



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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November 2015 to January 2016 Newsletter

More Sponsorship from The London Riverside BID and Annual Dinner and Dance Success

Happy new year! It is a pleasure to announce we have been granted another £500 sponsorship from the London Riverside BID which we are likely to put towards obtaining club kit again in 2016. This is the 3rd year of sponsorship from the London Riverside BID and we have to thank Terry Lee from Thames RFC whose runs a business from this Industrial Estate.

If anyone needs new kit for 2016 please contact either Jono if you are a senior or Peter Reynolds for anyone in the junior section. The cut-off date for placing your order will be 11th February 2016.

The dinner and dance was again a success and it was good to be back at the manor and to see many new faces attending this year, especially those that are parents of our youth section, which goes to show the club is becoming more integrated every year. Thanks must go to Graham Thwaites for comparing the event, Sharon Adkins for sorting out the seating plan, Alex Sullivan for arranging the evening entertainment Peter Allen and Debbi Blackman-Little for taking the photos.

The award winners on the night were as below, but special mention to Joe Attfield for winning the Chairman's award for his tireless efforts off the field where he has helped with junior training sessions, carried out umpiring duties, helped with the pitches at both Thames and Spring Farm Park, helped during the kwik cricket tournaments and has generally helped with everything even though he lives in Collier Row.



It was also a good night for many with Jason Downton winning the Champagne moment for his maiden 50 and winning one of the golf days in the raffle, Jono picking up the first team player for his 46 league wickets and scooping 2 golf days in the raffle and Bursy's table, which won virtually every other raffle prize on offer.

Award	Winner
First Team Player	Jono
Second Team Player	Tyler Bunn
Third Team Player	Charlie Puncher
Sunday Player	Nikhil Patel
Young Player	Nakul Patel
Most Improved	Abdal Altaf
Chairman's Award	Joe Attfield
Champagne Moment	Jason Downton
Club Honours Ties	Nikhil Patel, Nakul Patel, Dipal Patel, Rushi Patel, Anish Patel, Tom Herbert, Jas Hothi

Indoor Havering League Playing Update

Mixed Fortunes for all Indoor Teams

1st November 2015 – ‘A’ team v Romford Post – The ‘A’ team kicked off their start to the indoor season with Jas now in charge, but got off to a poor start against a team they would normally expect to beat. A disappointing batting display by all left the ‘A’ team all out for 56, with only Ian Gibbs doing himself justice scoring 17. Romford Post duly knocked them off losing just 1 wicket in 9 overs.

1st November 2015 – ‘C’ team v Parkers – a young ‘C’ team lead by Brearley and debuts made by Jamie Eacott and Ben Little took on the vast experience of Parkers. Rainham opened with Brearley and Ben Little with Ben continuing his impressive form playing in senior cricket scoring 20 runs and Brearley played his usual nurdling inning and retired on 25. In a format that takes a few matches to get used to the remainder of the innings succumbed to the experience of Parkers and were dismissed for 68.

An excellent bowling display from the youngsters ensured Parkers had to work for their runs, which they eventually reached in the 11th over.

8th November 2015 – ‘B’ team v Seven Kings ‘B’ – always strong opposition, this proved to be no different as Ronnie Jackson lead the team in Tom Herbert’s absence. Kings opened and batted in their usual gung-ho fashion amassing 126 for 5 in their 12 overs. Charlie Puncher and Abdal Altaf took 2 wickets each with Daniel Courtney taking the other wicket.

Ronnie opened the innings with Joe Attfield who both made double figures before being dismissed. A fine display of defiance from Charlie Puncher with 20 runs at the end could not prevent a defeat by 50 runs.

15th November 2015 – ‘A’ team v Hornchurch – after a disappointing start against Romford Post and a heavy night previously at the dinner and dance the ‘A’ team were determined to do themselves justice against Shepherd and Neame opposition Hornchurch. Jas and Sid both started brightly both just falling short of the 25 retired mark before being dismissed. A common theme this season was another batting collapse as the ‘A’ team made it to 63 runs.

A better bowling display especially from Alex Sullivan taking 2 for 11 ensured Hornchurch had to work for every run, but succeeded in inflicting the ‘A’ team second consecutive defeat losing just 2 wickets in reply.

15th November 2015 – ‘C’ team v Eastonians – The Brearley and Ben Little combination ensured another good start for the ‘C’ team as this time Ben fell just short by 2 runs of scoring 25 runs to retire. Brearley went on to retire on 25 to keep up his consistent indoor form over the last few years. A better all-round batting display ensures the ‘C’ team scored 79 for 4 in their 12 overs.

