



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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Nat West Cricketforce Weekend 28th & 29th March & Good Luck to Ronnie in 'Oz'



On the 28th and 29th March it will be the Nat West Cricketforce weekend where we require club volunteers to spruce up and tidy up the clubhouse and playing facilities ready for our first home game on Saturday 25th April. This year we are looking to be a little more ambitious than in previous years as we now have the enlisted help of volunteers from Havering Construction College who will be able to tap into to a further £2,500 worth of building materials from Jewson's on top of the £400 we have already secured from Jewson's for the club. We wish to thank Duane Randall from the Construction College who has agreed to provide some more student volunteers, which will also provide them with invaluable on site experience. A further meeting has been arranged with Duane on Friday 6th March to finalise the details and the work plan that the Construction College volunteers will be involved with.



Duane Randall, far right, with volunteers from the Construction College during our 2014 NatWest Cricketforce day

Also Ian Gibbs will be arranging for a new patio door to be fitted at the front of the club house which will replace the existing decaying wooden double doors we have at the moment and should give the club a brighter look. So a big thanks you to Ina Gibbs for ensuring the new patio door is obtained and fitted.

A full list of proposed work is listed below, but this will be confirmed nearer the time once volunteers from the Construction College have been confirmed.

- Replace front door (Gibbo has confirmed he will have the door ready for the Nat West Cricketforce weekend. Gibbo to organise)
- Repaint outside of club house (we already have the paint; Construction College Decorators will assist with this work. Rainham CC volunteers can also help)
- Repaint the changing rooms (we already have the paint; Construction College Decorators will assist with this work. Rainham CC volunteers can also help)
- Revamp the ladies toilet (Sharon has some ideas; Construction College Decorators will assist with this work. Rainham CC volunteers can also help)
- Plaster board and paint the equipment room (Construction College will do this work, we already have the plasterboard, plaster and paint)
- Clear out the practice nets and light roll (Rainham CC volunteers can do this work)
- Replace the guttering (We already have the guttering. Construction College can assist with this work. Mick Clifford to lead)
- Fit and paint the skirting (we already have the skirtings. Construction College Carpenters will do this work)
- Replace the front patio and erect a picket fence (Construction College Bricklayers will do this work)
- Build a brick built BBQ (Construction College Bricklayers will do this work)
- Replace the carpet in the clubhouse (We will have to buy the carpet. Construction College will assist with this work)

- Clear shrubs and weeds from rear of the clubhouse (Rainham CC volunteers to do this work)
- Replace rotting wooden panels at the side of the clubhouse (Construction College Carpenters will do this work)
- Pitch work at Spring Farm Park and Thames RFC (Rainham CC volunteers to do this work)

Please come along and offer your services even if it is just for an hour or two to ensure that our facilities improve year on year and we are all ready to go for the new season. All volunteers will be provided with free food and drink.



Ronnie Jackson departs for Australia on 7th March to represent the England Disability XI and all wish Ronnie the very best and hope he has better fortunes than the England one day side at the World Cup. Ronnie has been with the club since 2009 always playing in age groups well above his own age as well as going on to represent the 1st XI last season while still being just 15 years of age. His dedication and love of the game has seen Ronnie turn into a good all-rounder regularly topping the youth teams bowling, batting and catching statistics and is a benchmark for all of our youngsters to aspire too. Ronnie will be accompanied by his Dad, Steve, on the trip (lucky beggar!).

It's been a real pleasure coaching Ronnie over the last 6 seasons and some of my personal highlights of watching Ronnie over the years has been the hat-trick he took in an under 16 match play game against Writtle, the sixes he has hit over mid-wicket and mid-off, the 75 he scored against Basildon in the match play, before being given out in controversial fashion, representing the first XI and the caught and bowled he took in an under 13 match against Upminster when he was only 10 to dismiss their captain as the ball to him like a rocket and Ronnie, as usual, fearlessly got behind it and took a fantastic catch.

When asked recently what has been one of the highlights of his time at Rainham, I was flabbergasted when Ronnie said the recent catch in the indoor match by the Rainham wicketkeeper when standing up to his bowling!

