



# RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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## January 2015 Newsletter

### Pre-Season Training with Skipper & EGM

In order to get ourselves fit and ready for the new season Dan Skipper will be arranging some pre-season training over the park from mid- February on Sunday afternoons. This is something new this year to try and ensure all our teams are competitive in all our leagues this year. Dan is a senior sports conditioning coach and he has been looking at training that is cricket specific and should assist in all aspects of the game. Dan will also be using his own training equipment so we need to ensure it is well looked after. As soon as he is ready to go then the training sessions will be well publicised. Thank you to Skip for taking the time to research cricket specific training and giving his time to ensure we are better prepared than we have been in previous years.



Come and join Dan Skipper for pre-season training

The EGM took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January to cover vacant Captain and committee positions and was surprisingly well attended. With some persuasion required, all vacant positions were covered, with the exception of the bar manager role and the positions that were filled were as follows:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain – Ian Gibbs
- Club Treasurer – Graham Burr
- Bar Treasurer – Lee Carter
- Bar Manager - Vacant
- Grounds Manager – a team of volunteers comprising of Jay Downton, Abdul Altaf, Umer Ellahi, Charlie Puncher, Paul Newman and Joe Attfield

It's welcome back to Ian Gibbs after successfully leading the 2<sup>nd</sup> team to 2 successive promotions and welcome to new committee member Lee Carter who has agreed to take on the Bar Treasurer role. Thanks to Lee and Graham Burr for stepping into the Treasurer roles which are both important positions within the club to ensure the club does not run at a loss, but at the same time ensuring that cricket is affordable as we continue to be the least expensive club to play cricket in Havering.

Last of all well done to the team of volunteers who have agreed to take on the role of maintaining our wicket at Spring Farm Park. Ash Foster will be giving a full brief to all the volunteers over the Nat West Cricketforce weekend.

If anyone is interested in taking on the position of Bar Manager then please contact one of committee.

All the very best to our new committee members and team of wicket maintenance volunteers.

## Indoor Playing Update

### **'A' Team – Good Start Not Enough**

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2015 v Goresbrook** – Goresbrook batted first with Jono bowling a tight first over and Tyler taking, caught Brearley (yes really!) the first wicket with 16 runs on the board after the first 2 overs. A spell of consolidation from Goresbrook saw Alex take the 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket, caught by Jono. This couldn't stop the Goresbrook opener retiring on 25. Some good support bowling from Jas put the pressure on Goresbrook and lead to the pick of the bowlers, Alex, taking his 2<sup>nd</sup> wicket. Another wicket from Jono kept Goresbrook to 81 runs and a target that was definitely reachable.

Jas and Skipper opened the batting and were well on course to reach the target with 38 for no wicket after 5 overs. Skipper was then run out for 11 and was closely followed by Jas falling one run short of retirement dismissed LBW. Brearley batted steadily but was running out of partners as Jono, Tyler and Alex losing their wickets in close succession. With just 51 on the board in the 9<sup>th</sup> over it was down to Brearley to take the 'A' team to victory, but this succumbed in the 11<sup>th</sup> over as Brearley was bowled for 16 still 21 runs short of the required target.

### **'B' Team – Jas Gears Up for Dagenham Showdown**

**11th January 2015 v Hornchurch 'B'** – It was down to Jas's 'B' team to get the 2015 cricketing year off to a start as Rainham won the toss and choose to bat. Tom and Ronnie got off to a good start as Tom fell for 8. Ronnie continued his good form and was out for 19. Skipper and Puncher then built a partnership which ended when skipper was out for 15, Puncher then fell for 21, Steve Jackson then chipped in with a quick 10. Rainham all out 93.

Hornchurch were never in the game with Steve taking 2 wickets and Skipper with 1 wicket, Tom with a run out Jas with a run out. Hornchurch were all out for 38. Four wins from four for the 'B' team which see them taking on fellow unbeaten team Dagenham Post in their next match

### **'C' Team – Late Stand-In Jas Takes the Plaudits**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2015 v Upminster 'B'** – The 'C' team continue to struggle to get a team out from their squad of 10 and a late call to Jas Hothi proved an inspirational choice. Rainham won the toss and chose to bat against a very young Upminster side. Jas and Ronnie opened the innings and took the score to 40 as Ronnie then got caught mistiming one to the tallest player on the field. Jas continued his fine form batting sensibly to retire on 25. Jay Downton then went for a couple closely followed by out of sorts Reynolds who again only lasted 2 balls missing a straight one. This lead to the embarrassment of Reynolds taking some batting advice from Raj Hothi (cheeky Beggar!). Steve Jackson hit a few hefty blows and was bowled by an off spinner. This brought Jas back out as Ian Gibbs tried to keep Jas company, but Gibbo was bowled by a good Yorker. It looked like a good start had been blown, but Jas then hit a barrage of 6s in the last few overs to take his personal tally to 58 not out and a team total of 100 for 5.

