



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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April/May 2016 Newsletter

Tour Opener & Under 12s First Peter Coe Cup Success

First of all: apologies for the delay in getting the latest newsletter out. Time has been an issue so April and May's news will be combined

The wet start at the season finally got under way with Jono's organised tour to Trowbridge, over the weekend of 22nd to 24th April, which was a real club bonding trip to a very nice part of the world. The first match of the tour was also victim of the weather as the match against Trowbridge was cancelled, which may have been a relief to some (Tom & Biren!) after a long night out in Bath. Others found ways of making the most of their day by taking a trip to Bath to watch the Bath v Sale Sharks premier league Rugby Union match.

The following day was a nice gentle drive to Warminster where the sun shone and the facilities were fantastic with their own indoor net and a lovely looking ground and pitch. Rainham batted with Sid, Biren and Jas batting well getting into the 20s, but no one failed to do better as some tight bowling, especially from their young opening bowler, ensure Rainham were dismissed for 131. Some may say this was down to a second consecutive long night in Bath. Warminster made the runs with 15 overs to spare losing just 3 wickets from Dipal, Abdul and Charlie. The bowling display was memorable for Jono's first ball bearing a close resemblance to Steve Harmison's first ball at Brisbane in the 2006/07 Ashes series in Australia and Joe Attfield doing the best to destroy the car that took him down to Trowbridge by bowling a series of long hops and full tosses. There was even a rumour that Harry Light may actually play some cricket on a cricket tour!

Overall the tour was a great success with everyone having a good time, so let's hope a Rainham CC tour gets back to being an annual event on the social/playing calendar. A big thank you to Jono for organising it and Jamie Adkins for arranging the fixtures.



Jono 'the Athlete' preparing for his first bowling spell in 2016 at the lovely ground of Warminster



The tour party prepare for their first match against Trowbridge by taking on the nightlife in Bath



The scene that greeted the touring party on the morning of the match in Trowbridge

Once the season finally got under way we fielded an under 12 team for the very first time by participating in this year's Peter Coe Cup in its new format. Their first match was on the first Bank Holiday in May at home against Maldon and after batting first and losing 4 wickets for 12 runs, the team rallied and ensured they batted out the full 25 overs scoring 66 for 9 with Kyan Lehal top scoring with 15 and some good support from Billy Bryant and Leo Fezvi-Hunt being undefeated on 7. Maldon knocked off the runs but not without losing 3 wickets taken by Charlie Vickers, Alfie Stouchbury and Louis Smith.

The next match was 2 weeks later against Woodford Green and this time Rainham bowled first and put in an excellent display in the field taking sharp catches, stopping boundaries and bowling well restricting Woodford Green to 81 all out in 21 overs. The wickets were shared by Charlie Vickers (3), Alfie Stouchbury (2), Kyan (1), Oliver Tully (1), Hayden Musham (1), Flynn Treanor (1) and a run out from Charlie.

The Rainham innings got off to a solid start as Leo and Hayden took the score onto 21 for the first wicket, but the solid start was followed by a flurry of wickets. The 'midnight revellers' of Kyan and Flynn then steadied the ship and started to keep the scoreboard ticking over when Kyan was bowled for 11, which was the 7th wicket to fall and the odds looking very much in favour of a Woodford Green victory with overs running out. This brought Olly Tully to the crease who batted sensibly taking quick singles at every opportunity to ensure Flynn took the bowling to keep the runs accumulating. Olly then lost his wicket with one over to go and 7 runs still required for victory and Flynn then took full responsibility hitting 2 consecutive balls for 4 and a 2 wicket victory with Flynn 20 not out. Well done to Jason Downton and Warren Courtney for managing the team and leading them to our first ever under 12s Peter Coe cup victory.



The under 12s, with Jay and Warren, celebrate their win against Woodford Green to get the Peter Coe cup campaign off to a good start



Batting hero Flynn Treanor is greeted by his proud Mum.