Ben Little was also the pick of the bowlers taking 2 for 15 as Eastonians lost 4 wickets, but still managed to make 83 runs in reply.

22nd November 2015 – ‘B’ team v Tawheed – Tom was back at captain for this match against opposition that were playing in the top division last season. Raj Hothi was also called in as a last minute replacement and was put into action with the ball in his hand as Tawheed chose to bat first. Raj got in amongst the wickets, with Tyler, Ronnie and Charlie as Tawheed were dismissed for just 56.

Ronnie and Tom then made extremely light work of the reply as they comfortably scored 57 runs for 2 victories out of 3 for the ‘B’ team.

6th December 2015 – ‘B’ team v East Ham - Tom Herbert led out Rainham B against East Ham, who put up a very good score of 93. Tyler picked up 2 wickets and Abdal and Warren took one apiece.

Despite some heroics with the bat from Abdal with 22, Tom’s side were restricted to just 50 in response. Warren and Tyler were the only others to get into double figures.

6th December 2015 – ‘C’ team v Seven Kings ‘C’ - Rainham C were also in action and put up a competitive 73 batting first. Captain Nick Thwaites proved his indoor credentials, scoring 27 unbeaten, and Ben Little chipped in with an accomplished 14.

In reply Seven Kings didn't hang about, smashing the runs in 7 overs including 25 in one particular over from Warren Courtney. Daniel Courtney saved the family's reputation with a tight couple of overs.

13th December 2015 – ‘A’ team v Seven Kings ‘A’ - The Indoor A-team turned in a fine batting performance to chase down 108 and beat a very good Seven Kings outfit.

With captain Jas Hothi tied to a lamppost in one of Prague's numerous seedy alleyways, Skipper stepped into the breach and won the toss, putting Seven Kings in. Wickets were shared around, with Tyler, Abdal, and Skipper taking one each and a couple of run-outs, but the tide of runs wasn't stemmed as Kings reached 3 figures.

Sid (43 not out) made his usual positive start and with Sully (45) also contributing a big score, Rainham were able to chase down the imposing target with 2 balls to spare for a brilliant run chase.

10th January 2016 – ‘C’ team v Old Gaynes - The C team put in a solid performance against Old Gaynes, but it wasn't enough to get the 12 points. Charlie Puncher smashed 51 of Rainham's competitive 80, and Jamie Eacott bowled a very tight spell of 1-1, but Old Gaynes made the target of 81.

10th January 2016 – ‘A’ team v Dagenham Post - The A team followed up against Dagenham and conceded a formidable 110-2. Only Sid Patel was able to take a wicket and every bowler went for 7+. Staring down the barrel of defeat, Jas led off with C team hero Charlie Puncher and both made quick retirements to put Rainham in a great position. Skipper then tucked in with an unbeaten 29 to guide Rainham to a great run-chase victory.

17th January 2016 – ‘B’ team v Hornchurch ‘B’ - the B-team were in action against a strong-looking Hornchurch, who batted first and made 87. Abdul was the pick of the bowlers with 1-12 from his allotment. Jas stepped in and continued his good form with the bat with 32 but it was not enough with no other players making double-figures as Rainham fell short of the target by 33.

31st January 2016 – ‘B’ team v Harold Park – in their penultimate fixture the ‘B’ team took on Harold Park and duly lost the toss and were put into bat. Ronnie and in-form Charlie Puncher were the pick of the batsmen both scoring in the high 30s in a total of 105 all out.

Ronnie then capped a fine individual display by adding 3 Park wickets with good support from Tyler, 2 wickets, and Callum Bennett 1 wicket to dismiss the opposition for 95.

Winter Nets – Champion School

A reminder that juniors and senior indoor nets will continue every Thursday night right through to 31st March, when we then commence outside. Juniors commence at 7pm and seniors at 8pm and just £3 per session is good value for money.

We then commence at Spring Farm Park on Monday 4th April for juniors and Tuesday 5th April for seniors. As the first XI will need to ensure they step up again now they are playing in Division 1 there will be a change in training nights during the summer. Tuesday's will now be a club night focussing on fielding drills, which will be taken by new Club Director of Cricket Peter Reynolds. Any club member that attends on a Tuesday will be expected to take part in the drills with Thursday nights continuing to be reserved for nets for the seniors.

Social Events

Youth Section – Go Karting Night

Paul Newman arranged a Go-karting evening for the youth section at Lakeside karting on 6th December. A great night was had by all with 16 boys taking part in 2 heats and then a final. In a closely fought final the result ended with Harvey Reading taking the spoils with runner up being Ben Little and then Daniel Purton taking 3rd place, closely followed by Harry Spear.

