



# RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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## August 2014 Newsletter

### A Season of Consolidation, Sunday XI First League Win & President's Day Fun

A slightly disappointing end to the season with the 2nds just missing out on promotion to Division 7 by just 2 points on the final match of the season and the 1<sup>st</sup> XI losing their last 4 matches. The 3rds had a good overall season finishing 4<sup>th</sup> having blooded many youngsters into senior cricket with Alex Nicholl, Jamie Eacott and Harry Spear making their senior debuts. All 3 teams were competitive in their respective leagues and were far from being out of their depth, so all bodes well for next season to ensure we improve on our standings of this season. We couldn't expect to keep jumping up the divisions after 3 consecutive years of double promotion so ensuring we field 3 teams every week has been a struggle on occasions but the 3 captains: Jas Hothi, Ian Gibbs and Graham Thwaites have done an excellent job ensuring we did not concede any fixtures and we remained competitive at all times.

Well done to Sunday stand-in Captain Nikhil Patel for steering the Sunday XI to their first Sunday league win against Hainault and Clayhall after a close defeat against 3 caps. With one more league game to go against Aztecs let's hope that Nikhil can make it 2 league wins by the end of the season.

President's day was another success and we must say thank you to our President for his generosity of putting a float behind the bar and organising the DJ for the evening entertainment. It was also good to see 3 old boys back of Gary Littlechild, Jas Johal and Mickey Callaghan brushing the cobwebs off their whites and playing a part in the game with the highlight being Gary Littlechild's 2 wicket haul of Ash Foster and Jono, although not after Ash hit the shot of the day with a reverse pull shot for 4. Bumper's President's XI went on to a comfortable win against Danny's Chairman's XI to go up 6-4 in the series, but Danny just edged the personal battle scoring 10 more runs than Bumper after they both got each other out.

The mix of under 11s and under 13s in a terrier 20 overs match was won by Paul Newman's X against Jason Downton's X and the under 16s managed to win their first match against the parents to narrow the gap to 2-1 in the series.

### Playing Update

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

The first XI consolidated and remained in division 2 this season finishing 8<sup>th</sup> out of 10 in a season of near misses. Out of the 11 matches lost there were around 7 matches where the loss was of the smallest of margins and August has been no exception with an 8 runs loss to Havering-atte-Bower and 2 and 3 wicket losses to Writtle and great Waltham respectively. The highlight of the month being a 63 run win against Herongate and some more impressive batting and bowling displays from Jono with a couple of 5 wicket hauls and a couple of half centuries. We now know what standards we need to maintain to do better next year and Jas and his squad will be determined to do so. Final table below.

|    |                                |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |     |     |
|----|--------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1  | <u>Canvey Island 1st</u>       | 18 | 14 | 3  | 0 | 1 | 27 | 88 | 10  | 354 |
| 2  | <u>Brookweald 1st</u>          | 18 | 12 | 4  | 0 | 2 | 33 | 72 | 5   | 312 |
| 3  | <u>Hornchurch Athletic 1st</u> | 18 | 11 | 4  | 0 | 3 | 38 | 74 | 0   | 303 |
| 4  | <u>Havering-atte-Bower 1st</u> | 18 | 8  | 6  | 0 | 4 | 42 | 62 | -5  | 247 |
| 5  | <u>Great Waltham 1st</u>       | 18 | 9  | 7  | 0 | 2 | 30 | 61 | -5  | 240 |
| 6  | <u>Little Waltham 1st</u>      | 18 | 8  | 6  | 0 | 4 | 36 | 55 | 0   | 239 |
| 7  | <u>Writtle 1st</u>             | 18 | 7  | 11 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 69 | -5  | 197 |
| 8  | <u>Rainham 1st</u>             | 18 | 6  | 11 | 0 | 1 | 35 | 54 | -5  | 185 |
| 9  | <u>Herongate 1st</u>           | 18 | 4  | 14 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 59 | -50 | 108 |
| 10 | <u>Stock 2nd</u>               | 18 | 2  | 15 | 0 | 1 | 21 | 42 | -55 | 45  |

