



## Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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

### February 2013 Newsletter

#### **TIGSY ACCEPTS SUNDAY CAPTAINCY AND SHARON IS OFFICIALLY OUR CLUB WELFARE OFFICER**

Paul 'Tigsy' Margiotta has agreed to take on the responsibility of Sunday captaincy after this role was left vacant at the AGM. Although Paul will only be able to make around half the matches this will give the our Sunday side a bit of stability with Graham Thwaites, Danny Sadai and James Fuller being able to stand in when Paul is not available. The Sunday side is an important team for the club for the development youngsters, players wishing to play more cricket and anyone that wishes to try and play their way through some poor form. Thank you to Tigsy for taking on this responsibility and all those willing to stand in for the games he will not be able to make.



Tigsy – Sunday Captain, Level 1 Coach, century maker and driving instructor. Is there no end to his talents?



Sharon – Club Welfare Officer, NHS Nutritionist, Scout Leader and Marjorie Dawes style weight loss classes. Is there no end to her talents?

Well done to Sharon Adkins who passed her Club Welfare Officer Course in mid February. This is an important role within the club to ensure that the welfare of all club members, juniors and coaches are at the forefront of the club at all times. Sharon has vast experience in dealing with many local community issues and everyone at the club welcome Sharon to this role and we are sure her experience will be real asset to the club.

### **Playing Update**

#### Indoor Cricket

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013 'D' Team v Matt and the Machine – **'Youngsters make their mark'**

After four consecutive defeats the (mainly) young 'D' Team were keen to get their first win under their belt. Opening bowlers William Emsden and Kieran Howard stated well with William bowling his left arm spin in a controlled way to a three to one off side field. Kieran added some good support and struck with the first wicket by clean bowling the Matt opener. Williams then struck dismissing the other opener to a great catch from Bradley Manning. Danny Sadai then turned back the years with a sharp piece of fielding with a direct hit run out to leave Matt on 24 for 3. Indoor debutant Callum Bennett came onto bowl and after a shaky start trying to get used to the indoor ball, he then rewarded with a wicket from another catch

from Bradley in his final tidy over conceding just 2 runs. William Emsden came back on and continued bowling to his three one field and was rewarded with another wicket this time caught by Callum Bennett. Although the 'D' team conceded 99 in their 12 overs this was by far and away the best effort in the field to date.

Openers Peter Reynolds and Danny Sadai made a steady start before Danny was out LBW. Kieran Howard then joined Peter and they both scored steadily until the 7<sup>th</sup> over when they started to raise the scoring rate. Both batsmen retired on 25, which was a fantastic effort from Kieran who played a controlled innings including a nicely played big 6. William Emsden and Bradley Manning took the score past 60 in an encouraging 5<sup>th</sup> defeat for the 'D' team. The first win is just around the corner!

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013 'B' Team v Dagenham Post' – **'B Team fail to deliver'**

Rainham bowled first and were keen to avenge the 'interfering with the field' defeat to Dagenham Post earlier in the season. Ian Havard made Post work hard for their runs bowling a tidy 3 over spell conceding just 8 runs. Joe Sarro could have been in the wickets but dropped a caught and bowled chance to dismiss one of the Post openers. Kenny Sims and Alex Sullivan bowled as tightly as Ian with Kenny also chipping in with 2 wickets. A good all round bowling and fielding display restricted Dagenham to 63.

Talisman 'Captain Cook' opened the innings with under the weather Paul Collis and kept up with the run rate with Cook using the indoor nurdle to its usual good effect, until Paul was caught going for a big hit. Kenny came in to add support but was dismissed for 3. Alex hit a few hefty blows before losing his wicket going for another one. Joe came and went also caught for a duck to leave Cook and last man Ian Havard to make 25 runs for victory. Disaster struck when Cook was out LBW for 16 which left Ian last man standing to add 20 runs for victory with overs not being a problem. A sterling effort from Ian as he added 11 runs before losing his wicket and the 'B' team just 8 runs short of victory that would have put them well and truly in the promotional mix with 2 game remaining.

10<sup>th</sup> February 2013 'A' Team v Seven Kings 'A' – **'Seven Kings or Rainham Kings'**

After many weeks of indoor match inactivity due the Christmas break and inclement weather (it's indoor!!), Jono was determined to get the 'A' into the top of the table mix and had strong availability for this match. Jas was back from Uni and St. Garnet managed to get out of bed in time for a 5.30pm start, to join 'A' team regulars James Fuller, Ash Foster and Alex Sullivan. Seven Kings batted first and continued in their all or nothing style of swinging the bat and running for everything. The pick of the Rainham bowlers were Alex Sullivan, who continued his indoor bowling form, with 2 wickets and St. Garnet, also with a brace of wickets, to keep Kings 'Gung hoe' batting style to 80 all out.

