



## Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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### September 2012 Newsletter

#### **Double Promotion Celebrations and the start of St. Garnet's Day**

What an end to the league season with the 2<sup>nd</sup> team vying for promotion against fellow contenders Wickham in a winner takes all situation, which was exactly how the previous season ended up. Again Brearley's troops came good with a convincing victory and Division 9 cricket next season.

The first XI were keen to avenge their only defeat of the season against Rayleigh II who were already winners of Division 4 and what a game this was for Garnet Shallow who opened the innings and batted through for a chanceless and classy 113 not out and then followed this up by taking 5 for 12 in what is probably the only time a Rainham CC has scored 100 runs and taken 5 wickets in a first team league match in the club's history, which was later confirmed by long serving Club President Barry Bumpstead. The 1<sup>st</sup> of September of each year to follow within Rainham CC will now be called 'St. Garnet's day' in celebration of this fantastic cricketing fete. The celebrations in the club house with the 2<sup>nd</sup> team securing promotion and the 1<sup>st</sup> team ending the season on a high will long be remembered.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI celebrate after promotion against Wickham



Garnet earns his reward after making club history



The 1<sup>st</sup> XI (including Sheikh Wratten) celebrate victory against Rayleigh

Other highlights during the month of September was our successful funding application of £24,000.00 from the Havering Riverside Veolia Trust to improve our outdoor net facilities, Danny Sadai's good work and final push to ensure we achieve Club Mark and formalising a partnership with Rainham Junior School Newtons to build community partnerships, more detail about all of these developments can be read below.

Two other important dates for the diary is the club Annual General Meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October and the annual Dinner and Dance on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Playing Update**

##### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Team

1<sup>st</sup> September v Rayleigh II – **'St. Garnet digs deep to create club history'**

The first XI was keen to avenge the only league defeat of the season against Division 4 winners Rayleigh II. Captain James Fuller was unable to play because of injury (silly boy playing football during the cricket season!) so Jas Hothi took over the reins. As usual when Rayleigh win the toss when playing at home they put the opposition into bat and openers Sid Patel and Garnet Shallow got Rainham off to a steady start

before Sid lost his wicket to a sharp low catch at mid on. From then on most of the Rainham batsman struggled to stay with Garnet whom was steadily compiling the runs and looked comfortable with only Jono and Dan Skipper making double figures. Rainham had lost 7 wickets with Garnet on 85 not out and was joined by 15 year old Harry Light and only 7 overs to go. It looked as though Garnet may be stranded before reaching 3 figures but Harry batted with greater maturity than the more experienced batsman that went before and stayed with Garnet who finished his inning off in the finest of styles by hitting the last ball for a straight 6 to end on 113 not out and set a challenging target of 218 for 7.

A strange thing happened during the tea break when Rainham's current longest serving player and part time cabaret singer Graham Burr stated 'I can't ever remember anyone getting 100 runs and taking 5 wickets in a match for Rainham and I wonder if Garnet will do it today'.

Captain Jas ensured everyone concentrated in the field by giving a pep talk before the team took the field and Jono immediately had the opposition openers jumping about and took 2 clean bowled wickets. Garnet then got the taste for taking wickets and took the next 4 with one being a good catch from Graham Burr. John Wratten then took over from Jono and struck with his very first ball, to smart catch at first slip from Ash Foster. It looked as though John would prevent Garnet from taking 5 wickets as he chipped in with another, but then Garnet got his 5<sup>th</sup> wicket and the team's 9<sup>th</sup> to end his spell with 5 for 12. Biren Patel finished the Rayleigh innings for just 57 all out by taking the last wicket for a fine end to the league season.



The 1<sup>st</sup> XI with a more sedate celebration at Rayleigh

#### 8<sup>th</sup> September v Tennyson – ‘Sid shines against old rivals’

Our original opposition cried off so a last minute fixture was arranged against old Lords International League rivals Tennyson. Rainham batted first with opener Sid Patel continuing his excellent recent form by scoring 72 in a team total of 155 in their 40 overs.

Jono was Captain for the day and lead the bowling attack in style taking 3 of the Tennyson wickets and he was well supported by Harry Light who took 2. An excellent display in the field ensured Tennyson had to work hard for their runs with Harry Patel being the outstanding fielder taking 2 sharp catches and secure an exciting 3 run victory.

