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London Riverside BID Sponsor Rainham CC



The London Riverside BID, a Business Improvement District which encourages more business into Rainham, has agreed to sponsor the cricket club for £300 and will also supply some signs for Spring Farm Park and a Thames RFC in South Ockendon, if this is used as our second ground. The club is grateful for this sponsorship and will probably use the money to buy a set of shirts for the Saturday 1st team squad with the club and London Riverside BID logos



prominent on the shirts. If any further sponsorship is granted then this will be used for a set of 2nd XI shirts with logos.

Club Chairman Graham Thwaites stated “We really welcome this investment in our club and grassroots sport in the area. London Riverside BID has been very enthusiastic about a partnership with local youth cricket and would like thank them and encourage a long term relationship moving forward. Rainham CC is an exciting place to be right now and our youth section is growing successfully each year”.

Terry Lee a spokesman from the London Riverside BID quoted “London Riverside BID is keen to support the Rainham community where ever possible. The support shown to Rainham Cricket Club is part of that commitment”.

Playing Update

Indoor Cricket

2nd December 2012 ‘C’ Team v St Andrews – **‘Kenny’s flashing blade make the Saints go marching in’**
Currently the most successful of the indoor teams the ‘C’ team were looking to make it 4 wins out of 4 against new opposition in the Havering Indoor League St Andrews. Rainham batted first and openers Harry Light and James Fuller got Rainham off to a good start with James Fuller retiring on 25. Harry was dismissed and then Kenny Sims really took a liking to the St Andrews bowlers hitting 4 and 6s in a quick 25. George Light and Jono kept the score moving and then both lost their wickets trying to make quick runs. Captain James then came back in and Jamie Adkins kept him company to steer the ‘C’ team score to exactly 100.

St. Andrews struggled right from the start with Jamie and George Light keeping it tight and Jono and Kenny wading in with a few wickets. Excellent fielding and good bowling line and length from all the bowlers ensured that St Andrews were never in it and were all out for 50 runs and 4 out of 4 for the ‘C’ team

2nd December 2012 ‘D’ Team v Parkers – **‘seniors should know better in run out debacle’**

The ‘D’ team continue to field youngsters with under Tyler Bunn making his indoor debut alongside Charlie Puncher playing just his second game and 16 year old Kieran Howard playing his second season. William Emsden had to drop out on the morning of the game and was replaced by Adrian Moon. Even

with Peter Reynolds and Danny Sadai in the team the eldest of the Rainham squad still looked at least 10 younger than Parkers youngest player. Rainham won the toss and put Parkers in with Tyler Bunn and Charlie Puncher opening the bowling. There was nothing spectacular from the Parkers opening batsmen but they continued to keep the scoreboard ticking over until some smart fielding from Kieran Howard with a direct hit run one of the openers out. The other opener and their number 3 both made 25 and retired. Some further good fielding from Danny Sadai ran one of the remaining Parkers batsmen out as they continued to gather pace with their run scoring leaving Rainham with a challenging 91 runs for victory.

As Parkers appeared a less than young side the tactic was to keep them busy in the field and run as many as possible to keep the scoreboard moving. This tactic appeared to work in the first 3 overs with Peter Reynolds playing some steady shots for singles or threes and Adrian Moon smashing the bowlers for 6 to leave Rainham on 33 runs and well above the required run rate at this stage. This is where the wheels come off with first of all Peter Reynolds attempting a suicide run and getting run out, the next ball Adrian Moon was run out (although this was a bit debateable) and then 5 balls later Danny Sadai went the same way, so 3 qualified coaches all showing the youngsters how it shouldn't be done! With bowling from Parkers that made your eyes light up Kieran Howard took a few steps down the wicket missed one and was stumped. With only 40 on the board and 4 wickets down it was left to 2 under 15s to try and steer the 'D' team to victory. Charlie Puncher was caught off the wall and Tyler Bunn kept the Parkers fielders busy before finally being dismissed for 13 runs and a 36 run defeat.

9th December 2012 'D' Team v Harold Wood 'B' – **'Wood take the spoils in 5 a side game'**

Both teams were unfortunate enough just to have 5 players each in this game and Rainham won the toss and decided to bat. Openers Peter Reynolds and Danny Sadai had a good first over scoring 7 runs between them and then the demons of the previous week kicked in and Danny Sadai was run out with a direct throw to the bowlers end from the wicket keeper. Peter Reynolds continued to score runs regularly, including one big six, and he was ably supported by Kieran Howard whom also kept the scoreboard moving. Peter Reynolds retired on 25 and William Emsden added a few before being unluckily caught off the wall after a powerful pull. Debutant Bradley Manning was next in and was bowled to one that hit off stump. With just 3 balls to spare Peter Reynolds came back in to join Kieran Howard to take the team score to 64 which was their best score to date and losing only 3 wickets.

