



## RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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### June 2014 Newsletter

#### **Youth Teams Successes & Kenny Finally Scores a Half Century**

There were a few historic moments for the club this month with the youth teams leading the way in rewriting the Rainham CC history book. After the under 13s gained their first ever point in the Havering League in tying with Hornchurch Athletic at the end of the previous month and at the start of June beat Harold Wood by 38 runs in a low scoring encounter at Spring Farm Park.

The under 11s finally got their campaign under way with some real bad luck with the weather and were defeated in their first match against a strong Upminster A team. In only their second game at Gidea Park and Romford in the glorious sunshine and endless supply of tea and Victoria Sponge from our marvellous hosts, Jay Downton's under 11s won by just 9 runs in a thrilling end which went right to the last over. There was some great batting, bowling and fielding from all the boys. A special mention to Ethan Smith who was struck on the head in his very first match going for a catch against Upminster, and the following week bravely played against Gidea Park and Romford and contributed a valuable 2 not out.



The under 11s pose for a team photo with Team Manager Jason Downton

Finally well done to all the boys who have played in the under 16 joint team with Goresbrook by making it to the second stage of the Matchplay competition by scoring 325 against Basildon in their final league match for a 117 runs victory and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in their 5 team group. The Rainham boys definitely played their part with Ronnie Jackson and Tyler Bunn both scoring 75 and Bradley Manning adding a swift 45 not out at the end. The next group stage will be tough with matches against Wanstead, Upminster and Fives & Heronians, so good luck to all the boys in this valuable cricketing experience.

It was a real pleasure being present at all 3 of these special moments for the club and well done to Team Managers Paul Newman, Jason Downton and Coaches Steve Jackson, Adrian Moon and helper Warren Courtney for the time and effort they have put in with the boys during the last month.

Finally after many years down the club, Kenny Sims scored his first ever 50 for the club at Galleywood 3<sup>rd</sup> XI and then followed it up by 2 more in the next two 3<sup>rd</sup> XI fixtures against St. John's Billericay 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Old Chelmsfordians 4<sup>th</sup> XI. Some say Kenny's a bit tight, but I am sure he will have bought his 3 jugs of beer for all down the club. This leaves Brearley's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI top of Division 12 at the half way stage of the season.

## **Playing Update**

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

Another mixed and traumatic month for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI with 2 consecutive defeats against Havering- atte-Bower and Writtle and then a real spirited 2 runs victory against Great Waltham with Jono and Ankit both scoring 70s and spinners Biren Patel, Alex Sullivan and Ankit sharing 8 wickets amongst themselves. This leaves the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in 7<sup>th</sup> place but in a league where no team seems to be taking control this could all change as they are only 26 points (or one full points victory) away from 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

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

Gibbo's XI are still going strong in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the end of June with 3 victories against Mountnessing, a close 2 runs victory against Hockley and a 7 wickets victory against Rayleigh 4<sup>th</sup> XI. Only a 4 wicket loss to top of the table Terling 2<sup>nd</sup> XI spoilt an almost faultless month. Some good batting from Pauls Collis, Alex Sullivan, Tigsy, Ash Foster and Mickey Clifford during this month and good bowling from George Light, especially at the death against Hockley, Johnny Wratten and Dipal Patel being the highlights.

### **3rd Team**

Four out of four for Brearley including a win against top of the table Great Baddow 4<sup>th</sup> XI, followed up by wins against Galleywood 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, St. John's Billericay 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and Old Moanfordians 4<sup>th</sup> XI. Georgie Gough has continued to impress with the bat and so has veteran Adrian Moon with impressive bowling displays from youngsters Abdul Altaf, Umer Ellahi, Charlie Puncher and Kenny (best all-rounder in the club!) Sims.

Georgie Gough's impressive displays were rewarded with an outing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI against Rayleigh 4<sup>th</sup> XI so it was very disappointing when Georgie dislocated his knee, which will probably end his season. We all wish Georgie a speedy recovery.

## **Youth Section**

### **Under 11s**

The under 11s finally got their first match under way against Upminster 'A' and a fine bowling and fielding display kept Upminster below 290 with the pick of the bowlers being Teddy Gough with 3 wickets and other highlights being great catches from Jake Downton and Thomas Chaplin. A defeat in the first game was then followed by a victory against Gidea Park and Romford by 9 runs, in a finger nail biting finish. Great displays from all the boys who all contributed with bat, ball and in the field, and a special mention for Charlie Vickers who scored 9 not, took 2 catches and 3 wickets.