Good luck Ronnie and make sure you give those Aussies a taste of their own medicine.

Indoor Playing Update

'A' Team – Another Close Game

8th February 2015 v Seven Kings 'A' – It was time for Brearley's 'A' team to take on last year's Division 1 Champions and immediately Seven Kings played in their positive fashion that either leads to lots of runs or cheap wickets. In this instance Kings produced a bit of both as they scored 95 in their 12 overs, but losing 5 wickets as well.

This is an above average score so it was going to be a tough task against an accurate bowling attack, but Rainham stuck to their task well with Jono leading the way, but just falling 6 runs short of the required target as the 'A' team gave kings a scare.

'B' Team – Inevitable Win Soured & Rainham Get the Better in Top of the Table Clash

1st February 2015 v Dagenham Post – Two teams with 100% records pit their wits against each other as Dagenham won the toss in the top of the table clash and chose to bat first. Rainham's bowlers applied good pressure and didn't let the Dagenham batters get away. The pressure did tell when Rainham claimed the first wicket with a good run out from Charlie. Ronnie then ran out the new batsman with a direct hit to leave Dagenham struggling at 30-2 after 7 overs. Rainham didn't let Dagenham away and eventually dismissed them for 72. Charlie was the pick claiming 2 wickets and a run out and Ronnie 1 wicket and a run out.

Rainham in reply got off to a steady start with Jas and Ronnie ensuring no early wickets fell. Jas was eventually dismissed for 15 to leave Rainham 40-1. Ronnie ensured the momentum carried on by retiring on an excellent 28*. Tom and Skipper then moved the score on to 58-1 after 7, before the game was stopped as a fan of Dagenham argued with the umpires after a no ball decision. The game was forfeited as the guy refused to leave, giving Rainham victory in unusual circumstances. Rainham were on course to win, but would have

preferred to win in the normal fashion, after the unsavoury behaviour of Dagenham Post entourage (What would Moya have made of that??).

22nd February 2015 v Goresbrook 'B' – Captain Jas was unable to call on a few of his usual squad so he decided to call in a couple of big guns for this top of the table battle of 2 unbeaten teams, so Jono was called up and Peter 'one run' Reynolds. Rainham opened the batting and suffered the early loss of Tom Herbert in the 2nd over but Jas steadied the ship with Dan Skipper as they steadily took the Rainham score to 28 for 1 off 7 overs as Rainham struggled against the spin of Goresbrook. This was now the time to up the tempo as Jas retired on 25 and then Jono and Skip ran for virtually everything as well as hitting a few lusty blows for 6. Jono was finally run out and Skip was caught. With just a few overs to go the policy was to run for everything as Tyler Bunn also sacrificed himself for the team. Jas came back in the last over but was stumped as byes took the score to 70- for 5.

Jono opened the bowling a struck a wicket in the first over as he took bowled one of excellent opening batsman from Goresbrook and followed this up with another clean bowled in his second over, as Goresbrook struggled in the same way as Rainham. Captain Jas then got into the act dismissing the other Goresbrook opening batsman assisted by an excellent low catch on leg side behind the stumps from Tom. Second change bowler Dan Skipper continued to keep it tight and got in on the wickets with an excellent diving catch by Jas. Another wicker followed soon after as Tyler took the 5th wicket bowling the Goresbrook wicketkeeper, which left them struggling on 25 for 5 and just their last man standing. Skipper completed a good day for himself taking a caught and bowled to dismiss Goresbrook for 31 runs and a well-deserved victory. This leaves the 'B' team top of Division 2 with just one game to play against mid table Harold Park

'C' Team – Umer The New Afridi?

15th February 2015 v Goresbrook 'C'– with the 'C' team Skipper away and stand in Captain Jas Hothi standing in it was likely that the wicket keeping would be far inferior to the normal 'C' team standards, but also likely the batting would be vastly improved. Goresbrook won the toss and chose to bat in the first game. They got off to a great start with Rainham's bowling and fielding was poor and Goresbrook made Rainham pay by amassing 100 runs. Ronnie was the pick with 2 wickets and Steve with another.