William Emsden opened the bowling with his left arm spin and was spinning the ball a long way and he was well supported by Kieran Howard at the other end. Few hefty blows from both of the Harold Wood openers ensured they were ahead of the run rate until Will flighted the ball just outside off stump that spun wickedly with the Wood openers mistiming his shot was caught behind by Peter. The other Wood opener retired on 25. Bradley Manning then came on to bowl his first overs in the indoor league and bowled with credit in his 2 overs. Danny Sadai also bowled a couple of overs but he could not prevent Harold Wood gaining victory in the 8th over. This is now 3 losses on the trot but the signs are looking promising for this mainly young team.

9th December 2012 'B' Team v Upminster 'B' – **'The new Cook dominates Upminster'**

Brearley or Cook as he now likes to be known was keen to get the 'B' team back on the road after the sour taste left in the mouth after the Dagenham Post defeat. Cook opened the batting with Paul Collis and they both made a steady start against a young Upminster side that were on a high after their win in the previous match against Romford Post. Paul Collis was the first to lose his wicket for just 5 before Cook carried on in the same indoor vain as Brearley to retire on 25. James Fuller continued the momentum with Jono and Joe Sarro but they all lost their wickets which meant Cook came back in to keep Jamie Adkins company. Another splendid knock from Cook ensured Rainham ended on 86 for 5 after 12 overs with cook ending undefeated on 48 and the only blemish being the run out of Jamie.

James Fuller and Jono opened the bowling with Jono keeping it especially tight taking 2 wickets for just 6 runs in his 3 overs. James Fuller was then held back as Joe and Jamie then took over with the ball and Jamie showing great character after an expensive first over but then came back with 2 wickets of his own. Joe also took 2 wickets which meant that James Fuller's last over was no longer required as Upminster were dismissed for 50 runs and the 'B' team gaining their second victory out of four.

16th December 2012 'A' Team v Hornchurch 'A' – **'Hornchurch dominate disappointing Rainham'**
 Another tough match for the 'A' team against Shepherd and Neame opposition Hornchurch, who won the indoor league 2 seasons ago. After a disappointing display against last season's champions Ardleigh Green, Jono's 6 were keen to make amends. Rainham were without normal opener Sid Patel, so Ash Foster and James Fuller opened. Ash got off the mark with a 3 and then James was caught first ball. Alex Sullivan came in and hit a few hefty blows and Ash continued to keep the scoreboard moving before Alex was bowled. Ash went one run later soon followed by Jas Hothi for a duck leaving the 'A' team struggling on 26 for 4. This then left it down to Dan Skipper, playing his first indoor game this season, and Captain Jono to try and bring some respectability to the score. Dan scored 3 and was then bowled and Jono scored a few 3 s before being caught for a disappointing 42 all out in just 7.2 overs.

Hornchurch got off to a great start taking 16 runs from James Fuller with Jono bowling his normal tight spell. Something needed to change quickly so Jono brought on the leg spin of Alex who made an immediate impression by dazzling the Hornchurch opening bat and keeper Ash Foster kept alert to take a sharp stumping. With Hornchurch well above the run rate and chasing so few the remaining batsmen used their heads by just scoring singles and reach their target in just 6.2 overs and a comfortable 5 wicket victory to leave the 'A' team with 2 defeats from their first 3 matches.

Winter Nets

After a break of a few weeks winter indoor nets will start again on Thursday 27th December from 7 to 8pm at Champion School. We will be able to use this facility every Thursday from there on in right up to 4th April 2013. Please come along and keep your eye in during the off season.

Social Events

Dinner and Dance

Below are some photos from the dinner and dance which were all taken by Peter Allen who is always kind enough to offer his photographic services on our social occasions. A big thank you to Peter for doing this as it always gives us some memories to look back on in years to come. More will be published in the next Newsletter.



Adrian Moon – was surprised as the Chairman's Award winner



Jimbo – hopefully not going out in a blaze of glory – we think you have more to give



Jono – most improved player (was he that bad before!)



Johnny Wratten – either collecting the funny award or he has just seen Jordan!