A very young opening partnership batted well for Upminster taking 12 runs from Steve Jackson's first over. The talented Jackson then came on to bowl to stem the flow of runs and was well supported by first change bowler Jas who took the first Upminster wicket with a caught and bowled. A superb stand up catch by Rainham's keeper off Ronnie's bowling saw the other Upminster opener fall just short of a retirement. Some good fielding from Jay Downton and Ronnie Jackson lead to a couple of runs outs. Things were looking good for Rainham until a late flurry from Upminster put them back in the game. With 3 over remaining, 2 wickets in hand and 18 runs required the game was in the balance, but wickets from Jas and Ronnie saw the 'C' team to their fourth victory in five matches.

### **'D' Team – Good Batting Display Undone by Extras**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2015 v Eastonians** – Rainham batted first and in form Charlie Puncher and Tom Herbert opened the batting and got off to a great start scoring 45 in the first 5 overs. Charlie got caught on 20 and Tom went on to retire on 25. Abdul continued the momentum scoring 15 before being caught behind. Bradley and Umer went cheaply as Tom came back in and was given some good support by Danny as they took the team score to 94 for 4 with Tom unbeaten on 39.

Eastonians got off to a good start with a combination of one of their opening batsman and a flurry of extras. Some smart work in the field lead to the first Eastonians wicket and then an inspired first over from Umer saw a couple of the opposition dismissed for a duck. Good balls were followed by some indiscipline with the ball as extras continued to rival their opening bat who had retired on 25. Tom and Charlie took a wicket each as Eastonians opening bat and joined his batting partner called ‘Extras’ who steered Eastonians to victory in the 11<sup>th</sup> over, as the ‘D’ team get closer to securing their first win of the season.

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**

Winter nets takes place every week right up to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and continues to be well attended by the youth section. The senior session follows straight after the junior session and starts at 8pm till 9pm. There are 4 batting lanes available, so anyone that attends will have a good opportunity to bat and bowl. Well done to all of the coaches that have been attending and a special mention for Jenni Smith who is doing an excellent job every week collecting all the weekly hall hire fees and shirt money.

### **Social Events**

#### **Golf Day**

This year’s golf day has been arranged and will be played at a new venue to Rainham CC at Burstead Golf Course on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The cost will be £39 and will include the following:

- Breakfast: 08.45am Coffee & Bacon roll
- Tee time: 09.44am – 9 holes (team competition)
- Lunch: 12.15pm – Ham, egg & chips
- Tee Times: 1.20pm – 18 holes (individual competition)
- Prizes

As usual there will be a £10 non-refundable deposit required to book your place. This is an enjoyable day so please feel free to bring along any family and friends. I am sure Paul Collis will be keen to defend his title and amass another 40 stapleford points in the individual afternoon 18 hole competition.

If anyone that wishes to sample the course before our golf day, the golf course are offering those playing the opportunity to do so at a reduced green fee cost of £19.50. If this is of interest, then please contact Chris Nunn on 01277 631171 in order to book your tee time quoting the society Rainham Cricket Club name.

### **General News**

#### **Sunday & Youth Team Fixtures**

Well done to Fixtures Secretary Graham Burr for almost finalising the Sunday fixtures. All dates have been confirmed with the exception of those highlighted in yellow.

The youth team fixtures have also been finalised with the under 11s playing at least 8 matches, the under 13s at least 15 matches, the under 15s at least 9 matches and our partnership with Goresbrook in fielding under 16s in the Trevor Bailey Matchplay competition at least 4 fixtures. The full list of all of these fixtures is below:

