
| Rainham D        | 8      | 2   | 0     | 0    | 6    | 30     |
| Parkers          | 8      | 1   | 0     | 0    | 7    | 26     |

### Brearley Class Sorely Missed

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2014 'C' Team v Noak Hill Taverners** – A massive blow to the 'C' Team as they were without start indoor batsman and Captain Brearley who has selected the team before sunning himself in Florida and ensured it was loaded with batsman to accommodate for the missing class. Ian Gibbs took charge of this game and was asked to bowl first against title chasing Noak Hill. A good opening partnership from the Noak Hill openers ensured they had one batsman retired on 25 and had scored 51 before losing their first wicket: bowled Hothi. Jas then took another quick wicket which was followed up by a wicket from the pick of Rainham's bowlers Tyler Bunn. A run out then followed which brought Hill's opening bat back in to ensure they scored freely from the last few overs only interrupted by a George Light wicket as Noak Hill scored 88 for 5.

Openers Jas Hothi and Kieran Howard scored 5 runs in the first overs before in form Jas was caught and bowled in the second over. Kieran was then run out for 8, which was quickly followed by George Light departing for a duck. Tyler Bunn scored 7 before being bowled and Harry Light scored 6 being dismissed LBW, which left stand in Captain Gibbo to try and achieve the impossible task of trying to score 50 runs as last man standing off only 4 overs. Running for everything led to Gibbo being run out for 7 and a disappointing 50 run defeat. Final table below.

| Division Three      |        |     |       |      |      |        |
|---------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|------|--------|
| Club                | Played | Won | Drawn | Tied | Lost | Points |
| Hornchurch B        | 7      | 6   | 0     | 0    | 1    | 72     |
| Noak Hill Taverners | 7      | 5   | 0     | 0    | 2    | 68     |
| Ardleigh Green B    | 7      | 4   | 0     | 0    | 3    | 57     |
| Upminster B         | 7      | 2   | 0     | 0    | 5    | 42     |
| Rainham C           | 7      | 3   | 0     | 0    | 4    | 38     |
| Brothers            | 7      | 2   | 0     | 0    | 5    | 32     |

### Not a Grand Finale

**16<sup>th</sup> March February 2014 'B' Team v Harold Park** – Jas was hoping the 'B' would go out in a blaze of glory, especially after being in contention for most of the season, but many of the 'B' team squad were unavailable which forced Jas to go out with just 5 players. Rainham bowled first with Ankit, Tyler, Skipper and Jas taking a wicket each which couldn't prevent Harold Park posting 90 runs as Rainham struggled to stem the runs with one short in the field.

Jas soldiered on with the bat scoring 38 runs as no one could stay with him with Ankit going for a duck, Skipper scoring 8 and Tyler and Ian Gibbs scoring 4 each as Rainham were dismissed for 65. Final table below.

| Division Two  |        |     |       |      |      |        |
|---------------|--------|-----|-------|------|------|--------|
| Club          | Played | Won | Drawn | Tied | Lost | Points |
| Goresbrook B  | 9      | 9   | 0     | 0    | 0    | 108    |
| Seven Kings B | 9      | 6   | 0     | 0    | 3    | 77     |
| Rainham B     | 9      | 5   | 0     | 0    | 4    | 68     |
| Harold Park   | 9      | 4   | 0     | 0    | 5    | 58     |
| Dagenham Post | 9      | 2   | 0     | 0    | 7    | 48     |
| Romford Post  | 9      | 1   | 0     | 0    | 8    | 23     |

### Catches Win Matches

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 'A' Team v Upminster** – With all the 3 other Rainham Teams losing their last indoor matches of the season it was up to Jono's 'A' Team to buck the trend and end the season with a flourish. Things could not have got off to a better start as Jas Hothi top scored with 29 runs and was well supported by Alex Sullivan scoring 19 runs. There were also some good contributions from Ronnie and Steve Jackson as the 'A' team were dismissed for 88.