Jamie gets a batting lesson from his Nan

Tour to Brittany

The cricket tour is back on for 2013 to Des Ormes and will take place from 18th to 23rd April as a pre-season warm up. The usual format will probably be the tour itinerary with an overnight Ferry trip from Portsmouth on the Thursday, golf on Friday and Monday and 2 matches against Des Ormes on Saturday and Sunday and finally home on the ferry on Tuesday. Many other activities will also take place during this time. If you do not want to miss out on an enjoyable time in a lovely part of France and wish to book your place then please see our Club Chairman Graham Thwaites.

Funding

London Riverside BID

London Riverside BID is a Business Improvement District in Rainham whose priorities of safe clean, secure and enhancement of business within the Rainham area have sponsored the club with £300 and it is likely that the money will be used to provide Rainham CC shirts for the 1st XI squad with the club badge and the sponsor's logo. The money should be enough to buy 15 club shirts; An example of what the shirts may look like is below.



The supplier and final design of the shirts has not been decided yet but there may be a chance that we could set up a link on our new club website that will act as a Rainham CC shop and any club kit or cricket equipment could be purchased direct from the website.

Sport England - Small Grants

Another funding application has been sent to Sport England to try and obtain the remainder of the money we require to purchase a new roller for the club. The application has only recently been sent so hopefully by the time the next newsletter is published we may have heard if we have been successful or not.

A proposal for the existing roller may be to take it to Thames RFC where it is proposed that our ground may be for our 3rd XI and if this link continues and we use this ground on a regular basis then the roller will be essential so we can maintain a good wicket.

General News

Christmas Quiz Answers

The answers to this year's Christmas Quiz are as follows:

1. He played football for Dagenham United in his youth – **Graham Thwaites**
2. Currently plays football for Thurrock FC – **George Light**
3. He loves fishing and going to weddings – **Joe Sarro**
4. He is a Teacher and used to play for Horsham CC – **Albi Birchmore**
5. Former Noak Hill CC player and 'minder' – **Danny Sadai**
6. Former Royal Mail employee and Human Resources Guru - **Graham Burr (Yes really!)**
7. Number cruncher that works 2 hours per week! – Ash Foster (**I may have exaggerated , its just 1 hour per week**)
8. Before the 2012 season he was playing his cricket in Kent – **Sid Patel**
9. Former Black Lion Cricketer and modest – **Johnny Wratten**
10. Former Black Lion Cricketer and boastful – **Kenny Sims**
11. Worked in Carnaby Street in his youth – **Mickey Callaghan (This was in the swinging 60s. I wonder how many club members were actually born.)**
12. Setting his sights on Cambridge – **Jamie Adkins**
13. The only player to be part of both the Rainham CC squads that won the Gidea Park & Romford 6 a side tournaments in 1998 and 1999 – **Adrian Moon**
14. The first player to take a 5 for in a 1st XI Mid Essex League match for Rainham CC – **Ian Havard**
15. Cheeky little beggar and top under 13 wicket taker in 2011- **Jamie Eacott**

Practice Nets Spring Farm Park

The planning application for our new outdoor practice net facility has been sent to Havering council and we should hear within 8 weeks whether the application has been successful or not. If it is agreed then we can immediately get the wheels in motion for the facility to be erected, ideally before the start of the season or if not some time during the 2013 season. The new facility should look similar to that of Barking CC nets that has recently been built.



Chairman's Notes

Well 2012 is over & a new year upon us, seems like only yesterday I was writing comments for 2012! A time to reflect Perhaps on another very good year at our club , the double promotions , growing financial investment, established youth section and indeed a larger group of members who contribute off the park and ensure our club continues to flourish, a special thank you to all those people!! However we cannot pause for too long because once New Year passes, the countdown to the new season really starts!! Of course that means that there is a lot of work to do. We need to start planning clubhouse and pitch restoration and with 3 teams this year, it could be our best ever season!!



Request: PLEASE COME FORWARD AND ASK IF YOU CAN ASSIST IN SOME OF THIS WORK!!
(Trust me it's critical plus I guarantee you will have a laugh or two doing it).

I intend to start calling around next week and finalising numbers for the April Tour. I'm sure I've told you already but if you haven't been your missing something really special, funny, great Cricket, Golf, activities and the now annual RCC dance off competition.

As for indoor cricket, well what can I say ? Since my stylish 48 not out my phone has been red hot with requests to play at a higher lever (The London indoor representative side, Essex indoor team, European select side & Commonwealth 1s!

Tony the organiser has asked me if I can run coaching sessions for other sides! You know me I love to give!!!! Relax guys I'm not leaving!! My heart is at RCC!

Happy new year all, let's make 2013 a special year! It really is up to you!!!

Remember; a winner is a loser who never gave up (Ghandi).

See you in the winter slips!!

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