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

A good month for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI with 4 wins out of 5, but it still wasn't enough to gain promotion as we missed out by just 2 points to Mountnessing who came out of nowhere to snatch the 2<sup>nd</sup> promotion spot by beating top of the table Eastwood 2nds for a 25 point victory. The highlight of the month being a good team performance against Terling II by 4 wickets that at the time was well in the promotion hunt. Excellent bowling from all 4 bowlers (Tyler Bunn, Dipal Patel, John Wratten and Kenny Sims each sharing 2 wickets each restricted Terling II to 140 for 9 in 45 overs. After a positive start by the 2nds openers, a little blip followed until a great partnership from Kenny Sims and Mickey Clifford ensured a 21 points victory.

Other victories against Herongate II (Peter Reynolds 63 no, Dan Skipper 49no, John Wratten 4 for 20), Hockley (Kenny Sims 47, Harry Light 27no, John Wratten 4 for 31) and Rayleigh IV (Paul Collis 56, Alex Sullivan 50 and 5 for 12) were the highlights. A special mention to Abdul Altaf and Callum Bennett who both made their 2<sup>nd</sup> XI league debuts against Herongate and both being amongst the wickets.

|   |                                |    |    |    |   |   |    |    |      |      |
|---|--------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|----|------|------|
| 1 | <u>Eastwood 2nd</u>            | 16 | 12 | 2  | 0 | 2 | 25 | 63 | 10   | 300  |
| 2 | <u>Mountnessing 1st</u>        | 16 | 10 | 5  | 1 | 0 | 47 | 69 | 0    | 284  |
| 3 | <u>Rainham 2nd</u>             | 16 | 12 | 4  | 0 | 0 | 25 | 55 | 10   | 282  |
| 4 | <u>Terling 2nd</u>             | 16 | 10 | 6  | 0 | 0 | 19 | 74 | 10   | 263  |
| 5 | <u>Noak Hill Taverners 2nd</u> | 16 | 8  | 7  | 0 | 1 | 31 | 76 | -15  | 225  |
| 6 | <u>Rayleigh 4th</u>            | 16 | 8  | 7  | 0 | 1 | 20 | 68 | 0    | 221  |
| 7 | <u>Hockley 1st</u>             | 16 | 6  | 9  | 1 | 0 | 30 | 49 | 10   | 193  |
| 8 | <u>Willow Herbs 2nd</u>        | 16 | 2  | 13 | 0 | 1 | 6  | 28 | 20   | 91   |
| 9 | <u>Herongate 2nd</u>           | 16 | 0  | 15 | 0 | 1 | 5  | 14 | -345 | -321 |

## 3rd Team

Two wins and three losses ensured the newly formed and very young 3<sup>rd</sup> XI finished a respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place in their first league season. Under 15 Alex Nicholl impressed with his batting footwork on his debut against Old Chelmsfordians IV, Jamie Eacott took a wicket and Harry Spear scored his first senior runs in the 6 wicket victory against St Johns Billericay II.

Losses against other promotion chasers Great Baddow IV and Thurrock IV meant promotion was ruled out in the final game of the season that saw Danny Sadai top score with 47 and Kieran Howard landing equal support also just falling short of a half century on 46. Other impressive displays were in the 6 wicket victory against St. John Billericay II where Bradley Manning scored an impressive 25 not out on a difficult wicket and Jamie Adkins made best use of the conditions by taking 4 St. Johns wickets. Final league table below.