Playing Update

1st Team

After 3 consecutive dodgy batting displays, one on tour, a friendly against Basildon and the first division 1 league game against Canvey the 1st team got their first victory against last season's top 4 team Brookweald, which we hope will give them the confidence in future league matches.

Unfortunately the next match against last season fellow promotes South Weald was another disappointing batting performance being dismissed for just 129, but a spirited bowling and fielding display could not prevent a 4 wicket loss.

Finally an excellent bowling display from Dpial (4 wickets) and Tyler (3 wickets) ensured 2nd top Great Totham were dismissed for just 104 and Rainham went on to win the match comfortably by 7 wickets to take the 1st team to 6th in the table after 4 matches.

2nd Team

After a good display in a friendly at Havering-atte-Bower losing in the last over after posting 245 it has been 3 consecutive victories with a reverse against Havering- atte-Bower II, Herongate and Great Wakering. The bowling has been on fire so far with all teams being dismissed for less than 100 with Harry Light and Abdal Altaf in the wickets and Daniel Purton making his 2nd XI debut with 2 wickets for 11 in 5 overs. Finally, another convincing bowling display against Mountnessing ensured the 4th game on the trot of dismissing the opposition for less than 100 and a 4th consecutive victory and the 2nd team top of the league at the end of the month.

3rd Team

A very young looking 3rd XI got the season off to a good start with a win against Great Baddow III and followed by a loss to Wickham II in our first match at a temporary new 3rd team home venue in Basildon. Jamie Eacott took 4 wickets in the first league victory and Ben Little has been in the runs with the bat. A second defeat by Rayleigh V was notable for the 3rd XI debut of Sam Crotch who was in the runs and wickets after being out of the game for a few years. The final match in May was against Eastwood III and a man of the match performance from Tony Stouchbury with 70 runs and a 53 run victory the leave the 3 team 5th at the end of the month.

Sunday 1st Team

Two competitive matches for the Sunday 1st Team with a home loss against KTM where the batting was again a disappointment and followed by our first t20 Sunday cup fixture with a victory against Gidea Park and Romford which was notable for Jono's 80 in 35 balls with good support from Tom Herbert with 39 for a score of 164. This was followed by an equally impressive bowling display with Anish taking 5 wickets in just 4 overs (that's some achievement!) as Gidea Park were all out for 84.

The batting paradise of Hockerill was hoping to give our batters some confidence, which it certainly did as Sid (101) and Neeral (50) contributed to a total of 250 in a victory over Hockerhill. Daniel Purton capped off a fine weekend with another 4 wickets to add to the 2 he took the day before.

Sid continued his good Sunday form by scoring 91 in the win against Hainault & Clayhall CC in a Sunday league match, chasing 185 for 9. This was our first win in the Sunday League this year, with wickets being taken by Jono 3, Charlie 3 and Tyler 2.

Under 15s

Our first year in the Cox & Kings cup opened with an away match at Buckhurst Hill with the highlight's being Daniel Purton being run out after chasing his bat that came out of his hands while playing a shot and then getting run out, although he countered this by taking 2 wickets. Some further sharp fielding by Rainham lead to 5 run outs in the Buckhurst Hill innings, but could not prevent them scoring 153. In reply Rainham scored 76 for 9 with top scored being Raj Hothi with 18, James Clark 15 no and Anthony Connor 15.

This was followed by a Havering Cup defeat against Upminster as the 15s were bowled out for 48 and Upminster reaching their target losing just 3 wickets.

A friendly followed against Harold Wood with impressive batting from Jamie Eacott retiring on 30 and James Clark taking 4 wickets in just 3overs for a win by 30 runs.

Under 13s

Only one match for the under 13s in May taking on local rivals Goresbrook in a Havering cup match. Goresbrook batted first and were restricted in their run making early in the innings also losing a couple of wickets by Teddy Gough and Jake Downton. A few expensive overs ensured Goresbrook scored 114 for 5 in their 20 overs with further wickets being taken by Raj Hothi and run outs from Olly Tully and Flynn Treanor.