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Team

#### 1<sup>st</sup> September v Wickham – ‘Hiren's club tie earns Captain Brearley a double promotion’

This was another winner take all game with the winners securing the 2<sup>nd</sup> promotion spot into Division 9. Brearley's tactical genius came into play right from the very start with him putting in Wickham to bat first. Opening bowlers Hiren Patel and James Mansfield proved to be the ideal opening combination with the Wickham struggling to get Jimbo away and Hiren chipping in with regular early wickets. Wickham struggled to 53 for 6 with Hiren earning his club tie taking 5 and Jimbo taking the other conceding just 18 runs in his 12 overs. Wickham then rallied but were not scoring freely and ended their inning on 122 for 9 with Nikal Patel taking 2 wickets and Dipal Patel 1 wicket.

Alex Sullivan and Joe Sarro got Rainham off to a good start before Joe was dismissed for 10 runs. Alex continued to score runs at a steady rate as Rainham then had a wobble losing the 2 quick wickets of Neral Patel and Adrian Moon, which brought Paul Collis to the crease. Paul then showed his experience and never looked in any trouble as he kept the runs flowing before Alex was bowled to one that kept low just short of his 50. Paul then continued his classy innings to be 43 not out to guide the 2nds to their second consecutive promotion to start the celebrations which were rightfully lead by Captain Brearley.

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Team

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> September v Hockerhill – **‘The Harrys’ pile on the runs’**

A return match against Hockerill after the hard fought draw at their ground earlier in the season. Rainham batted first with Harry Patel scoring freely with Dipal, who lost his wicket for 12. Harry Light then joined the other Harry to put on an excellent partnership before Harry Patel was run out on 48. Harry Light also stayed at the crease while Dan Skipper and Sid Patel lost their wickets cheaply until Harry was stumped for an excellent 41. Captain Jas Hothi and Nikel Patel then put their foot on the accelerator with an entertaining run a ball partnership of 50 before being dismissed for 33 and 27 respectively to end the Rainham innings on 183 for 8.

Tidy opening spells from Georgie Gough and Jamie Adkins were rewarded with one wicket apiece in their 8 over spells. Dan Elliot came on as first change and took 2 wickets including a stumping from young up and coming keeper Tom Herbert. Nikal Patel and Jas Hothi then bowled in partnership with both keeping the runs down as well as taking wickets to end on figures of 2 for 18 and 3 for 16 to steer the Sunday XI to yet another victory/

#### 9<sup>th</sup> September v Lyndhurst – **‘Batting bowlers put Jono’s Lyndhurst to the sword’ (again)**

Our original fixture had to be cancelled at the Last minute and with Jono’s Lyndhurst XI also short of a game another fixture was hastily arranged in what was to be Jas’s last match on a Sunday before he returns to University. Rainham won the toss and Jas decided everyone would have a good time as he decided to bat but the batting order would be dictated by drawing lost, which ended with bowlers Biren Patel and George Gough opening the innings and putting on 80 runs with George being dismissed for 27 and Biren for 46. Wickets tumbled at regular intervals with Jono taking 2 wickets for Lyndhurst and then a few cameo innings at the death from George Light 14, Jas Hothi 13 and Hiren Patel 10 ending the innings on 163 all out.

In another topsy turvy role Sid Patel opened the bowling and struck with 2 wickets as the Lyndhurst batsmen struggled to get to grips with all the Rainham bowlers. Jono was the only Lyndhurst batsman to look comfortable scoring 49 before Biren took the first of his 3 wickets. George Light with one wicket and Hiren with 2 finished off the Lyndhurst inning off with the visitors just 8 runs from victory in an exciting finish.

#### 16<sup>th</sup> September v Shooters Hill – **‘George eclipses younger Light for Jamie’s 2<sup>nd</sup> victory’**

Jamie Adkins took over the captaincy for this game against Shooters Hill in the absence of Jas and Rainham were put in the field, which was probably a decision that Shooters Hill would regret. The 2 Georges, Gough and Light, opened the bowling and both of them getting into the wickets with George Light taking 3 for 23 in his 8 over spell and George Gough 1 for 21. Anish Patel took 2 wickets in his 4 over spell and Harry light took the last wicket after a tidy spell from Ian Foster, leaving Shooters Hill reeling on 97 all out.