### Division 12 2014

|    |                                  | <b>P</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>NR</b> | <b>Bat</b> | <b>Bowl</b> | <b>Pen</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
|----|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 1  | <u>Goresbrook 4th</u>            | 18       | 15       | 2        | 0        | 1         | 38         | 84          | 0          | 367        |
| 2  | <u>Thurrock 4th</u>              | 18       | 14       | 4        | 0        | 0         | 32         | 84          | -5         | 335        |
| 3  | <u>Great Baddow 4th</u>          | 18       | 12       | 4        | 0        | 2         | 29         | 77          | 15         | 323        |
| 4  | <u>Rainham 3rd</u>               | 18       | 11       | 6        | 0        | 1         | 24         | 63          | 10         | 278        |
| 5  | <u>South Woodham Ferrers 3rd</u> | 18       | 9        | 8        | 0        | 1         | 33         | 80          | -5         | 257        |
| 6  | <u>Rayleigh 6th</u>              | 18       | 7        | 11       | 0        | 0         | 14         | 56          | 10         | 192        |
| 7  | <u>Galleywood 3rd</u>            | 18       | 6        | 11       | 0        | 1         | 16         | 64          | -25        | 156        |
| 8  | <u>Old Chelmsfordians 4th</u>    | 18       | 4        | 12       | 0        | 2         | 15         | 46          | -5         | 130        |
| 9  | <u>Hornchurch Athletic 4th</u>   | 18       | 3        | 14       | 0        | 1         | 22         | 58          | -5         | 128        |
| 10 | <u>St Johns Billericay 2nd</u>   | 18       | 4        | 13       | 0        | 1         | 14         | 38          | -60        | 61         |

## **Sunday XI**

Nikhil Patel has stepped as captain of the Sunday XI up to ease the organisational burden of Jas Hothi of trying to get 2 competitive teams out in consecutive days. Impressive displays in the Sunday League against Three Caps with a close 2 wicket loss and their first league victory against Hainault and Clayhall ensured Nikhil got off to an impressive start, leading by example against Three Caps with a 3 for 23 bowling spell. Top scorer against Three Caps was Ronnie Jackson scoring 44.

There are 2 more fixtures on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September with an over 35 fixture against Belhus at North Stifford and our final league match away against Aztecs on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Youth Section**

### **Under 11s**

What a month for the under 11s with 2 Havering League matches, a 20/20 friendly against Belhus and the mini matchplay played at Chelmsford the home of Essex CCC. First up was an away league match at Hornchurch Athletic where a close fought match was lost by just 10 runs, with the difference being the number of wickets lost. Impressive bowling from Teddy Gough with 3 wickets for just 2 runs, Kyan Lehal 1 for 3 and Ethan Smith 1 for 10. Impressive with the bat was Raj Hothi scoring 28 and Teddy Gough 6 not out.

The next outing was the mini matchplay at Essex CCC (more about this below) which must have inspired the boys in their next 2 matches, the first being a 20/20 friendly against Belhus, which was played under normal cricket rules and not the terrier format. Belhus batted first and posted 103 for 5 in their 20 overs with the pick of the bowlers being Jake Downton taking 1 for 9 in his 4 overs. Rainham got off to the worst possible start losing opener Charlie Vickers to a run out. Some stoic batting from Thomas Chaplin who kept his wicket intact as the under 11s posted 25 for 2 at the half way stage of the innings. The loss of Flynn Treanor and Billy Purton brought Kyan Lehal and Raj Hothi to the wicket who then ensured the run rate increased before Kyan was run out. Jake Downton then joined Raj and this is when the run rate really increased as the score went from 42 for 6 after 13 overs to 103 for 6 after 19 overs. By this time Raj had retired on 26 and Jake lost his wicket for 11 as the scores were tied. The match was then won on the very next ball as a bye was run as Rainham unusually snatched victory from the jaws of defeat.

The last Havering League match was against Goresbrook whose record was played 6 and won 5 and a chance for them to win the league. Goresbrook batted first and lost a wicket to the very first ball, impressively bowled by Alfie Clark. Impressive bowling spells by Oliver Adams, Jake Downton, Billy Purton and Kyan Lehal, could not out do the bowling effort of Charlie Vickers taking 3 for 7 as Goresbrook posted 242 for 8.

Rainham opened with Raj and Jake as they played an impressive array of shots with neither losing their wicket in a partnership of 35, scoring 24 and 4 respectively. Kyan and Alfie continued to keep the score ticking over taking the score to 246 losing just 1 wicket in the first 8 overs. Vital partnerships from Euan Wightman, Billy Purton and Flynn Treanor and Bobby Sinfield took Rainham to 252 for 5 after 16 overs and the final partnership of Charlie Vickers and Oliver Adams who took the score to 258 and a very impressive all round performance from all the boys for a 16 runs victory to end the season in style and a very respectable first season for the under 11s.