The Lakeside organisers were impressed with the overall standard of driving of all the boys, but the parents that attended had special mention of Flynn Treanor who managed to perform a minor miracle of escaping a crash when it looks odds on a smash up.

Due to the success of the evening this is probably something we will make an annual event, so thank you to Paul for organising and ensuring we obtained a good deal on the night.



Ben Little (2nd), Harvey Reading (1st) and Daniel Purton (3rd) on the podium after the final



All the Go-Karting participants pose for the camera at the end of an enjoyable night

T- Rippon Presentation Night

As we had a good season last year, with the 2nd and 3rd XIs winning their respective divisions we are obliged to attend the league presentation night. This took place at Old Chelmsfordians CC on Friday 13th November with guest speaker being Essex CCC wicketkeeper James Foster.

Representing the club were Mickey Clifford, Graham Burr, Graham Thwaites, Jas Hothi and Peter Reynolds in, what was a surprisingly enjoyable evening.

It would be nice if we attended this event again next year, as it will mean another successful season for the club.



Mickey Clifford and Graham Thwaites display the T-Rippon trophies as they pose next to Essex CCC James Foster

Tour to Trowbridge

Even during the winter season the hard work continues as Jono has pulled out all of the stops to secure a mini tour to Trowbridge for a seniors squad with a fixture against Trowbridge on Saturday 23rd April followed by another match against Warminster on Sunday 24th April.

Paid up and conformed tourists are Jono, Jas, Skipper, Umer, Abdal, Harry Light, Hari Patel, Tyler, Biren, Sid, Tom, Charlie, Joe, Sandip and Dipal.

We are hoping to get enough juniors to join the tour and play one match on Sunday morning, so if any juniors or their parents would like to tour then please contact peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 before Sunday 7th February.

All the best to all those going on tour, which is well overdue, as we last toured in France in 2010.

General News

Our Equipment – Let's Look After It

The annual request to ensure we look after our training kit. Paul Newman and Peter Reynolds spent a day in December sorting out the kit room again with the usual total disregard for our kit. This year we are likely to put padlocks on all the under 11, 13 and 15 training kit bags, so that the continual tidy up comes to an end.

Coaching in Schools

We have again secured coaching sessions in local junior schools with La Salette, Parsonage, St. Albans and Newtons already taking us up on the offer. We are hoping to continue coaching in Brady, Scargill, Rainham Village and Whybridge. If anyone would like to assist in these coaching sessions in schools then please contact Peter Reynolds

New Rainham CC Facebook Page

For those not already aware a Rainham CC Facebook page has been set up thanks to Jono and Debbi Blackman Little. This will be used to advertise future events and match reports. There are also many photos posted by Debbi from the dinner and dance night. If you haven't had a chance to check it out please have a look as this will now complement our twitter account and website which will also advertise future events.

Works to the Clubhouse & NatWest Cricketforce Weekend

Keith Light has already been busy in his new role of Non-cricketing Director making contact with the local College and the Council to ensure our facilities are well looked after and maintained. Keith has contacted the council to ensure holes are filled to our fascia and soffits to ensure any unwanted guests do not enter the club house.



He has also organised a small working party consisting of Alex Sullivan, Dave and Charlie Vickers to dig out the foundations to a new brick built bin store. This will be followed by a working party from Havering Construction College to supply the materials and build the new bin store, as well as bricking up the back entrance to the kit room. The final piece in Keith's jigsaw prior to the season commencing is to board out the kit room.

This works will all be done prior to the NatWest Cricketforce weekend, which this year takes place on Saturday 2nd April and Sunday 3rd April where we will carry out all the pre-season tasks of tidying and painting. Please put these dates in your diary or at least spare a couple of hours on one of these days.

Club Mark Accreditation

With all the excitement of a successful season our renewal of a Club Mark Accreditation seemed to back a back seat, but it is with great pleasure we announce that we received our Club Mark accreditation in September. This will now be valid for another 3 years until 2018 and indicates the club is well run with all the correct procedures in place.

Essex Playing Fields Awards

The club have been members of the Essex Playing Fields Association for the last 4 years and this year we surpassed ourselves at the annual awards by coming overall runners up in the 'Playing Fields serving a population of 2,500 or more' together with silver certificate awards for 'Cricket Ground Maintenance' and 'Children's Playgrounds'.



Format of Newsletter

The format of the newsletter will change in future with news items being the main focus with match reports being posted onto the club website, twitter and Facebook.

