



## RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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### November 2014 Newsletter



#### **More Sponsorship from London Riverside BID & Oz Trip for Ronnie**

The London Riverside BID has agreed to sponsor the club another £500 this season which is £200 more than they have sponsored the last couple of years. As usual we are very grateful to the London Riverside BID and our [point of contact, Terry Lee Chairman of Thames RFC, for submitting our request. It's important that we advertise the fact we are sponsored by the London Riverside BID so we will be putting the money towards Rainham CC Club shirts, which will enable a significant discount to all club members. It would be good if all senior and junior teams played every match in official Rainham CC club shirts. Orders will start to be taken in the New Year.



Another good news story in that Ronnie Jackson has been selected to tour with the England disability squad to tour Australia from 9<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Ronnie puts a lot of work and effort into his cricket, so it just goes to show that hard work and dedication does pay off. All at the club wish Ronnie a successful tour and hope he returns in good form ready for the new season to score lots of runs and take loads of wickets.

Last of all a plea to all club members and parents of the club in that we urgently require someone to step into the role of Club Treasurer. Experience of doing Accounts would be a great advantage, so if anyone would like to take on this role then please contact one of the committee.

All the Rainham CC committee would like to wish all club members and parents a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

### **Indoor Playing Update**

#### **'A' Team – Close Encounters of the Rainham Kind**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November v Tawhid** – The 'A' team's opening fixture was against new team Tawhid, so an unpredictable opponent. Brearley decided to bowl first and an excellent team performance in the field restricted Tawhid to 68 for 5 in their 20 overs, with bowlers Alex Sullivan, Ronnie Jackson, Jas Hothi and George Light all playing their part.

Brearley played his normal steady innings to get into double figures and Jas and Ronnie kept up their good indoor form but Ronnie and Brearley managed to lose their wickets. It all came down to final ball with the teams tied with Jas facing and George Light at the no-strikers end. Jas played the ball they went for a run, and controversially George was deemed run out for the match to end in a tie.

**23<sup>rd</sup> November v Upminster 'A'** – On this occasion Rainham batted first and again Brearley managed double figures with 16, which was matched by Sid Patel and Jas Hothi. Jono and Alex chipped in with a few for a modest total of 78 for 5.

Upminster 'A' struggled at the start thanks to tight bowling from Jono and Alex, but one of Upminster's batsman went on to retire on 25 to steer Upminster back into the game. Two runs were required by Upminster off the last ball and Sid Patel proceed to clean bowl Upminster's main scorer for an exciting 1 run victory.

#### **'B' Team – First Class Performance Delivers a Second Win**

**16<sup>th</sup> November v Romford Post** – This fixture last year was controversial and Jas was keen to build on the positive first match win against Seven Kings. Rainham batted first and a positive start lead to the run out of Tom Herbert. Jas did not let this affect his game as he retired on 25. Tyler Bunn continued also retiring on 26 and good innings from Dan Skipper (16) and Charlie Puncher (18) took the team score onto 99 for 5 in 12 overs.

Charlie Puncher and Jamie Adkins opened the bowling in reply and Charlie took a wicket in his first over. Jas came on as first change and immediately took the 2<sup>nd</sup> Romford wicket. Charlie then took his second wicket and Skip got in on the act taking 2 wickets in 2 balls in his first over. Charlie finished off his spell and the Post innings for his 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket for just 10 runs as Romford were dismissed for 42 in just 6.4 overs.

### **'C' Team – Tyler Excels & a Lesson Learnt**

**9<sup>th</sup> November v Upminster 'B'** – after an impressive start with 2 wins from week one it was local opponents Upminster who were next up whom are always tough opponents. Rainham were put in the field and Tyler Bunn immediately got stuck into Upminster openers taking a wicket maiden in his first over. Jas Hothi then bowled the young Upminster number 3 and Tyler couldn't be kept out of the act by running out the other Upminster opener. Steve Jackson and Ian Gibbs also ensured the Upminster batsman had to work for their runs. A late rally from Upminster salvaged their innings but not before Tyler finished his spell with another wicket as Upminster completed their innings on 75 for 4.