Raj opened the Rainham innings going on to retire on 30 and had good support from Jake Downton and Olly Tully as difficult batting conditions ensured Rainham lost just 3 wickets in reaching 70 runs and a 44 runs loss.

Rainham Royals Under 19s – T20 Mini Tournament Monday 30th May at Orsett CC

The under 19s start their t20 campaign with a mini tournament on bank holiday Monday 30th May at Orsett & Thurrock CC. The triangular tournament will also feature local rivals Goresbrook, so please come and support Captain Tom Herbert the under 19 squad as their matches commence at 10am v Orsett & Thurrock and 1pm against Goresbrook. The new t20 shirts, below, will be worn during these matches.



Other t20 matches for your diary for the under 19s and seniors below:

- Wednesday 1st June – 1st XI away to Wickford Wildcats– 6pm
- Wednesday 8th June - 1st XI away to Hutton Hawks
- Wednesday 15th June – 1st XI home v Smallgains Super Sixes
- Wednesday 22nd June – Under 19s away v Goresbrook Goats
- Wednesday 29th June – 1st XI home v Belhus Bowmen
- Wednesday 6th July – Under 19s away v Gidea Park & Romford Hangmen
- Wednesday 20th July – Under 19s home v Loughton Legends
- Wednesday 27th July – Under 19s home v Fives Herons
- Wednesday 3rd August – Under 19s home v Barking Lions

For all t20 home games we are looking to have the following set up:

- BBQ
- PA and commentator system with interviews of captain, star bowler/batsmen, etc.
- Hitting zones - prize of free drink and/or prize
- Benches (or just a marked area where during play home and away teams must sit)
- Coloured stumps and zing bails
- 4 and 6 cards
- Cricket based competitions - again prizes of free drink and/or prizes
- Raffle
- Guard of honour for opening batsmen and fielding team - a mix of U11/U13

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Social Events

Six-a-Side & Table Tennis Tournaments

The first 2 social events got under way with the six a side and table tennis tournaments taking place on Sunday 1st May. Jono's team of Warren Courtney, Umer, Raj, Jake and Anish took the honours beating Jas's team. One of the highlights of the day was Jamie Eacott castleing Jas in on e of the qualifying matches.



Jono's team takes the six a side trophy in 2016.
(Warren Courtney was the 6th member of the team)



Jono presents the runners up trophies to Jas's team (Daniel Courtney is missing, but can't remember who the 6th member of the team was)

The table tennis competition took part as soon as the six a side finished so there was a good crowd to watch some close matches. The under 14s final was between Raj and Jake, with Raj coming out on top and the seniors was won by Nakul as Eddie Spear almost made a grand come back after being well behind early on. The night was finished off with a couple of proper table tennis players as Tom tried to avenge last year's defeat by Keith Light, but just fell short in the best of decider after being one up.



Keith presents the junior winners table tennis trophy to Raj



Eddie looks a picture of concentration as Nakul calmly returns a smash to win another point



Keith presents the junior runners up table tennis trophy to Jake

Quiz Night – 14th May 2016

A night that looked as though it would fall flat sprung to life at 8.45pm when an influx of players and guests turned up to ensure we had a healthy number of teams to play for the winners prize of a bottle of Cockspur Rum.

A close fought battle between the 'Team at the Bar' (Jay, Ian Little, Dal Lehal and Ben Hothi) just pipped 'The Legends' of Derek & Alex Sullivan, Dawn Thwaites, Jennifer Farleigh and Peter Reynolds by just half a point. Mainly due to clever use of their Joker on the music round, thanks to expert knowledge of Jay Downton.

Club Open Day & England v Russia Euro Match – 11th June 2016

The next social event will be held on 11th June with a Club Open day starting at 2pm and the England v Russia football match commencing at 8pm. It should be a good day and night, especially if England actually plays well for the first time in a tournament for many years.