Rainham in reply were reduced to 10-2 when Jay and Steve were dismissed early on. Jas and Ronnie regrouped both scoring quick fire 18s before they were both dismissed. With Rainham 40-5 defeat was just around the corner until Umer fresh from watching the Pakistani batsmen fail against the Indians produced an Afridi of a knock smashing 37 including 2 sixes to really making Goresbrook sweat, Rainham eventually all out for 82.

15th February 2015 v Harold Wood 'B' – The second game was a complete contrast with Rainham choosing to bowl and went straight into the strong looking Harold Wood team. A run out from Jay wickets from Ronnie and 2 for Umer pegged Harold Wood to 7-3 after the first 3 overs; Harold Wood recovered and were eventually all out for 41.

Rainham's openers Ronnie and Jay got Rainham off to a good start before Jay and the new superstar Umer were dismissed 2 in 2. A slight wobble, but Rainham eventually won by 4 wickets with Ronnie retiring on 29, as the 'C' team march on with 5 victories out of 7 and another chance to take on the strong Old Gaynes team again.

'D' Team – Two in Two, a Great Month for the 'Ds'

1st February v Eastonians – The 'D' team had a chance to extract instant revenge on Eastonians after their near on record amount of wides and new balls in their previous encounter, the signs looked good early on as Debbie Light was unavailable for the opposition and Captain Charlie Pucher won the toss and decided to put right the previous game's bowling early on. This proved to be an inspirational decision as Abdul and Umer kept the bowling tight with Umer claiming the first Eastonians wicket in the 4th over with just 11 runs on the board. First change Bradley then came on and took a wicket in his first over as did Charlie Pucher coming on at 3rd change, which left Eastonians 25 for 3 after 7 overs. Umer then completed his spell taking a 2nd wicket and ending with impressive figures of 3 overs 2 wickets for 4 runs. Bradley also completed his spell with a wicket and Charlie finished off the Eastonians innings in his 2nd over with the opposition all out for just 42

runs. The much improved bowling display was matched in the field as Tom Herbert took 2 catches, Bradley 1 and Abdul another.

Tom and Charlie opened the inning and both continued their fine indoor form taking the score to 33 runs after 6 overs before Charlie got caught. Danny then came in and saw the 'D' team to victory as he ended up on 6 not and Tom unbeaten on 20. Well done to the 'D' team for getting off the mark, only one more win and that's one of my 2015 predictions in the bag.

22nd February 2015 v Parkers - After their first win earlier in the month it was time to take on Parkers again after losing comprehensively to them earlier in the season. On field captain Charlie Pucher was unavailable as well as some of the normal 'D' team regulars, so it was time to give debuts to father and son combination Warren and Dania Courtney. Danny Sadai took over the on field Captaincy for this match and chose to field first, which proved to be an inspiring decision as Parkers struggled from ball one with Warren Courtney getting in amongst the wickets on his debut as well as Abdul and Bradley as Parkers limped to 65 for 3 in their 12 overs.

Bradley Manning and debutant Daniel Courtney opened the innings and played in a positive fashion running well between the wickets in amongst a few hefty blows from Bradley as he went on the make his first indoor retired on 25. Abdul Altaf immediately got in the action hitting a boundary, but was soon caught, which brought Umer to the wicket to smash a few more big shots as Daniel played sensibly at the other end accumulating singles, which included hitting the winning runs and carrying his bat for 9 not out and impressive indoor bow. It's been a great month for the 'D' team with 2 consecutive victories, which should give them some confidence in their final match against second placed Matt's Melons.

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

This continues to be well attended by the youth section, but could be better attended by the seniors and with only 5 weeks left at Campion before we start training at Spring Farm Park, then now is the time to start getting the winter rustiness out of the system and give the winter nets a go. Junior nets takes place every Thursday from 7pm to 8pm, immediately followed by the seniors' nets from 8pm to 9pm.

A special mention to youth team coach support workers and team managers Jason Downton, Paul Newman, Steve Jackson and Warren Courtney who all consistently turn up and give their time free of charge (Jamie E – please take note!) to ensure the youth section warm ups, coaching drills and net sessions are organised and enjoyable.