Sid opened with Biren who could not repeat his previous week’s antics against Lyndhurst lasting only 3 balls before being dismissed for a duck, but Sid continued his 2012 form scoring his 6<sup>th</sup> half century with a quick fire 64 in just 46 balls including a six. Harry Patel scored 12 at a run a ball and Harry Light saw it through with Sid scoring 14 not out for a convincing 8 wicket win and Jamie’s 2<sup>nd</sup> victory out of 2 as captain .

The Sunday team has been a real success this season being well lead by Jas Hothi and ably assisted by Jamie Adkins with many youngsters getting a chance to play senior cricket and with 14 games played and a record of 9 wins, 1 draw and 4 defeats nothing more needs to be said.

### T-Rippon Mid Essex League Final Tables

The final tables from the T-Rippon Mid Essex League's Divisions 4 and 10 are below which indicates runners up positions and successive promotions for both teams. Well done to all club members that participated and played their part in a successful 2012 and let's look forward to playing at some new venues in Divisions 3 and 9 next season.

<b>Division 4 2012</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pen</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	<u>Rayleigh 2nd</u>	18	13	2	0	3	16	100	0	339
2	<u>Rainham 1st</u>	18	13	1	1	3	23	88	-15	327
3	<u>Old Chelmsfordians 2nd</u>	18	9	6	0	3	28	68	0	255
4	<u>Rayne 1st</u>	18	8	7	0	3	8	56	0	207
5	<u>Little Baddow 2nd</u>	18	6	8	0	4	36	55	-15	192
6	<u>Terling 1st</u>	18	5	9	1	3	13	53	0	169
7	<u>Ongar 1st</u>	18	6	8	0	4	8	59	-15	168
8	<u>Willow Herbs 1st</u>	18	5	10	0	3	22	51	0	168
9	<u>Sandon Sports 1st</u>	18	5	9	0	4	12	53	0	165
10	<u>Little Waltham 2nd</u>	18	3	13	0	2	24	48	0	130

<b>Division 10 2012</b>		<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>NR</b>	<b>Bat</b>	<b>Bowl</b>	<b>Pen</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	<u>Springfield 4th</u>	18	13	1	0	4	14	88	10	340
2	<u>Rainham 2nd</u>	18	11	3	0	4	13	70	0	279
3	<u>Great Baddow 3rd</u>	18	10	6	0	2	13	84	0	267
4	<u>Wickham 1st</u>	18	9	6	0	3	8	75	-5	237
5	<u>Galleywood 2nd</u>	18	7	7	0	4	22	52	0	206
6	<u>Eastwood 3rd</u>	18	6	8	0	4	9	63	0	188
7	<u>St Andrews 1st</u>	18	6	7	0	5	8	54	-20	163
8	<u>Havering-atte-Bower 3rd</u>	18	3	10	0	5	9	44	0	126
9	<u>St Johns Billericay 2nd</u>	18	2	11	0	5	4	26	10	97
10	<u>Old Chelmsfordians 4th</u>	18	3	11	0	4	7	38	-35	78

### T-Rippon Mid Essex League Sporting Points

A matter of contrasts with our 2 teams in the Mid Essex League sporting points table where out of 108 teams 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished a creditable 19<sup>th</sup> (last year 93<sup>rd</sup>) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team 108<sup>th</sup> (last year 34<sup>th</sup>), which is both encouraging and disappointing. We need to ensure that all clubs within the league have a good reputation for sporting behaviour so let us ensure that the 2<sup>nd</sup> team especially improve next year. Credit must go to Captain James Fuller for the big improvement in the first team standing in 2012, which I can vouch in the few games I played for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, was an enjoyable experience.