This is a fair target to chase and openers Ash Foster and Garnet started in positive fashion with Ash playing steady and accumulating runs and Garnet reaching 25 quickly to retire to let James Fuller to continue where he left off. James lost his wicket for 18 and Ash continued to make 24 not out to lead the 'A' team to a second victory out of four and a potential top 3 position.

17<sup>th</sup> February 2013 'C' Team v Noak Hill Taverners - **'Will's spin can't seal the win'**

With five wins and one loss the 'C' team were keen to carry on their winning ways against Noak Hill who they beat earlier in the season, but have only suffered 2 losses themselves. Noak Hill batted first and as usual Jamie Adkins and George Light got Rainham off to a good start each claiming a wicket each and keeping the runs down. Captain Ash then brought on Will Emsden, who he nicked from the 'D' team, to give his left arm spin a go on his 'C' team debut. Will then done his Captain proud by claiming 3 Taverners wickets. A further wicket from Harry Light dismissed Noak Hill for 66 runs.

Rainham immediately struggled with the bat with only George Light contributing any significant score with 17 runs in a paltry response of 38 all out and a second loss of the season.

17<sup>th</sup> February 2013 'C' Team v Goresbrook 'C' – **'Harry's might doesn't give up the fight'**

After a poor batting display against Noak Hill the 'C' Team immediately had the chance to redeem themselves by going straight into the very next game against Goresbrook. Jamie and George were again in the wickets sharing the wickets with Will and Harry, but did not quite bowl with the control as a unit as they had against Noak Hill and Goresbrook set a challenging total 82 runs.

Openers Harry and Ash were determined to put the Noak Hill batting display behind them and immediately got into the groove with both retiring on 25 runs, to give Rainham an excellent start. The batting wobbles again kicked in with James Fuller, George Light, Jamie Adkins and Will Emsden all losing their wickets in quick fashion. Harry and Ash came back in but Ash could only muster a couple of more runs before being the 5<sup>th</sup> Rainham wicket to fall and leave Harry last man standing and still 15 runs to score with overs running out. Harry batted with great maturity to lead Rainham to victory ending up on 43 not out to make amends for the earlier team display.

24<sup>th</sup> February 2013 'B' Team v Seven Kings 'B' – **'Jamie & Ash can't stop Kings'**

After a heavy defeat against Seven Kings earlier in the season the 'B' team were keen to turn around that result to keep their promotion hopes on track. Seven Kings batted first and set the tone in the first over with plenty of runs including a big six. Jamie Adkins kept the Kings batsman in reasonable order by taking a couple of wickets with his in swingers (How does he do that with an indoor ball?). The Seven Kings batsmen all carried on the momentum and eventually ended up with 141 runs with all the Rainham bowlers Kenny Sims, Sid Patel and Joe Sarro gallantly plugging away to try and keep the runs down.

Captain Cook and late replacement Sid Patel started with good momentum until Sid called Cook for a run and some sharp Kings fielding led to Captain Cook being run out to a direct throw that left the fielder's throw like an arrow. Ash Foster came in and batted really well retiring on 25 but also seeing the loss of Kenny, Sid, Joe and Jamie. Ash carried on as last man standing to make 40 well crafted runs to take Rainham to 82 runs at the end of the innings. With only one game remaining it's unlikely that Cook's Crusaders will secure promotion this season.

### London Riverside BID Sponsored Shirts

The London Riverside BID have kindly agreed fund 22 shirts so enough for the 2 current league teams. Galaxy Teamwear is our chosen supplier and the order placed on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Hopefully these shirts should be ready the start of the playing season.

## Social Events

### Golf Day



A golf day has been arranged for all members of the club and any friends and family they would like to invite. The course will be Stockbrook Manor in Billericay and will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, which is during the half term holidays. The cost will be around £45 for a full English breakfast, a team event of 9 holes of golf, ham, egg and chips for lunch and then followed by the individual competition of 18 holes of golf. This is supposed to be a very nice course and we have got a decent deal. If

anyone wishes to play please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 or send an email to [peter.reynolds@romec.co.uk](mailto:peter.reynolds@romec.co.uk). Numbers will be limited to 24 so please ensure you get in first.

## Funding

### England and Wales Cricket Trust Small Grants Scheme

An application has gone in to the England and Wales Cricket Trust Small Grants Scheme to apply for funds to part pay for a new double glazed patio door for the front of the club house to replace the existing double wooden doors. Ian Gibbs has managed to get us a good deal on the new door and our application will hopefully assist to pay for the double glazing doors, which should enable better light into the club house as well as better insulation during the winter and a cooler environment during the summer.

### Lord's Taverners Non-Turf Pitch Scheme

We have been successful with our bid with the Lord's Taverners Non-Turf Pitch scheme and have been granted £2,000 to go towards our new outdoor net facility. Details of where we are with this project is below. This money should help us with everything we need for this project including the disposal of the spoil.