Social Events

Dinner & Dance - We're Back at the Manor!

This year's dinner and dance has been booked nice and early and will take place on 14th November at the popular Rainham venue of The Manor where we have held the dinner and dance on at least 3 previous occasions. Details of the menu and cost have yet to be agreed, but we will be looking to keep the cost as low as possible and offer at least a couple of options for each of the 3 courses.

Alex Sullivan has also kindly stepped in to arrange the after dinner entertainment. As soon as everything has been agreed and arranged the full details will be made in the club newsletter

General News

Rainham CC - Club Shirts etc.

The order has now been sent to Galaxy Teamwear, which should give shirt manufacturer enough time to have all the shirts ready for the first league matches in early May. Anyone who has yet to fully pay for their order should either make a cheque out to Rainham Cricket Club and send to Peter Reynolds at 293 Goodwood Avenue, Hornchurch, RM12 6DD or pay by cash next time we meet.

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 and Brady. We will continue to contact Parsonage and Whybridge to see if they will take up the offer as well.

John Read in Australia – Two for One

Old club stalwart John Read is currently away in Australia on a well-deserved break, but is suffering the appalling form of England's one day side in the World Cup. John actually attended the game and was witness to the umpiring gaff that led to James Anderson being run out, but it brought back some memories for John in an early outing at Spring Farm Park as John recalls below, which was even at a time when I wasn't born!

'Two out with one ball, reminds me of the time when I was around 14 years of age, used to watch the cricket over Spring Farm Park, Rainham or Lyndhurst, don't know which, they were a player short so I played, they let me bowl, bowled like Adrian, ran up as fast as I could and just let it go. One batsman hit the ball straight back to me and I caught him out, at the same time the non-striking batsman was out of his crease and I stumped him out, I appealed for both wickets, if I had those two test umpires they would have given me both wickets.

It was an old fashioned wooden pavilion, with worn wooden steps and cricket boot stud holes in the floor and a covered veranda, with hand railings. It got burnt down and all that was left was around 150 mm of white ashes, quite a shock that it had disappeared to nothing, that would have been around 1960.'

Club Mark, Coach Support Workers and First Aid

It's now nearly 3 years since the club obtained its Cub Mark status and now the 3 years in nearly up we will have to review all our management systems and our paper work to ensure it is all in good order for this year's review.

All of this means well done to Warren Courtney, Tyler Bunn, Charlie Puncher and Joe Attfield for attending the recent Coach Support Workers Course at the end of January. Part of the course is to take and pass an online Safeguarding and Protecting Young Cricketers Course and to further enhance this we also arranged for all of them to attend an Emergency First Aid Course down the club on 17th February. This First Aid Course was also attended by Jason Downton, Paul Newman, Steve Jackson, Alex Sullivan and Peter Reynolds. Thank you to Warren Courtney for putting us in touch with Danny Hyde from Emergency First Aid Ltd who ran the 3 hour course and ensured it was very enjoyable, but at the same time getting a very important message across.

Chairman's Notes

I'm away at an international cricketing conference titled, Blarney for a flat square.

But in my absence I thought one person couldn't produce the sophisticated levels of humour, so I asked others to contribute and remind us of how fantastically funny our game can be!! One more month and the pain, I mean fun begins. Anyway here we go.