### **Under 13s**

Only one match for the under 13s this month which was a 30 overs a side friendly against Belhus who won the toss and elected to bat first. Belhus continued to score runs at a rate of knots throughout their innings taking their total to a very challenging 207 for 7. Raj Hothi and William Knowlden both took 2 wickets, Daniel Purton and Ben Little took a wicket each and Ben Brindley contributed with a run out.

Harry Spear and Ben Little got Rainham off to a good start, but both got caught just at the point where they looked as though they had seen off the new ball. Wickets began to tumble at a regular rate with William Knowlden showing some resistance in his 13 runs, which included 3 hard hit fours. This could not prevent the under 13s being dismissed for 54 in just 15.3 overs against a good Belhus side. A special mention to Jack Wallace and Ethan Musham who both ensured they scored their first runs for the club on their debut.

## August Star Performers\*

| <b>Batting</b>                        | <b>Bowling</b>                       |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jon O' Neill 76 v Havering-atte-Bower | Alex Sullivan 5 for 12 v Rayleigh IV |
| Peter Reynolds 63no v Herongate II    | Jon O'Neill 5 for 34 v Herongate     |
| Jon O'Neill 62 v Herongate            | Jon O'Neill 5 for 36 v Writtle       |
| Paul Collis 56 v Rayleigh IV          | John Wratten 4 for 20 v Herongate II |
| Alex Sullivan 50 v Rayleigh IV        | Biren Patel 4 for 44 v Great Waltham |

\* Mainly guess work. Playcricket website is very poor this month

## Social Events

### Burrsy's Famous Half It Darts Competition and Good Old East End Pie and Mash Night



Compere Thwaitsey

What a night this turned out to be, as it was extremely well attended and described by some as one of the best social nights we have had down the club for a few years, as there was a mix of senior players, juniors and many parents of the juniors.

Thanks must go the Sharon Adkins and Clare Downton for ensuring everyone was well fuelled with pie, mash and liquor, to Jamie Adkins our habitual scorer, Graham Thwaites for doing his best impression of Sid Waddell and of course to Burrsy for suggesting the format and organising it.

The darts was won by club President Barry 'Bumper' Bumpstead scoring a treble 20 while playing left handed on his knees in the contrived play-off after being conned of winning the original event. Bumper scooped the winner's pot and was his ever generous self by ensuring the money went back over the bar.

This darts format is definitely something to keep in mind for next year's social events.

### President's Day

Thanks against to everyone that attended and made it such a good day, especially our President who provided the evening entertainment and certainly made the most of it as he looked worse for wear at the end of the day, no doubt celebrating another win against the Chairman's XI, this year lead by Danny Sadai. The President's XI elected to bat first and made hay, as they stormed to 192 for 7 in 20 overs, thanks to Ronnie Jackson 40no, Sid Patel 25no, Steve Jackson 26no, Ash Foster 22 and Tom Herbert 20. The pick of the bowlers for the Chairman's XI was a mix of vast experience and youth as Gary Littlechild recorded 2 for 11 and Charlie Puncher 2 for 14.



Bumper – now 6-4 up in the series against the Chairman's XI

The Chairman's XI were always on the back foot despite valiant efforts from Alex Sullivan 28, Nikhil Patel 22 and Biren Patel 11no as they were bowled out for 123 in 19 overs with Tyler Bunn taking 2 for 7, Sid Patel 2 for 11, Johnny Wratten 1 for 9 and Joe Attfield 1 for 10. Ronnie Jackson cemented his man of the match award with 3 catches and a run out, after scoring 40 not out. The match in the morning was a terriers format with a mix of the under 11s and 13s as Paul Newman took charge of one team and Jason Downton the other. Paul's X batted first and set his team a modest target of 225 and his openers of Kyan Lehal and Charlie Vickers got them off to an excellent start with Charlie contributing 9 not out. All the batsmen added to the score with the highest scorer being James Clark 11, followed by Nakul 8 and Oliver Adams 6 as the Paul X made it to 282 off their 20 overs. Alfie Clark, Raj Hothi and Ethan Smith all took wickets with the other 5 being run out (good fielding coaching or poor running between the wickets coaching? You decide!)

