



## Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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**Spring Farm Park, Lambs Lane, Rainham, Essex, RM13 9XF**

### January 2010 Newsletter

#### Playing Update

##### Indoor Cricket

Only one match each for both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> team during January due to the 1<sup>st</sup> team having one of their fixture's snowed off against Gidea Park & Romford! The 1<sup>st</sup>s other match was against Upminster 'B' which got them back on the winning trail with a welcome victory, thanks to Dave Adkins 25 not out and some excellent tight bowling from Ian Havard. Upminster 'B' were bowled out for 50 and without the 'Nurdle', the normal main stay of the batting, Rainham managed the victory with 3 overs to spare, all be it losing a flurry of wickets at the death after looking comfortable. Joe Sarro capped off a fine all round display by steering Rainham to victory with Ian Havard.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> team maintained their unbeaten run winning their 4<sup>th</sup> game out of 4 against Harold Park, which now makes them joint top with Seven Kings 'B'. A below par batting display saw Rainham bowled out for 70 in less than the allotted 12 overs. Some excellent bowling from James Mansfield, Kenny Simms, James Fuller and Biren Patel ensured that Rainham ended up with a comfortable victory with Harold Park being bowled out for 47. Special mention to Ashley Foster who made his indoor debut and lead the way with an excellent fielding display, good running between the wickets and was unlucky to be given out, caught behind.



Ash Foster –  
excellent  
indoor debut



Biren Patel –  
2 wickets  
against  
Harold Park

##### Players Meeting

Ian Havard will be holding a players meeting either in late February or early March. The reason for this meeting is to discuss future behaviour on the field and what will be proposed regarding summer training nights.

##### Indoor Winter Nets

Winter nets will commence on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February at Abbs Cross School, Hornchurch at 9pm and will continue until mid April. Let's all try and ensure these winter nets are well attended so that we are ready and in good form and fighting for 1<sup>st</sup> team places in the Mid Essex League. Ian Havard will be taking charge of these nets and the fee will be roughly the same as last season.

### Youth Section Winter Nets & Fixtures

This is new for the club with all under 13 and 15 players being invited to attend from 7pm at Hall Mead School Upminster, commencing on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. The fee will be around £2 to £3 per night just to cover the cost for the hire of the hall. Peter Reynolds and Dave Adkins will be in attendance and will contact all parents prior to the nets as a reminder of the start date. These winter nets should ensure that we hit the ground running this season and hopefully celebrate a few victories.

Dave Adkins and Peter Reynolds attended a meeting of all Havering Cricket Clubs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February to arrange fixtures for youth teams for 2010. These fixtures will be published in the next newsletter and the 2010 fixture card.

### Discipline & Appeals Committee

The Discipline Committee will consist of Jack Gilliland, Kevin Newton and Peter Elliot who has kindly volunteered as the non-general committee member. The Appeals Committee will consist of Dave Adkins and Joe Sarro with one non-general committee member still to volunteer. Let's hope that that neither of these committees will have to sit in 2010.

### Artificial Wicket

Much needed maintenance work was recently carried out to the both strips of the artificial wicket which should ensure that they play better for 2010 practice nights.

### Qualified Coaches

James Fuller and Dave Joynes recently attended first aid and safeguarding and protecting children courses, which is part of the criteria to become a qualified level 1 ECB coach. They will both be attending the actual coaching course in March and we all wish them good luck in passing the assessment. It is intended that James Fuller will assist Alex Sullivan with coaching the under 15s on Monday nights during the summer and Dave Joynes will assist Adrian Moon in coaching the under 13s. The club will then have 7 qualified ECB coaches come the summer.

The club are keen for further coaches to assist with the youth cricket and will pay for anyone, once further funds have been secured, that wishes to become a coach, assist with the youth cricket or even become a youth team manager.

## **Funding & Fund Raising**

### Grassroots Money

The final instalment of £300 is due from the Grassroots funding scheme, it was agreed by the committee that this money would be used to buy a cricket bag and equipment for the under 11, who will be managed by Dave Adkins in 2010. Another application has been submitted to Grassroots and hopefully we will hear the outcome within the next couple of months.

### Sport England Grant

More good news in that we have been awarded £5,000 from Sport England, which must be spent on improving the artificial wicket area. The options for this money will either be to install artificial bowlers ends or erect further scaffold polls for the 2<sup>nd</sup> net with both nets being fully protected by galvanised fencing. This will be discussed by the committee and a decision made at the next committee meeting.

### Crispin & Borst Sponsorship

Graham Thwaites and Peter Reynolds will be meeting Crispin & Borst on the 18<sup>th</sup> February to discuss potential sponsorship for the club. This was a very positive meeting when we last met in November so let's all hope that we have some more good news in the future.