## General News

### New Outdoor Net Facility

Our planning application for a new outdoor net facility has come to a bit of a snag. Havering Council have request A1 size plans for the boundary of the park and an elevation plan and Jason Jarvis has completed these plans but in A0 size due to the size of the boundary of the park. We are still awaiting a reply from the council to confirm this is OK and once this has been confirmed the planning application will hopefully be put back on track for the facility to be built by early April.

### NatWest Cricket Force Day



This year's NatWest Cricket Force day will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April and as usual we will need as many volunteers as possible to ensure the club and its playing facilities are ready for the start of the season. Biffa, a local recycling and waste disposal company, has again agreed to provide a skip free of charge so another vote of thanks to Biffa for their generosity in supporting our club. The tasks that have currently been highlighted to be completed on the day are as follows, so if anyone has or know of anyone that can donate some paint then it will be gratefully accepted:

- Finish painting the doors to the corridor and changing rooms
- Paint bar door
- Wash down external walls of club house by finishing off the weather shield paint and gloss
- Wash down changing rooms
- Wash down toilets and showers
- Replace locks on changing rooms
- Lay laminate flooring to main club house area, kitchen and ladies toilet
- Paint the cricket equipment store room
- Paint the bar store room
- Clear the rear of weeds and shrubs
- Pitch maintenance drag brush, roll, scarify, mow
- Hang pictures on the wall
- Hang new match day duties whiteboard on wall
- Ensure Club Mark literature notice board is up to date
- Clear Rubbish
- Clear bar store
- Clean Kitchen and appliances
- Clean and tidy the container
- Clean and tidy the umpires room

### Junior School & Community Links

Links into junior schools and the local community is gaining momentum where we now have the following plans in local junior schools.

- Rainham Village – School Assembly on 25<sup>th</sup> February and 2 coaching sessions on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April
- Parsonage – School Assembly 11<sup>th</sup> March and a coaching session on 14<sup>th</sup> March
- La Salette – School Assembly 25<sup>th</sup> March and 2 coaching sessions on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rainham Scouts Group – 28<sup>th</sup> March presentation at the Scouts AGM
- Newtons – School Assembly and coaching sessions agreed but TBA
- Brady – School Assembly and coaching sessions TBA
- Whybridge - still yet to establish any contact

Let's hope these links into local junior schools continue to grow year on year, to try and attract youngsters into the youth section

### Jono's On Countdown

A surprise that recently came out of the woodwork was Club Secretary Jon O'Neill return to the long running Channel 4 TV programme Countdown as a former Champion when he was only 15!



Aaahhh – Jono in his original appearance on Countdown as a 15 year old

Jono has kept his previous Countdown past quiet, but he has put in a few impressive performances on the recent Supreme Championship series and although he has the knack and skill at Countdown he still needs to improve in the far more demanding Rainham CC annual quiz! Jono has made it to the semi final of this Countdown Supreme Championship series, so well done Jono impressive stuff and good luck in your semi.

### Jason Downton – Rainham CC Flyers

Jake Downton's Dad, Jason, came up with the idea of posting some flyers through the door of local houses to try and recruit some more players for the youth section. Jason is a local postman at Rainham Delivery Office and he knows where families live on his round so he has volunteered to post around 200 Rainham CC flyers through the doors of some local houses, after he has completed his round to try and see if it generates some further interest to boost our numbers in the youth section. A big thank you to Jason and let's hope his efforts have the desired effect.

### Essex CCC Cricket Tickets

Danny Sadai has done us proud yet again as he has secured pairs of tickets for the following Essex CCC T20 matches.

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July v Kent
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July v Sussex
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July v Surrey

It has yet to be decided how to allocate these tickets but they will probably be awarded for impressive performances during senior or junior matches.

### Coaches Tracksuits

There are a few rumours going around that the coaches tracksuits are too loud and gaudy to wear. As you can see from the photos below the coaches tracksuits (middle) blend in nicely with the Uranian tracksuits from the 2012 Olympics (right) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> divers (left) behind winner Tom Daley at the recent British Diving Championships. You'll all be wanting and wearing one soon!



### Chairman's Notes

Well nearly there!! Start of the new season and once again I ask all members/parents and anybody connected to our club to show up with overalls on Nat West day. Lots of work and if everybody does an hour you would not believe the difference it makes. Hope to see you there.

Indoor cricket has gone well this year with lots of new players and my own form actually becoming more consistent. Please do not be intimidated, strive to catch me (I know that's ridiculous). You can never have my good looks and athletic body but at least try.

Talking of sporting prowess, early exchanges took place in the President/Chairman's rivalry when the President [Bumper], Graham Page took on James (Is it six if I hit the back wall) Fuller and I in Tennis. A hard fought draw was the conclusion with Bumper and Pagey "Developing" back injuries as we closed in on a final set. Bumper still sore about the Tennis coach asking if I had had professional training (How we laughed). Of course not it is just your inspirational multi talented sports God of a chairman.

Great news with 12 fixtures for a third team this year playing at Thames Rugby club, gonna be a great summer.



**See you in the slips!!**

**Cooky!!**