The final match of the month was against Ardleigh Green who restricted the under 11s to just 235 runs, with the main difference being the loss of 10 wickets that cost 50 runs. Ardleigh Green batted well to steer themselves to victory by 45 runs. Overall a fantastic start for the under 11s, especially with a victory in only their second ever Havering League match

### **Under 13s**

Yet another busy month for the under 13s with 3 havering League matches, 2 Peter Coe Cup matches and a Havering Cup match. The very first match of the month was against Harold Wood in the league and after a below par batting display being dismissed for just 65 runs, the bowlers did a fantastic job of dismissing Wood for just 28 runs for a first ever under 13 Havering League win. A nice day out at high Roding in the Peter Coe Cup saw High Roding score a massive 330 runs in their 30 overs with Raj Hothi taking 3-37. This was followed by a spirited batting display where the under 13s batted out the 30 over losing just 7 wickets and scoring 149 runs with Nakul Patel scoring 26 not out Harry Spear finally surpassing 12 runs, scoring 21, and James Clark and Jamie Eacott both getting into double figures. Scott Mansfield also looked good opening, before being run out.

Three further defeats followed in the Havering Cup against Gidea Park and Romford, a league match against Goresbrook and a Peter Coe Cup defeat against Hornchurch, but on each occasion there was some good individual displays and improvement.

### Under 15s

The under 15s started the month off with a league defeat a Gidea Park and Romford where Ronnie Jackson got the team off the a blistering start scoring a quick 30, including a ball losing 6 in a neighbouring garden (Not good when we are supplying the ball!). Harry Spear supported Ronnie well at the top of the innings scoring his usual 12. Under 13s Brandon Honey and Ben Little also batted well as the team were bowled out for 92. Gidea Park and Romford reached the total with 5 overs to spare with Umer Ellahi being the pick of the Rainham bowlers with 2 for 23.

Umer ‘Ellahi and Abdul Altaf were the stand out bowlers against Goresbrook taking 2 for 9 and 1 for 19 respectively as Goresbrook went on the score 110 for 4 in their 20 overs. Top score for Rainham was Joe Attfield (19), Umer Ellahi (13), Bradley Manning (12no) and Abdul Altaf (12) as the under 15s were bowled out for just 66.

The final match of the month was an exciting 2 run defeat against Hornchurch Athletic. Athletic batted first scoring 122 with captain on the day Abdul taking 2 for 17. Good support Tyler Bunn and Ronnie Jackson also contributed to the wicket tally. In reply Rainham lost Alex Nicholl first ball quickly followed by the run out of Ciaran Simpkins and the LBW of Umer leaving the score on just 11 for 3. A great partnership from Ronnie Jackson (52 no) and Abdul (29) took the under 15s to 113 for 5 with 5 overs remaining. Despite the valiant efforts of Daniel Courtney, Charlie Puncher and Joe Attfield the run chase fell short by just 2 runs in a very exciting match.

### Under 16s

The combined Rainham and Goresbrook under 16s needed to win their final match after 1 win, 1 abandoned game and one loss, to finish second in their group and progress to the second stages of the Essex Matchplay competition. The combined XI batted first and got off to a storming start with both openers scoring 50 and Ronnie Jackson adding 75 of these before being controversially being given out LBW! Tyler Bunn came in at 4 and continued where the openers left off blasting 75 runs of his own before being bowled. At the end of the innings Bradley Manning hit a quick 45 not out to set Basildon a massive target of 325 for victory in 40 overs.

Basildon batted well in reply but could only make 208 in their 40 overs with Umer Ellahi taking a wicket on his under 16 debut.

The second stage draw pitted the Combined XI against Upminster, Fives and Heronians and their first game against a strong Wanstead under 16s. Wanstead came out on top in this match dismissing the under 16s for just 89 runs and knocking the runs off losing just 3 wickets, but a great achievement making the second group stage and fantastic experience of playing against teams of this calibre can do our boys nothing but good.

### June Star Performers\*

<u>Batting</u>	<u>Bowling</u>
Alex Sullivan 96 v Hockley	Biren Patel 5 for 25 v Ilford Lions
Adrian Moon v Old Chelmsfordians 4ths	
Ankit Rana 78 v Great Waltham	
Ronnie Jackson 75 v Basildon	
Tyler Bunn 75 v Basildon	

\* From memory as we have not been good at posting our results on the Playcricket website

## Social Events

### Countdown Challenge – Who Can Beat Jono? & England’s World Cup Countdown

A successful night with Jono wiping the floor of all comers and 10 teams feebly biting the dust to the King of Countdown. The best team effort came from Alex Sullivan, Derek Sullivan and new boy Lee, as they managed to get one of the Conundrums to amass a team total of 10 points, although this may have been the game where Jono played blindfold. Overall it was enjoyable as Jono made the game look remarkably easy.