The open day will take place at Spring Farm Park at the same time the 2nd team will be playing their division 6 T-Rippon match against second in the league Ingatestone II. The Open Day is looking to attract new players young and old and free coaching and games will take place in the nets, so if anyone you know wishes to give cricket a try please come over anytime from 2pm to 6pm.



The next social dates to put in your diary are as follows, so please come and support the club and social secretary Biren Patel, as we have some new themes this year:

- England v Slovakia Euros – 8pm Monday 20th June
- Race Night – Saturday 8pm 16th July
- 70s Disco Night – 8pm Saturday 13th August
- Presidents Day – 9.30am Sunday 28th August
- Youth Presentation Night – 8pm Saturday 10th September

General News

Biren Patel – Club Cricket Conference

I am not certain how many club members have represented the Club Cricket Conference side during our 120 years of history, but Biren Patel was again invited to play for the Club Cricket Conference under 25 XI against the Chris Gayle Academy at the excellent ground of Woodford Wells CC on Thursday 26th May.

In a tight match Biren did himself and the club credit by bowling a tidy spell and taking a wicket as the Conference won by 1 wicket in the penultimate over chasing 232. This is a great honour to play for the Conference, especially as all other representatives play for clubs in their respective County premier leagues, and hopefully Biren will be the first of many in future years of Rainham CC players being invited to play. Will he be invited to play in their tour of Jersey in September? Details of all CCC representatives for the match against the Chris Gayle Academy below:

Pre-amble:

Venue : Woodford Wells CC
 50/50 overs match
 CCC Match Manager - Roy Smith
 CCC Umpire - Paul Richardson
 CCC Scorer - Emily Routh

Team:

Abhishek Kulkarni (Stanmore CC) - capt
 Sajid Ali (Burnham CC) - wk
 Shalien Assani (Stanmore CC)
 Mohammed Avas (Slough CC)
 Rashidi Boucher (Hornchurch CC)
 Farrukh Chodhury (Hitchin CC)
 Lesbourne Edwards (Wanstead CC)
 Tanvir Hasan (Chingford CC)
 Bilal Mohammad (Uxbridge CC)
Biren Patel (Rainham CC)
 Saurav Prabhakar (Wanstead CC)



Bren Patel – Club Cricket
 Conference representative and
 Rainham CC chief spinner. Will he
 be packing his bags for Jersey in
 September?

Coaching in Schools

We just have one spell of coaching left in St. Albans schools in June, as we have completed over 20 sessions of free cricket coaching in Rainham junior schools of Brady, Newtons, Rainham Village, Parsonage, Scargill, and La Salette. All of these schools will be taking part in the Rainham CC kwik cricket tournament on 9th June, as Scargill will be looking to defend their title. A big thank you to Steve Jackson who has helped with the coaching at nearly all of the training sessions.

Rainham Kwik Cricket Tournaments 9th June – Volunteers

After successfully hosting the Havering boys and girls kwik cricket tournaments on 24th and 26th May, we will be looking for volunteers to host the Rainham CC kwik cricket tournament on Thursday 9th June commencing at 10am. Duties we will be looking to cover are refreshments and ensuring the matches on each pitch run to time. This is the tournament where we really try to promote the club and hopefully some new recruits to our junior section from our local schools. Please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 if you can assist on this day.

As mentioned above we successfully hosted the havering boys and girls tournaments with 23 schools taking part in the boys tournament and 17 schools taking part in the girls tournament, so both very busy days. Engayne were again successful for the 3rd year in a row and the club has a representative in the winning Engayne Team as under 11 Bobby Little played his part in a very exciting final against Upminster Junior school, which went right to the final ball.

Due to our success we have again been invited to host these tournaments in 2017, so it would not be possible without our ever willing volunteers of Suzanne Treanor, Sharon Adkins, Paul Newman, James Clark, Biren Patel, Joe Attfield, Charlie Puncher, Jono and Steve Jackson. Apologies in advance if I have missed anyone.

There will be one final kwik cricket day on Wednesday 6th July which will be the Havering kwik cricket festival for years 3 and 4, so volunteers will also be required for this day.