Rainham's innings got off to a bad start as Peter Reynolds played a poor shot to be caught at mid-off. Jas Hothi steadied the ship as he gradually built runs as he lost Jason Downton caught behind. Tyler and Jas were building a good partnership as Rainham were still behind the required run rate. Things didn't look good as Jas was stumped, but Steve Jackson avoided his third consecutive duck in style hitting a six before being bowled with a peach of a ball. Ian Gibbs came in and knew he had to be positive in supporting Tyler who was well set on 18 runs, but was run out backing up. It was all left to Tyler to score 20 runs in the last 2 overs and did so in style finishing the match with a 4 and an impressive 37 not out for 1 wicket victory for the 'C' team.

**30<sup>th</sup> November v Old Gaynes 'A'** – two unbeaten teams came together in this 4<sup>th</sup> indoor fixture of the season for the 'C' team. Old Gaynes won the toss and batted first and made their intentions clear from ball one with a quickly run 3. A few hefty blows and continued good running between the wickets, combined with some poor catching from the Rainham Captain (5 shelled, shocking! Is that an indoor record?), ensured that both Gaynes openers retired. The Rainham bowlers continued to stick to their task and Ian Gibbs was rewarded with a caught and bowled and Scott Foster with 2 wickets. Two runs outs from Scott Foster and Ian Gibbs slowed the Gaynes innings up a little, but not enough for them to post 140 runs.

The Rainham innings got off to a terrible start with Peter Reynolds going 2<sup>nd</sup> ball, Tyler Bunn run out on the 4<sup>th</sup> ball and Ian Gibbs bowled 7<sup>th</sup> ball of the innings and 5 for 3 on the board. It was then down to Tom Herbert, George Light and Scott Foster to salvage some pride and they did so in style with each scoring over 20 runs each to ensure the full 12 overs were bowled and a total creditable score of 80 for 5, as a lesson on how to play indoor cricket was handed out by a decent Old Gaynes team.

### **'D' Team – Some Promising Performances from Young Team**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November v Old Gaynes 'B'** – The 'D' team bowled first in their opening encounter against new team Old Gaynes 'B'. Charlie puncher captained the side as the 'D' team got off to a promising start taking 2 early wickets courtesy of Abdul Altaf and Joe Attfield. Tidy spells from Charlie Puncher, Umer Ellahi and Bradley Manning could not prevent Gaynes scoring 101 for 2 in their 12 overs.

Bradley opened the innings with Joe who was bowled for 2 runs; as Bradley went on to score 20 runs before being run out. Charlie Puncher played a Captain's innings scoring 23 not out. Some good support from Danny Sadai and Abdul took the total to 76 as the 'D' team lost only 3 wickets in reply.

**16<sup>th</sup> November v Old Eastonians** - Rainham were put in the field again as opening bowlers Abdul and Joe kept Eastonians to just 9 runs in the first couple of overs. The bowling continued to be tidy for the first 6 overs from Umer, Charlie and Bradley as Eastonians lost their first wicket to a run out and only 37 runs on the board. Eastonians then put their foot on the accelerator for the second part of the innings taking their score to 105 runs.

Rainham lost their first wicket with just 3 runs on the board and Bradley soon followed bowled for 6 runs. A steady middle order stand from Charlie (15), top scorer Umer (16) and Abdul (9) made the score look respectable, as Umer was the last wicket to fall with the score on 65 just 2 balls short of the 12 overs.

**30<sup>th</sup> November v Parkers** – a change of tactic for the ‘D team in their 3<sup>rd</sup> match of the month as they batted first. A great start from Bradley (12) and Abdul (11) took the score to 28 before the first wicket went down and Danny (21) Charlie (12) and Abdul (22) continued the momentum taking the final score to 96 all out.

Parkers went about the chase in positive fashion posting 52 runs after 6 overs which was assisted by a mass of wides and no balls. The momentum proved difficult to stop which was again assisted by 27 extras as parkers reached their total in 10.5 over for the loss of no wicket, which was disappointing after such a promising batting display.

If anyone would like to follow the progress of our 4 indoor teams then the weblink below will assist <http://www.essexindoorcricket.com/havering/>

### **Club & Youth – Winter Indoor Nets at Campion School**

It’s now the Christmas break for the winter nets but they recommence again on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January. The nets have been really well attended especially by the junior section and coaches, so let’s hope the same numbers continue in the New Year.