A competent batting display was also followed up by a competent bowling display with Jono being the pick of the bowlers taking 2 Upminster wickets for 19 runs, but the one thing that let the side down was poor fielding as at least 8 catches were spilled and runs outs missed confirmed the importance of fielding in the game of cricket. A comment from Alex Sullivan 'Never have I played in a game of cricket when we have batted and bowled well but lost'. Well done to Jono and all that played for the 'A' Team as they again held more than their own against good opposition in another enjoyable indoor campaign. Final table below.

| Division One     |        |     |       |      |      |        |
|------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|------|--------|
| Club             | Played | Won | Drawn | Tied | Lost | Points |
| Seven Kings A    | 8      | 7   | 0     | 0    | 1    | 85     |
| Harold Wood A    | 8      | 5   | 0     | 1    | 2    | 70     |
| Ardleigh Green A | 8      | 4   | 0     | 1    | 3    | 65     |
| Goresbrook A     | 8      | 4   | 0     | 0    | 4    | 63     |
| Rainham A        | 8      | 4   | 0     | 0    | 4    | 53     |
| Upminster A      | 8      | 3   | 0     | 0    | 5    | 44     |
| Hornchurch A     | 8      | 0   | 0     | 0    | 8    | -3     |

### **Summer Outdoor Training**

Summer Training will commence for the junior section on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April at Spring Farm Park from 6.30pm. Although the new net facility will not be officially open by then they can still be used to ensure there is some variety to the coaching sessions and to give everyone a chance to try the new facility out.

Seniors will also commence training on Thursday nights as the first match for our 1<sup>st</sup> XI will be away at Noak Hill on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Funding Opportunities**

#### **Lords Taverners – Cricket Equipment**

Our new kit bag gratefully subsidised by the Lords Taverners charity arrived on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March just in time to be handed over to under 13s Team Manager, Paul Newman. Paul was impressed with the new kit bag which is full of Gunn and Moore equipment including 3x bats, 3 x batting gloves, 3 x helmets, 3 x batting pads, wicketkeeper's gloves, wicketkeeper's pads and a set of stumps all loaded into a colourful Lords Taverners kit bag.

#### **Waitrose – Cricket Funding**

Thank you to Ben Brindley's Mum Donna for pointing us in the direction of a possible funding opportunity with Supermarket chain Waitrose. "Waitrose is starting a new thing at the moment, it's a little bit similar to them now sponsoring the English cricket team, they will be actively searching for local cricket teams (within a 15 mile radius of any waitrose store - not yet confirmed if welcome breaks count) and offering them funding in the form of grants, no data yet on how big a grant may be given out but probably safe to assume the more needy the club the more money they'd get. But it's gonna be a good idea for anyone heading a local cricket club to get in contact with their local Waitrose to find out about it and work out any costs of anything they might need or want a hand with. "

### **General News**

#### **Nat West Cricketforce Weekend**

Everything looks all ready to go for the Nat West Cricketforce weekend on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April. Some fantastic work by James Fuller, Rob Holton (who took a week off work), Mickey Clifford, Ash Foster and Dan Skipper has ensured the club house will have a new look and feel for the 2014 season. There is a plastered ceiling with new lighting, the walls have also been re-plastered, which just leaves all the painting to be done over the Nat West Cricketforce weekend. All mentioned have put a great deal of time and effort in renovating the club house, so a big thank you from all club members.



A skip has also been provided free of charge by Veolia and we have made good use of the ECB Nat West Cricketforce Jewson's Privilege Account by starting it up by paying £50 and the ECB topping it up with another £350, so we can obtain paints and cleaning materials over the weekend. We also have 6 volunteers from Rainham Construction College who will be assisting with the painting as well as the Captains/Umpires room being renovated, the outside of the club hose being repainted and the usual task of tidying the changing rooms and clearing the weeds at the rear of the building.

The most important thing are volunteers from the club to take part and give a few hours of their time to ensure the club is in good order for the start of the season. If you can make it and you have a paint brush, cleaning sponges, shovels or gardening shears then please come along. Food and drink will be provided.