## Social Events

Well done to Dr. Jack for agreeing the themes and dates of all the social events for 2010. Lets all ensure that these are well attended as any money that is made from these events will be re-invested back into the club to improve the general environment and playing facilities for seniors, youth players and parents.

- Quiz Night - 1st May v Hull bridge our first Mid Essex match. (Jack has promised a different quiz for 2010!)
- Cocktails and Casino Night (Something different!)- 5th June 1<sup>st</sup> team at home to Woodham Mortimer
- Curry and Bingo Night – 26<sup>th</sup> June v 2nds home to Bow Rovers II 1sts away to Rayleigh II
- Race Night –31st July 1sts at home to Sandon Sports
- Presidents Day - To include Bar Olympics and BBQ - Sunday 29th August (Bank Holiday the day after)
- Dinner & Dance (November)

## General News

### Club House & Improvements

The work to repair the Club House roof has finally commenced with the Club House now being inaccessible with scaffolding and fencing surrounding the place. We only found out about these works when attending the committee meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> January and could not gain access. Hopefully the council will then carry out the fencing works to the rear of the club house prior to the season commencing as this will be absolutely key to us using the area for storage for the mobile net and sight screens.

A big thank you to Dave Adkins for allowing us to use his house for the committee meeting that proved to be very positive with improvements being agreed to the bar, kitchen area and agreement to invest in the wicket and a new bowling machine. With funds in the main account being of a premium it looks as though we will only be able to invest in either the wicket improvements or the bowling machine, unless any further funding can be secured at the start of the season. The committee will be meeting again in February to make a final decision.

### Nat West Cricket force Weekend

The Nat West Cricket force weekend takes place over 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March and the club intends to take part and make this an annual event. The idea of this event is to recruit volunteers to carry out all the much needed jobs that need doing prior to the season starting. The jobs that are proposed to be allocated this year are as follows.

- Bar renovation
- Kitchen renovation
- Erecting sight screens
- Erecting mobile nets
- Paint changing rooms/corridor/umpires room
- Complete the painting of the external brickwork to the club house
- Repair to bowlers end of artificial wicket

Once the details of this event has been finalised then the drive to recruit volunteers will commence.

### Signing on Day

Most of the club's expenditure takes place during the early part of the season so in order that we can make further investment and pay our early season bills there will be a signing on day to pay annual subscriptions prior to the season starting and will probably take place at the same time as the Nat West Cricketforce weekend. This applies to all senior, youth and junior members with the policy of anyone that has not paid their annual subscriptions prior to the season commencing, 17<sup>th</sup> April, then they will not be selected to play.

### Tour 2010

The tour will take place from Thursday 22nd to Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Les Ormes, Brittany, France. Graham Thwaites will require a 50 euro deposit required by the time the winter nets start in mid February. Further details of the full itinerary and costs will be known at a later date. Graham has provided a taste of things to come in his Chairman's Notes and the following web link will also give you a flavour of the place.  
<http://www.lesormes.co.uk/>

### Club Mark

The wheels will be put in motion to ensure the club achieves Club Mark status with Graham Jelley from Essex CCC attending the next committee meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. If the club achieves this status it should help in investment opportunities from the ECB.

## Chairman's Notes

Well, winter is dragging on and the cold weather is hanging around, difficult I know to think about warm sunny days and cricket. However things do not stop all year long at Rainham Cricket club as you can see from the excellent updates provided by Pete Reynolds. We are now coming into pre season and the winter nets start soon, if you have not been before, please come along, it always provides a laugh or two as well as being an excellent way to start blowing off the cobwebs. I certainly will be there, but I tend to let others have more time batting as I am sure we all remember the absolute thrashing I handed out to our premier fast bowlers Ian Havard and James Fuller, their confidence slowly returned but it took a while!! As Pete mentioned the work at the clubhouse has started [and then stopped again] but is slowly moving forward. I meet with Council officials again this week to ensure they are delivering what they promised. A meeting with Havering Council parks department is similar to watching Blackburn draw 0-0 with Bolton in January!! Finally I wanted to add to the earlier comments about our Tour in France. For those of you that have not been, please consider it, the cricket is played in the grounds of a 14<sup>th</sup> century Chateau and amongst glorious French country side with a great Golf course and lots of other activities. Also we hold annual awards at the tour with the main events being.



Player of the Tour  
Champagne moment  
Tour Tossler [Most coveted]

Who can forget previous winners [I won't tell you which award] such as Kevin Newton shadow boxing the invisible man in his room, or peeing up the bar as the toilets were too far away!! Jamie Kelly providing a lesson in square leg umpiring and John Reads 27 point turn at St Malo.

Anyway this is going to be an exciting year, see you soon.



Chairman