### **Social Events**

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

The dinner and dance was another enjoyable night which was superbly hosted by our chairman Graham Thwaites. It was good to see many of the parents of our youth section in attendance that all looked as though they had a good time. Thanks goes to Sharon Adkins as well for ensuring the table plan was well organised and for the nice touch of supplying after dinner Rainham CC chocolates and to Peter Allen for taking all the photos.

The winners of the awards were as follows:

- Club Honours tie – George Gough
- Young player of the year – Abdul Altaf
- Most improved player – Charlie Puncher
- Sunday player of the year – Charlie puncher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> team player of the year – Scott Foster
- 2<sup>nd</sup> team player of the year – John Wratten
- 1<sup>st</sup> team player of the year – Sid Patel
- Chairman’s award – Mickey Clifford

A special presentation was made to our 4 tea ladies, Sharon Adkins, Suzanne Page, Debbie Light and Dawn Thwaites of a champagne afternoon tea at the Waldorf, Hilton in London.

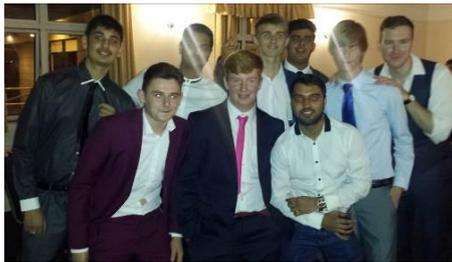
Bumper’s table swept the prizes in the raffle on the night and the evening was completed by the sounds of Luke Burr. Some photo’s below of the evening and probably more to follow in next month’s newsletter.



Sharon, Dawn, Debbie & Suzanne all look pleased after they collected their reward (not Bumper) for all the good work providing teas for the club



Skipper, Ash & Keith celebrate with award winners Sid and Mickey



Could this be first team photo in 2 or 3 years' time? It was good to see many youngsters at the dinner and dance, all looking very smart



Bumper gives his response that his table winning all the raffle prizes was a fiddle!

## Funding

### Easyfundraising

The Club has registered with easyfundraising who have teamed up with well-known on line retailers such as Amazon, e-Bay, Argos, John Lewis, Debenhams, ASDA, Marks and Spencer and Vodaphone to name but a few. For every purchase any club members make on line with one of the on-line retailers associated with easyfundraising then the retailer will make a donation to the club. All you have to do is support the club when making an online purchase is follow the instructions below and for easy reference the link to the website is as follows: <http://ecb.easyfundraising.org.uk/support/>

#### How it Works

England and Wales Cricket Board has partnered with [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) to help clubs raise money when their supporters shop online. So far easyfundraising.org.uk has raised over £7 million for good causes throughout the UK. Here's how it works...

First of all, you'll need to [sign up as a supporter](#) of your club and then follow these three easy steps:

Let's  
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#### 3. Start at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

say you want to buy a pair of shoes from John Lewis. Instead of going to [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com), you go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) first – or you can use the [& Remind toolbar](#).



#### 2. Make a purchase

You click from the easyfundraising website through to John Lewis to make your purchase. The price of the shoes is exactly the same as if you'd visited John Lewis directly.



#### 3. Get a donation

After you have bought your shoes, John Lewis will make a donation to your chosen cause as a thank you for shopping with them. Easyfundraising collect these donations for us, and it costs nothing!

With Christmas coming very soon and many purchases made on line it would be good for club members to register with easyfunding and access websites such as Amazon & John Lewis via easyfunding and these companies will make a donation to the club at no extra cost to our club members.

## General News

### Bluno Brown – A Message from our President

‘Don’t know if you were aware that Bluno Brown passed away last week, Bluno was Rainham’s 2nd team captain for many years, he introduced many players to the club, he did emigrate to the USA, but returned to Rainham about 18months ago, even during his time in the USA he would call and ask how Rainham were doing.

He had indicated to me that next year he would like to get involved with the youth section, he was definitely ‘once Rainham, always Rainham’. I know some present members would be aware of him as he has been up the pavilion a few times last season including Presidents Day so hopefully they will know who I am talking about.