### Indoor Cricket

It's that time of year again when Brearley comes into his own with the indoor season in the Havering Cricket league commencing in December. Again, we have 4 teams, one in each of the leagues, and the Captains will be Jono for the 'A' team, Brearley for the 'B' team, James Fuller the 'C' team and Peter Reynolds the 'D' team. The 'C' and 'D' teams will be looking to play as many youngsters as possible. The core squads of 10 will be decided soon so if anyone is interested in playing indoor cricket during the 2012/13 winter season then please contact one of the above Captains.

### Youth Section

It has been a pleasure again being involved with the youth section in 2012 with some of the highlights being listed below. Thank you to all the coaches for the efforts and time they put in this year especially Mickey Callaghan, Adrian Moon and Steve Jackson

- Under 15s winning their first cup match against Hornchurch Athletic
- Giving Upminster 'A' team a scare at Spring Farm Park
- The under 13's first close fought game against Upminster 'C'
- The progress and commitment of Charlie Puncher, Callum Bennett, Tyler Bunn and Bradley Manning who never seemed to miss a training session during the winter or summer
- Many of the youth team playing Sunday senior and Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> team cricket
- Harry Light playing for the Saturday League 1<sup>st</sup> XI
- Ronnie Jackson representing the England Disability XI
- The coaches and parents against the youth section match on Presidents Day

Finally an end of season photo of many of the youth squad below.



## **Social Events**

### **Dinner and Dance**



The next big social occasion will be the not to be missed annual Dinner and Dance at Berwick Manor on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November where there will be spaces available for 60 to 70 diners at £35 each and there will be non-dining spaces available at £10 each. The format is likely to be pre dinner drinks, sit down for dinner, the presentation of the players of the year for each team, the prestigious Chairman's Award, club honours tie winners (see below) and then back by popular demand Luke Burr to end the evening in style

- Garnet Shallow 113no and 5 for 12 v Rayleigh II
- Jon O' Neill 6 for 27 v Little Baddow II (the team that reckons that 15 year olds bowl with more control)
- Harry Light 5 for 7 v Newington
- Hiren Patel 5 for 34 v Wickham
- Alfie Hedges 5 for 39 v Great Baddow III
- George Light 5 for 47 v Great Baddow III

I get a feeling that this year's Dinner and Dance will be more popular than ever so please ensure you contact either Graham Thwaites, Ash Foster, James Fuller or Jas Hothi to pay a deposit and reserve your space.

## **Funding**

### **Havering Veolia Riverside Trust**

Our application to the Havering Veolia Riverside Trust was successful and we have been granted £24,100.00 to improve our outdoor net practice area. We are looking to relay the base, renew the artificial strip and protect it by building a lockable cage around the area. We will have to gain planning permission from Havering Council and we will be looking to have the net facility up and running by the start of the 2013 season.

## **General News**

### **Annual General Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

The annual general meeting will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October down the club at 7.30pm. This is a chance for all club members to have their say and either stand or vote for committee positions or as one captains. Please ensure you attend as the bar will be open so we can finish all the existing bar stock

### **Club Mark**

Good progress has been made in the last few weeks with our Club Mark application that has been driven by Danny Sadai. Danny has just completed our on-line Development Plan and has tidied up the Club Mark file and he has also agreed to be the owner of Club Mark so it is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it is always in date. We have not yet achieved Club Mark status but it is looking more likely that we are nearer to achieving this than at any time in the past, so hopefully at the time of the next newsletter we will have achieved the required standards.



Danny Sadai – driving our Club Mark application

### Club Welfare Officer

It is with great regret that John Read has decided to stand down this year as Club Welfare Officer after many years of sterling work for the club in this role. John has been a player and servant for as long as anyone can remember and we wish to thank John for all that he has done down the club over the years and hope that he will continue to support the club in future years whether it be in a playing, volunteer or just a social capacity.

Lucky enough for the club Sharon Adkins has agreed to take on this role and has already started her training by recently attending a Safeguarding and Protecting Children Course only last week. We wish to thank Sharon for taking on this important role and will give her as much support and training that is required.

### Kitchen Window and Shutters

Some of you may have noticed during the latest over the last few weeks of the season how lighter and brighter it had become in club house, kitchen and changing rooms. This is down the good work of Ian Gibbs junior, Paul Collis and Dan Sawyer who took it upon themselves to fit a new kitchen window and find a way of the shutters now being used in the kitchen and changing rooms. They have gone about this task in a quiet fashion and we wish to formally say to all that was involved in doing this work 'Thank you and keep up the good work'.