Sunday 1st X1	Opponents	Ground	Start	Type
Sunday 26 April 2015	N/A	HOME/AWAY	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 03 May 2015	Inter-Club Six-A-Side	Home	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 10 May 2015	Rayleigh Fairview	Away	13:30	Friendly
Sunday 17 May 2015	Rose & Crown	Home	14:00	League
Sunday 24 May 2015	Hockerill	Away	14:00	
Sunday 31 May 2015				Friendly
Sunday 07 June 2015	Three Caps	Home		League
Sunday 14 June 2015	Thurrock 2	Away	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 21 June 2015			14:00	Friendly
Sunday 28 June 2015		Away (Only )	14:00	
Sunday 05 July 2015	Aythorpe Roding	Away	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 12 July 2015	Loughton	Away	14:00	League
Sunday 19 July 2015	Great & Little Warley	Away	14:00	League
Sunday 26 July 2015	Hamilton Lions	Home	14:00	League
Sunday 02 August 2015	Trini Wanderers	Home	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 09 August 2015	East Ham Corinthians	Home	14:00	Friendly
Sunday 16 August 2015	Hainault & Clayhall	Home	13:30	League
Sunday 23 August 2015	Harold Wood Academy	Away	11:00	League
Sunday 30 August 2015	President's Day	Home	11:00	Friendly
Sunday 06 September 2015	Belhus Over 35	Away	13:00	Friendly
Sunday 13 September 2015	Seven Kings	Home	13:00	League

Under 11s	Opponents	Ground	Time	Type
Wednesday 06 May 2015	Hornchurch Athletic	Away	17:30	League
Sunday 17 May 2015	Goresbrook	Away	09:30	League
Sunday 31 May 2015	Upminster A	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 07 June 2015	Ardleigh Green	Away	09:30	League
Wednesday 10 June 2015	Hornchurch	Home	17:30	League
Sunday 26 July 2015	Gidea Park & Romford	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 02 August 2015	Harold Wood	Away	09:30	League
Sunday 23 August 2015	Upminster B	Away	09:30	League

<b>Under 13s</b>	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>Ground</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Type</b>
Sunday 03 May 2015	Goresbrook	Away	09:30	League Cup
Monday 04 May 2015	Springfield	Away	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 10 May 2015	Stansted Hall & Elsenham	Home	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 17 May 2015	Coggeshall	Away	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 24 May 2015	Hornchurch Ath	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 31 May 2015	Upminster B	Away	09:30	League
Sunday 07 June 2015	Saffron Walden	Away	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 14 June 2015	Fives & Heronians	Home	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 28 June 2015	Woodford Green	Home	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 05 July 2015	Gidea Park	Away	09:30	League
Sunday 12 July 2015	Hornchurch CC	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 19 July 2015	Harold Wood	Away	09:30	League
Wednesday 22 July 2015	Goresbrook	Away	17:30	League
Sunday 26 July 2015	Ilford	Away	09:30	Peter Coe Cup
Wednesday 05 August 2015	Upminster A	Away	17:30	League

<b>Under 15s</b>	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>Ground</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Type</b>
Wednesday 06 May 2015	Havering Atte Bower	Away	17:30	Cup
Wednesday 13 May 2015	Hornchurch Athletic	Home	17:30	League
Wednesday 03 June 2015	Upminster A	Home	17:30	League
Wednesday 10 June 2015	Havering Atte Bower	Away	17:30	League
Friday 12 June 2015	Gidea Park & Romford	Away	17:30	League
Wednesday 17 June 2015	Harold Wood	Away	17:30	League
Wednesday 24 June 2015	Hornchurch	Away	17:30	League
Wednesday 01 July 2015	Goresbrook	Home	17:30	League
Wednesday 15 July 2015	Upminster B	Home	17:30	League

### **Rainham CC - Club Shirts etc.**

The order of club kit has now been finalised and has been a bumper order this year with over 50 shirts being ordered through-out the club as well as other items such as jumpers, trousers and caps. Final payments for this kit will be requested within the next few weeks and the order should be ready before the season commences.

### **Nat West Cricketforce Weekend– 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Even at this early stage of the season we need to start planning for the pre-season tidy and general spruce up of the club to ensure it look at its best ready for cricket, so please keep these days free in your diary to give a hand even if it just for an hour or 2. Duties that are likely to take place will be repainting the changing rooms, repaint the outside, clean up the outdoor net area, tidy and de-weed the rear of the club house, repaint the interior, plasterboard and repaint the equipment store room and install new guttering.



We will also be bidding for another £400 from Jewson's for materials to be used on the day and we have also secured the services of the Havering Construction College volunteers again this year. As an added bonus the

Construction College will also have access to another £2500 via Jewson's for building materials for any Nat West Cricketforce projects they will be involved with. A meeting will be arranged with the Construction College over the park on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February to finalise the details of what the volunteers can do for us over the Nat West Cricketforce weekend. If anyone would like to put forward any ideas to improve the club house or changing rooms then please let the committee know prior to 6<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Hello from Down Under Courtesy of our Old Mucker 'Pummers'**

Steve Pumfleet, an old club member for many years and now living and working in Australia, has sent the following message from down under. It would seem that nothing has changed with Steve's bowling since he moved to Sydney! You never know Pummers might even give Ronnie some support when playing for the England Disability XI in March, when he tours Australia.