Raj kept up his recent good form with the bat scoring 20 not out with other good knocks from Jamie Eacott 11, Harry Spear 10 Jake Downton 7 and Brandon Honey 4. Kyan Lehal took 2 wickets and Nakul Patel, Oliver Adam, Jack Wallace, James Clark, Anthony Connor all taking one wickets each as the Jason X ended up on 27 runs short of their target.

The final match was the under 16s against the Parents XI with the under 16s desperate to bridge the 2-0 gap in the series. The under 16s batted first and a right couple of Charlie's (Puncher and Levens) got them off to a racing start, both retiring on 28. Bradley Manning and Alex Nicholl kept up the momentum before losing their wickets to Warren Courtney and Dave Vickers which led to Tom Herbert and Daniel Courtney to continue the onslaught with 26 not out and 23 not out. This took the under 16s to 149 for the loss of just 3 wickets and a tough target for the parents to chase.

The loss of Steve Eacott to the very first ball of the innings was a body blow to the parents courtesy of a Tyler Bunn Jaffa. Eddie Spear soon followed bowled by Abdul which left Steve Jackson to shore up the parents batting with 23 before Daniel Courtney got him out, caught by serial catcher Harry Spear. A good partnership from Dal Lehal and Jason Downton was broken by a superb catch and bowled from Tom Herbert to dismiss Jason. The match was heading towards a comfortable victory for the under 16s, until Keith Manning and man of the match Chris Herbert (31 not out) took the total to a very respectable 129 for 9 and a first win for the under 16s.

Thanks must go to all those on the day that gave up their time to ensure the day was a success with Jamie Adkins scoring 120 overs, Sharon Adkins doing the teas, Peter Allen providing and manning the BBQ, Mick Clifford and Graham Burr doing marathon stints behind the bar, Dave Vickers, Del Lehal, Paul Collis and Derek Sullivan officiating in the 3 matches. Also a special mention to our Chairman for umpiring the last match and providing the Essex CCC tickets for Ronnie Jackson and Chris Herbert the 2 men of the matches.

### **Dinner & Dance, Thurrock Hotel Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

This year's dinner and dance is at a new venue, The Thurrock Hotel, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November and will cost £35 each which will consist of a 3 course sit down meal and entertainment from local favourite Luke Burr.

The format is likely to be pre-dinner drinks at 6.30pm for a 7pm sit down followed by presentation of club ties, players of the year and the prestigious Chairman's award. Entertainment from Luke is planned to commence from 9pm and go on until midnight.



There will be 3 choices of meal available for each course as follows:

- **Starter** Goats Cheese Mousse, Sweet & Sour Peppers, Crisp Bread or Cured Tomato, Mozzarella & Olive Salad or Prawn Cocktail & Granary Bread
- **Main Meal** - Roast Pork Loin with Crackling and Whole Grain Mustard Sauce, with Rosemary Roast Potatoes and Vegetables or Herb Crusted Salmon with Lemon Burre Blanc with Herb Roast Potatoes and Vegetables or Roast Chicken Bread, Apple Stuffing Pancetta and Red Wine Jus with Herb Roast New Potatoes
- **Dessert** - Crème Brulee with Short Bread Biscuits or Treacle Tart with Clotted Cream or Eton Mess Meringue, Cream and Fresh Berries

Tickets are available from Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 or [peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com](mailto:peter.j.reynolds@royalmail.com) and can be secured with a £10 deposit, either in cash or by cheque made out to 'The Thurrock Hotel' and sent to my home address: 293 Goodwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM12 6DD. The deposit is required by 20<sup>th</sup> September as this is when the first payment must be received by the hotel. This is usually a good night so get in early and reserve your ticket as there will be a limit on the numbers that can attend.

## **General News**

### **Youth Teams – End of Season Review Evening & Presentation**

This night went very well with the club house bursting at the seams with the number of juniors and parents that attended. We had Dave Whisker and Matt Jones join us from Goresbrook CC to thank the club in the joint venture with their club entering a joint team entering the Essex under 16 matchplay competition.