I will be attending the funeral along with quite a few old members, therefore RCC will be well represented. The funeral is at 1pm on 19<sup>th</sup> December at Rainham Church and then on to Corbets Tey’.

A wreath from the club will be sent to Bluno’s funeral.

Regards & Thanks

Bumper

### T-Rippon Mid Essex League - Sporting Points

Probably our best year as a club in the Mid-Essex sporting league with the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI finishing 13<sup>th</sup> overall out of 120, the 1<sup>st</sup> team 16<sup>th</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> team 96<sup>th</sup>. Well done to Captains’ Ian Gibbs, Jas Hothi and Graham Thwaites for ensuring the club plays the game in the right way and adheres to the ‘spirit of cricket.

### T-Rippon Mid-Essex League AGM

Our proposal for the league to accept to play matches on artificial wickets in the bottom 3 divisions was voted out, which is a shame as some of the quality of the wickets on some club’s second grounds, including our own, is not always the best and it can’t be within the best interest of developing youngsters on pitches with uneven bounce.

A committee meeting will be held in the New Year to establish what options will be available to us for next season for our 3<sup>rd</sup> XI.

### Peter Coe Cup – Under 13s

Good news for our under 13s in that their place in the prestigious Peter Coe Cup competition has been secured thanks to the efforts of Paul Newman, who ensured we were one of the first 32 clubs to apply. With a healthy squad and the experience of last season it would be good if at least one victory could be the end result of all the effort the under 13s are currently putting in at Campion school during the winter nets.

### Matchplay Competition – Under 16s

Our relationship with Goresbrook will continue again in 2015 by entering a joint team in the under 16 Essex matchplay competition. If next season’s under 16s do as well as the last season’s then it will be well worth following their progress.

### Essex Playing Fields

The Essex Playing Fields AGM and presentation evening took place at the Essex County ground in November and it was a shame that no one from the club was able to attend. This year we took gold in Class 1: Playing fields serving a population of 2,500 or more, Class 3: Children’s playgrounds whether on or off playing fields and Class 4: Cricket grounds on which a winter game may or may not be played. Credit again goes to Ash Foster and all the volunteers in making sure our pitch and facilities continue to improve.

If anyone wishes to be involved on the pitch rota for next season please contact one of the committee.

## Rainham CC Club Shirts

In the New Year Peter Reynolds will be taking orders for new club shirts. There will be a nominal fee of just £4 per shirt which includes the embroidered club badge and London Riverside BID sponsors logo. The normal price is £15, so a significant discount and it would be good to see all youth and senior team members wearing the official club shirts in all competitive matches next season.

## Chairman's Notes

First of all, merry Christmas to all Rainham CC members and a happy new year.

As I sit here at Logan Airport I reflect on a massively important year for our club, perhaps in many ways the clubs most important. The success of previous years has raised expectations and rightly so, but we now have to consider the future, it would be easy to rest on our laurels, but history tells us if we don't keep striving to grow then we will almost certainly find reverse gear.



What does this mean practically? One thing and that's the continued input of our volunteers and players!! This is a special club and different from many others and that's because of YOU! Let's make 2015 the best in our history, not just playing enjoyable and winning cricket, but building the club off the park with improvements to our pavilion, expansion for our 2nd ground and more importantly ensuring the atmosphere at the club gets better and better.

Remember once the last piece of tinsel is removed in January we have our early committee meetings with so much to deal with.

- 3rd team venue
- Pavilion improvements
- Election of 2nd team skipper
- Election of treasurer
- Nat West Day
- The planned murder of Arsene Wenger

These all take time and planning. The continued presence of parents from our Youth section on the committee and as volunteers has been such a major boost and our thanks to all (Jay Downton aside) as it's your club.

Imagine if we look back on 2015 and see the improvements on and off the park successfully completed and you are a major part of that? We will all have built something substantial and a legacy that will last forever.

One final thing as you know Bumper is considering leaving to live in Spain! We support our President and I personally would love Barry to stay on as President for as long as he wanted to and wherever he lived, after all I don't want competition on Presidents day. But we still have time, the campaign to prevent Nigel Farage driving Bumper out starts here!

Text him and tell him! Bumper your place is here with us!!! 07795-974028 campaign HQ number.

Well that's it Merry Christmas guys.

Brearley