- Yorkshire 232 all out, Hutton ill - I'm sorry, Hutton 111.- John Snagge, BBC News
- Welcome to Worcester where you've just missed seeing Barry Richards hitting one of Basil D' Oliveira's balls clean out of the ground - Brian Johnston, BBC Radio
- He's usually a good puller - but he couldn't get it up that time - Richie Benaud, Channel 9
- If you go in with two fast bowlers and one breaks down, you're left two short - Bob Massie, ABC Radio
- It is important for Pakistan to take wickets if they are going to make big inroads into this Australian batting line-up - Max Walker, Channel 9
- Glenn McGrath joins Craig McDermott and Paul Reiffel in a three-ponged prance attack - Tim Gavel, ABC News
- In the back of Hughes' mind must be the thought that he will dance down the piss and mitch one - Tony Greig, Channel 9
- It's been very slow and dull day, but it hasn't been boring. It's been a good, entertaining day's cricket - Tony Benneworth, ABC Radio
- Laird has been brought in to stand in the corner of the circle - Richie Benaud, Channel 9
- He didn't quite manage to get his leg over - Jonathan Agnew, after Botham had spun around off balance and tried to step over the wicket unsuccessfully, BBC
- Lloyd's talking to his SLIPers - Channel 9 commentator.
- Marshall's bowling with his head - ABC commentator.
- The sight of Bright holds no fright for Wright - Jim Maxwell and the riposte That's right!- Norm O'Neil
- And Jajeda is dijappointed...Jadeja is ji..da..I'll come again, Jajeda..okay Jadeja looks downcast - Tony Greig on Channel 9.
- His throw went absolutely nowhere near where it was going - Richie Benaud
- Even Downton couldn't get down high enough for that - Richie Benaud
- That slow motion doesn't show how fast the ball was traveling - Richie Benaud
- There were no scores below single figures - Richie Benaud
- Fast bowlers are quick. Just watch this -- admittedly it is in slow motion - Ian Chappell.
- It is now possible they can get the impossible score they first thought possible - Christopher Martin-Jenkins.
- It would be unprintable on television - Geoff Boycott
- If England lose now, they will be leaving the field with their heads between their legs! - Geoff Boycott
- That was a tremendous six. The ball was still in the air as it went over the boundary - Fred Trueman
- David Boon is now completely clean-shaven, except for his moustache - Graham Dawson
- The black cloud is coming from the direction the wind is blowing. Now the wind is coming from where the black cloud is! - Raymond Illingworth
- He is a very dangerous bowler. Innocuous, if you like - England coach David Lloyd discussing Chris Harris
- The Queen's Park Oval -- as its name suggests, absolutely round! - Tony Cozier
- You re-join us at a very appropriate time -- Ray Illingworth has just relieved himself at the pavilion end! - Brian Johnston
- The lights are shining quite darkly - Henry Blofeld
- It is a catch he would have held 99 times out of one thousand - Henry Blofeld
- It is a full house at the Eden Gardens. Today, Calcutta is celebrating the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi! - Henry Blofeld
- Cricket is basically baseball on valium - Robin Williams, American actor

- Cricket needs brightening up a bit. My solution is to let the players drink at the beginning of the game, not after. It always works in our picnic matches - Paul Hogan, Australian actor
- I don't know what these fellows are doing, but whatever they are doing, they sure are doing it well - Pete Sampras on watching Lara and Ambrose at Lord's
- Cricket is a game which the British, not being a spiritual people, had to invent in order to have some concept of eternity - Lord Maycroft
- Many continentals think life is a game, the English think cricket is a game - George Mikes How to be an Alien
- Personally, I have always looked upon cricket as organised loafing -William Temple. Archbishop of Canterbury 1926.
- Q: Do you feel that the selectors and yourself have been vindicated by the result? A: I don't think the press are vindictive. They can write what they want - Mike Gatting, ITV
- I think we are all slightly down in the dumps after another loss. We may be in the wrong sign...Venus may be in the wrong juxtaposition with somewhere else - Ted Dexter, explaining away England's seventh successive Test loss, to Australia at Lord's, 1993
- There was a slight interruption there for athletics - Richie Benaud, referring to a stalker at Lord's, BBC TV
- Say, when do they begin? - Groucho Marx, watching a cricket match at Lord's
- It's funny kind of month, October. For the really keen cricket fan, it's when you realise that your wife left you in May - Denis Norden, British television writer and compere
- Playing against a team with Ian Chappell as a captain turns cricket match into gang warfare - Mike Brearley, 1980
- Q: Darryl, who are your favourite actors? Cullinan: Dustin Hoffman and some Aussie bowlers in the act of appealing
- Q: What's your favourite animal? Steve Waugh: Merv Hughes

Brearley