### **Dream Team**

James Fuller has launched the 2014 Rainham CC Dream Team competition and this year entry is free. A note on the rules and format from James below:

*Guys, girls and children of all ages!!*

*It's that time of year again when the cricket season approaches and that time everyone's been waiting for....  
The Rainham cricket clubs dream team!!!*

*The rules have altered this year and it is **free** to enter with one team permitted per person. All rules are on the dream team sheet attached and also copied below.*

*The winner of the dream team with the most team points will get 2 free tickets to the 2014 dinner and dance!!!*



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Team 2014.doc

*Copy attached above, please fill in with names, team names etc*

*All sides can be sent to either myself - [jamesfuller87@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jamesfuller87@hotmail.co.uk) or*

*Jono O'Neill - [jjoneill4@gmail.com](mailto:jjoneill4@gmail.com)*

*All entries need to be in before the start of the league season in May!!*

*Good luck*

*James fuller*

### **Coaching in Schools**

We have started coaching in local junior schools, commencing with Whybridge on 24<sup>th</sup> February and will continue with a 6 week stint at this school. Other coaching sessions are booked in for La Salette, Parsonage, Brady and Newtons. Thank you to Steve Jackson and Adrian Moon for assisting with these coaching sessions and ensuring the sessions are enjoyable for the schools.

### **Under 11s – Mini Matchplay**

Our under 11s have been successful in their application to play in the Essex CCC Mini Matchplay Tournament at the County Ground in Chelmsford. This Tournament will consist of 32 teams and will take place under lights on the playing area of the home of Essex Cricket. The Mini Matchplay will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August so put the date in your diary and come and support the boys during the evening as this should be an enjoyable night out.

### **Rainham CC, Shirts, Sweaters, Caps & Trousers**

The order has now gone into our kit supplier Galaxy for all those that wanted new kit for 2014. It's likely we will have to pay 50% up front and the remainder on delivery. I'll let all those that want kit know what to pay and by when. The new kit should be ready for the beginning of the season.

For anyone that did not place an order for a shirt ready for this season will have to wait until next season, as the 2014 order has now been finalised.

### New Roller & Pitch Volunteers

After lots of tooting and throwing we finally got the new Powerroll pitch roller over at Spring Farm Park and our old roller at Thames RFC on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Ash Foster has already put the roller to good use preparing our cricket square and Alan Couch from Thames RFC has cut a square and commenced rolling at our second ground. As usual we will be looking for volunteers to do some rolling and watering at Spring Farm Park and Thames RFC this summer, so if anyone would like to spend a couple of hours one evening once every 2 or 3 weeks, then please contact Ash Foster who will add you to the rota.

### Chairman's Notes

So the Nat West Cricket Force 2014 is almost upon us, this must mean the new season is nearly here!

For those of you that haven't been at the club since last season, you should notice a big change inside the Clubhouse. As detailed by Peter earlier, a lot of work has been put in by James Fuller, Rob Holton, Mickey Clifford, Dan Skipper, Ash Foster, to name a few, in renovating the Clubhouse, if I have missed anyone out I do apologise.



This isn't the only work that has gone on in the winter, Peter Reynolds has diligently been carrying his development role by procuring grants from different authorities and funding providers to provide the funding for the new net facility, the new roller and funding to provide a decent pitch at T.R.F.C., and as you should already know, we go into the new season, with all Saturday sides playing League Cricket, so that's 3 Saturday sides, we have also entered the Sunday side into the Essex Sunday League and we will have 3 youth sides, u11's, u13's & u15's, competing in their relevant age group leagues.

Our "Essex Playing Fields Association" award winning pitch maintenance team, led by Ash & James, set a brilliant standard in the preparation of the pitches last season, we need more volunteers for the pitch maintenance team, so that we can continue playing on an award winning pitches, please contact Ash Foster if you are prepared to help with this.

So I think we should all like to give big thanks, to those that have put in the work behind the scenes in the winter allowing the Club we love to go forward in the right direction, setting us up for an exciting new season. Good luck to all the playing sides this season, let's get out there and play the game in the right way, incorporating the "Spirit of Cricket" in our behaviour on and off the field!

Hopefully see you all at the Club this weekend for the big clean up and in a couple of weeks for our "official net opening!"

Have a great month all!!!!

Danny S