After Brearley lead a mass sing song to ‘Three Lions’ and ‘Vindaloo’ to get the atmosphere going for the 2014 World Cup, England then managed to maintain their usual tournament standards by almost ruining the evening, losing 2-1 to Italy!

Special mention to Keith Manning who saved the evening by providing a brand new replacement TV after a little mishap the day before with our TV.

### Bollywood & Curry Night – 12<sup>th</sup> July

Another new theme to try as a social evening with Curry being kindly cooked by Jas Hothi’s Mum Dash, so please come along to sample some authentic Indian cooking. Be quick with your Curry order on the night as it will be first come first serve for the first 50 and only £6 per portion. Samosa and Tandoori Chicken will also be available. Traditional Indian attire is the desired dress code, but is optional, so please ensure your Kurtas, Sherwanis and Saris are cleaned and pressed ready for the evening’s entertainment.



There will definitely be a dancing competition, a best dressed competition and options are being explored for Indian drumming and games of Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Logori and Gilli Danda.

## General News

### Havering Girls Kwik Cricket Tournament

After hosting the Havering Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament in May we also hosted the Girls tournament during the first week of June with 10 schools participating including Rainham Schools Newtons, Parsonage Farm and Whybridge finishing 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> respectively.

The standard of cricket was very high with the most exciting game being Langtons v Engayne where Langtons came out on top winning by just 2 runs with a boundary saving effort by one of the Langtons girls from the last ball.

Langtons went on to win their group playing Upminster in the final and comfortably winning by 17 runs, to loosen the Upminster Schools dominance of Kwik cricket over the last few years.

Chris Green from the Havering Sports Collective commented ‘This is the most number of teams that have entered the Girls tournament and the standard of cricket is getting better every year’.

Sharon provided her usual excellent hospitality, which has gone a long way towards the Sport Collective asking us to host the tournament again in 2015.



Langtons Girls proudly show off the Winners’ cup

## **Rainham CC - Annual Kwik Cricket Tournament**

This day is gradually turning into one of the highlights of the season. It's now in its second year and this year we managed to attract 8 teams to play with Newtons and Parsonage Farm fielding 2 sides and La Salette, Brady, Rainham Village and Scargill fielding one each.

The format consisted of two groups of four with the top two going through to the semi-finals. Group 1 consisted of Parsonage, La Salette, Newton 2 and Scargill, with Parsonage coming top, ably assisted by Raj Hothi and Jake Downton, and La Salette finishing second.

Group 2 consisted on last year's winners Newtons, Parsonage 2, Brady and Rainham Village who lost all of their matches the previous year. Rainham village turned the tables, in a close fought group, finishing top and Newtons still with a chance of retaining their title by finishing second.

The semi-finals saw Parsonage take on Newtons and La Salette playing Rainham Village as Newtons were relieved of their title by Parsonage and La Salette getting better in every match beating Rainham Village. The final could not have been better with La Salette winning of the very last ball with the teams tied and Parsonage losing a wicket. Newtons claimed the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play off in another tight match winning by just one run.

Thanks to all the Young Leaders from Champion and Emerson Park Schools for all the umpiring and scoring duties and to Rainham CC volunteers Sharon Adkins and Steve Jackson who have supported all of the Kwik Cricket Tournament Events. Also to sponsors the London Riverside BID for providing the medals and Graham Smith from Essex CCC for providing the certificates for all participants.



La Salette with their medals and cup

## **The Grass is Always Greener.....**

Utopia Cricket Club has resurfaced and relocated its HQ to a new destination in the RM11 postcode .....Enough said!!

## **Club Team Photos**

If you have been down the club lately you will have probably have seen the impressive team photos on the wall near the bar kindly organised and arranged by Keith and Debbie Light. An example of the under 11 Team photo is at the top of this newsletter and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Team below. All 7 club teams have had their photos taken so if you would like a copy of one the team photos please contact Keith Light. There will be a small charge of around £1.50 if you would like your own personal copy.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI before Georgie Gough crocked his knee and shaved off his Afro

## Georgie Gough

As previously mentioned in this Newsletter it was a real shame when Georgie Gough dislocated his knee playing for the second XI against Rayleigh IV a few weeks ago, especially as his was showing such great form and consistency with the bat and also bowling just as well. All of the club wish Georgie a speedy return, but not before he is fully fit and raring to go. Georgie is the only club honours tie recipient so far this season with his fine 109 on the first league game of the season. Let's hope we have more ties to present by the time the season ends.

## Chairman's Notes

Due to the late running of the newsletter this month, The Chairman's notes will be back next month.

Although a reminder from all Committee members that all Club members should have paid their annual subs to date, which are £80 for senior club members and £50 for juniors and concessions. The Council has predictably increased our pitch fees by 50% this season, so its important annual subs are paid.