### Building Community Partnerships – Newtons School

As part of our Club Mark application we need to build partnerships in the local community and we have formalised our first partnership with Newtons Junior School to provide cricket coaching, attend an assembly to promote cricket and Rainham Cricket Club and host an annual kwik cricket tournament. Thank you to Newtons PE Teacher Viv Allaway who is a well respected local sports coach and has been very encouraging and keen to support the local cricket club and bring cricket into the PE curriculum.

### The Committee's Three Most Memorable Moments in 2012

After a second successful and enjoyable season the committee was asked to recall their 3 most memorable moments of the season and below are the responses from those that replied. We could have all listed more than 3 so we have done our best below.

#### **Ash Foster**

- 1) Garnet's 100 & 5 for against Rayleigh
- 2) Jono getting told there are 15 year olds with better bowling control than him
- 3) The look on the Willow Herb's umpires face when he was jokingly told he was out of order

#### **James Fuller**

- 1) Moony's captaincy techniques of putting his loving arm round players and then calling them 'bloody idiots!' Hahaha
- 2) Harry Light making his 'professional' debut for the first team and removing 2 premier division batsmen!
- 3) Generally the whole club's general change in attitude and the enjoyment had by 95% of players, prime example the double promotion celebrations after the game where we welcomed Garnet like a king!

#### **Brearley**

- 1) The Patel's doing Bollywood
- 2) The club celebration in the bar after double promotion
- 3) Paul Collis explaining to me, that players shouldn't argue with umpires or team mates.

#### **Peter Reynolds**

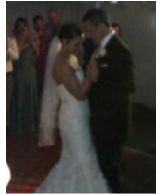
- 1) The under 15s winning their first ever cup game against Hornchurch Athletic
- 2) Being part of the club fielding a 3<sup>rd</sup> team for over 15 years and playing alongside many of the youngsters that have been part of the youth team set up over the last 4 years (long may this continue)
- 3) Debbie Light's homemade cakes at Goresbrook (I am still waiting for my next batch!)



The unbeaten 3<sup>rd</sup> XI with Captain Adrian Moon showing everyone how many runs he scored against Wickham and special 3<sup>rd</sup> team guests Garnet (not good enough for the 3rds!) and Paul 'Bob Marley' Collis

### Jimbo's Got Married!

Long serving club member, former Captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and one of the real characters within the heartbeat of Rainham CC James 'Jimbo' Mansfield got married to his lovely fiancée Fiona on Saturday 29th September at the excellent venue of Mangapp Manor in Burnham-on-Crouch. Many club members enjoyed and attended the day and we all wish James and Fiona a long, healthy and happy marriage and hope to continue seeing them together for many years to come at Rainham CC.



Jimbo and Fiona start the first dance



Mangapp Manor's picturesque outdoor wedding venue

### Chairman's Notes

A fantastic end to our season & what a celebration at the club! Both teams promoted again! My thanks go out to all players who contributed throughout the season. This year has really seen a massive step forward for our club, with an influx of new players & the further development of our youth section. All of this has resulted in the club looking to get a full time 3rd XI out next season, playing friendlies and if this goes well, entry of this team into the Mid Essex league in 2014.



Lots to look forwards to! The indoor league starts in October, The AGM on the 5th & our dinner & dance on the 17th November. We have a lot happening on the 17th with extra trophies to present and live entertainment! Tickets are selling fast, so please let me know how many seats you need, gonna be a heck of a night!

Also the Robbie Hill memorial tour is back next year & will double as a preseason tour, dates are confirmed for 18th April and returning on 23rd April. What a great start to the new season with the Tour Golf championship played on the 19th & 22nd in France.

Finally I want to thank all of those people who gave extra time this season to work for the club, we would NEVER survive without you and all the time you give is free, with your help we are really starting to grow now.

As for the winter classes I have been asked to run on captaining a side, I will start in December. Don't be disappointed if you can't quite reach my levels, remember (In French for our tour)

**Je suis un genie.**

**See you in the winter slippers!!**

*Brearley!!*