"Hope you are all well and from reading the newsletter the club is doing well

A little snap to show Rainham CC reaching "down under". Played in an Australia Day game and my unplayable fast bowling got hit to all corners of the ground.

Say Hi to everyone and good luck for the new season. Tour to Sydney?"

Cheers  
Pummers



Pummers proudly wears his Rainham CC cricket shirt for his Australia Day match in Sydney

### **Coaching in Schools**

We have again managed to secure coaching sessions in local junior schools and this year we have taken on 2 new schools in Scargill and St Albans. The last 2 winners of the Rainham CC kwik cricket tournament, Newtons and La Salette, have taken up our offer again as well as Rainham Village. We will continue to contact Parsonage, Brady and Whybridge to see if they will take up the offer as well.

### **Coach Support Worker Course**

Warren Courtney, Tyler Bunn, Joe Attfield and Charlie Puncher who attended a Coach Support Worker course on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January in Ingatestone, which should have enabled them to pick up some good coaching tips to help with youth coaching in the junior winter nets and on Monday evenings over the park in the summer months.

### Chairman's Targets for 2015: Work out who is the better "Light" Cricketer

Our Chairman may have achieved one of his targets already for 2015, as the above question has now been answered. Debbie Light has proved she is the better 'Light' by taking our 'D' team's bowling apart in a recent indoor match playing for Eastonains. Debbie regularly bats at the top of the order and she opened the innings and carried her bat for 43 not out and guide, Eastonians, to a one wicket victory chasing a challenging target of 94. Well done Debbie! A top display. Scorecard below:

EASTONAINS		DAWNHAM D.		DATE JAN 11 5-30	
BATSMAN NAME	RUNS AS SCORED	HOW OUT	BOWLER'S NAME	SCORE	FW
1 D. Light	1333411321341141111111	NOT OUT		43	
2 R. Goward	317	LUN OUT		4	
3 J. Newson	1	ST. BRADLEY OHAR		0	
4 J. Torrance	1	ST. DANNY OHAR		0	
5 P. Shandrew	313	BOWLED CHARNE		7	
6 R. Dean	114	BOWLED PUNCHER		7	
EXTRAS	8 111	LB.			
		W	11122112111211	N.B.	
12 18 27 42 54 64 73 79 85 93				TOTAL 95	See
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Score/Overs		Balls		
BOWLER'S NAME	1	2	3	4	5
BRADLEY	11+	4.1+	11+	3	0
OHAR	333	11+	11+	2	
PUNCHER	1.5	1.5	1.5		
ABDUL	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	
CHARNE	2.5	2.5	2.5	1	

### Chairman's Notes.

Hi everyone

February is here which means it's time to start looking in the cupboard for the whites or in Pete's case pull them out of the dog basket. Indoor is going well, but within 60 days we'll be getting the pitch ready for pre-season friendlies. It's hard to imagine, as it's minus 3 outside. We've got great support this year from volunteers and this year is going to be one the club's best.



Great to see Gibbo come out of retirement again, the shortest since Joe Sarro got his inside leg measurement. BTW - The club are putting up a reward for any information appertaining to Joe's whereabouts. The last we heard he was wrestling a guppy at Berwick Manor.

The fixtures look good this year and with 2 teams promoted AGAIN last year we're on a roll. Many of you have asked me how I've managed to achieve 3 promotions on the spin and effectively lay the platform for the 2s last two promotions. I've modestly kept quiet but after much pressure here's my recipe.

- 1) I'm a tactical genius
- 2) Women find me irresistible
- 3) Best cover drive in the club
- 4) I've arranged for Arsene Wenger to be sacked on Big Brother in the summer.

Keep it to yourself!

Our thanks to Pete's wife also as she must only see him for 7 minutes a week with the mad cricketing schedule he keeps even in the winter! I called her to thank her Saturday and she asked me to keep him busy for another 6 minutes! It surreal when at 4am your phone beeps and you rush downstairs panicking only to see an email from Pete Reynolds regarding funding opportunities.

Where is Joe Sarro?

Anyway see you all pre-season when I shall be defending my inter European Table Tennis championship against Keith Light. This time I'm sober and playing for real!

Is that Joe being fired out of a cannon?

I leave you with 2 thoughts, firstly please support the campaign to sack Wenger and secondly please call home Joe, we are placing posters on every lamp post.

See you in the slips

Brearley