The awards on the night went to the following, but a massive thank you to all the boys and their parents for making it the most successful and enjoyable youth section season we have ever had.

| Category            | Under 11s           | Under 13s         | Under 15s            |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Most catches</b> | Kyan Lehal (5)      | Harry Spear (7)   | Ciaran Simpkins (2)  |
| <b>Most wickets</b> | Charlie Vickers (9) | James Clark (15)  | Abdul Altaf (6)      |
| <b>Most runs</b>    | Raj Hothi (91)      | Harry Spear (144) | Ronnie Jackson (130) |



Harry Spear receives his most runs (or is it his most catches) medal from Paul Newman



Kyan Lehal – receives his most catches medal

### **Under 11s Essex Mini Matchplay Kwik Cricket Festival 20th August 2014.**

Jay Downton and Warren Courtney took a squad of 9, Kyan Lehal, Thomas Chaplin, Hayden Musham, Ethan Smith, Charlie Vickers, Teddy Gough, Oliver Adams, Raj Hothi and Jason Downton, to the Essex CCC mini matchpaly played at the County ground in Chelmsford on 20<sup>th</sup> August. They played 3 matches against Woodford Wells, Chelmsford and Halstead and although they did not win any everyone that attended had a very enjoyable evening and was a fantastic experience for the boys. All the boys were presented with medals at the end of the night and the whole night seemed to inspire them as their last under 11 match was a very impressive team performance against Goresbrook.

Jay commented ‘What a great night! which was well supported by the parents and some of the under 16s who I would like to thank. I really enjoyed the night but now feel exhausted’



L to R: Kyan, Ethan, Hayden, Teddy, Raj, Jake & Charlie



Jay & Warren with the boys at the end of the night

### **Junior Winter Nets**

This year’s junior winter nets is on a Thursday this year commencing on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014 from 7pm to 8pm at Champion Schools sports hall. Last year we held the nets on a Friday, which was not available this year, so let’s hope this year’s junior nets will be just as well attended as last year. There will be no change to the fee for the hire of the hall which will remain at £3 per participant.

### **Indoor Cricket**

We have 4 teams entered into the Havering indoor cricket league again this season with the ‘A’ team being captained this year by indoor specialist Brearley, the ‘B’ team by Jas Hothi, the ‘C’ team is currently vacant and the ‘D’ team by Peter Reynolds. If anyone wishes to captain the ‘C’ or take part in indoor cricket this year then please get in touch with Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497.

## **T-Rippon Division 9 Winners Shield**

In good old Rainham CC tradition we have managed to lose our Division 9 winners shield which will have to be found to be returned to the T-Rippon league ready for this year's Division 9 winners, Wickham I. Last year's dinner and dance venue, The Manor, has been checked and there is no sign of it there or in the clubhouse. If anyone knows where the shield is please let one of the committee know as it will have to be returned by the end of December or we will have to buy a new one.



Has anyone seen this shield? Mickey Clifford with the T-Rippon Division 9 winner shield

## **Chairman's Notes**

What a year, what a season. I need a pint, I need a rest, at least until the indoor season starts again.

What a great effort by all the captains, youth coaches, managers, volunteers and members. This is the first season where all the senior sides played league cricket and all the youth sides had a taste of competitive cricket as well!



Thanks to everyone that attended, participated or helped in anyway on Presidents Day, what a cracking day, Bumper victorious but only cause we let him when he threw some money behind the bar lol.



## **OSCA's Award**

Congrats to Sharon Adkins, who on Wednesday, at The Essex County Ground, after many years helping the Club in any way she could, has finally got the recognition she deserves for her service to cricket, at the OSCA's (Outstanding Service to Cricket Awards) where she received her OSCA for "Building Partnerships" from the Essex County Cricket Board.

Congrats & Thanks from us all Sharon, well deserved!

And so the season is winding down, nights are getting darker earlier, must be nearly time for the dinner/dance, please get deposits to Peter a.s.a.p. And on that note, have a great month, mine's a pint!

Danny S