Mini-Matchplay Festival – 25th August 2016

This year we will be entering 2 teams in the under 11s mini match play festival at the Essex CCC County Ground on Thursday 25th August, so room for 12 players. This is usually a good night, so please try and leave your diaries free and come and support our under 11s at the home of Essex.

Annual Subscriptions

A reminder to pay your annual subscriptions preferably by the first week in May as most of our bills need to be paid early in the season such as pitch fee, league fees, insurance and cricket balls, which come to in excess of £4,000.00. Please also be reminded that the 6 game rule applies to new members only, so anyone else who has been at the club for more than one season should be paying their annual subscriptions no matter how many matches they play.

Annual subscriptions have not gone up this year and remain the same as last season.

- Playing member (full subs) £80
- Unemployed or full time students - £50
- Juniors - £50
- Associate or family member (they will also have voting rights) - £10

Tea Volunteers Still Required

We are thankful to our existing tea duty volunteers of Suzanne Treanor, Dawn Thwaites and Debbie Light for providing excellent teas for our Saturday league matches. There are still 5 dates over the season where teas at Spring Farm Park are not covered which are 4th June, 2nd & 9th July, 6th August and 3rd September, so if anyone would like to offer their services to prepare the teas, then please contact Jas Hothi on 07794-949771.

'Dodgy Dozen' Interview – Tyler Bunn

This month's 'Dodgy Dozen' interview random selection is with Tyler Bunn current 1st team bowler and last seasons' 2nd XI player of the year. Tyler has been with the club since under 13 level and is developing into an excellent cricketer with his bowling, batting and fielding improving season on season. Tyler also assists with the coaching on Monday nights with the junior section after going on the Coach Support Worker course in 2015. Tyler will also be part of the under 19 squad in the t20 competition this year.



Name & Club History:

Tyler Bunn, Rainham CC & Thurrock CC

1) Cricketing Hero (es)?

James Anderson 446 wickets and the happiest cricket player you'll find!

2) Favourite Club Ground (s)?

Hmm.. for quality the best pitch I've played on was up in Horsmondon in a mid-week game in terms of performance my old clubs pitch being Thurrock as I've always got wickets and runs against them for Rainham.

3) Best Innings?

75 from 49 against Basildon in U16 or 41 against Thurrock CC in Sunday Team.

4) Best Bowling?

5-28 against Lyndhurst CC - Jono will tell you plenty seeming as he was one of my 5 wickets!

5) Best Catch/Fielding?

Sunday Team game, fielding down on the boundary at cow corner with Umer bowling took a decent high catch down near the ropes and had Umer telling me the rest of the day how he put me on the boundary!

6) Club Mate Most Like Batting With?

Charlie Puncher - had a few decent partnerships with him since we've been playing as well as a match winning partnership against Thurrock for the Sunday Team.

7) Club Mate Least Like Batting With?

Club mates? I can't choose just one. Like father like son Ronnie and Steve Jackson, they have both run me out a few times whilst I've been playing, the worst being me blocking it to short cover and looking up and seeing Steve at my end! I haven't forgotten about that...

8) Best of Times in Cricket?

2015 - bowled probably the best I have during this year as well as chipping in with the bat for the 1st XI and the 2nd XI, both got promoted and overall good year with the club as a whole!

9) Worst of Times in Cricket?

The worst for me was probably my first year of adult cricket, didn't really know what to expect and was nervous to play, but I was in the 3s in their first year and had to put up with a lecture from Sadai each week!

10) Funniest Moment in Cricket?

Funniest moment, the look on Charlie Puncher's face when Umer managed to get a 5fer before him! Priceless, maybe this year son.

11) Your Music or Song to Enter the T20 Arena?

Shakka - Walk with the Elephants

12) Your Future Vision for Rainham Cricket Club?

For the club to progress as it has been over the past few years and all the teams to reach the top tier of the leagues to show what good of a standard our club has. Oh.... and also for some, hopefully, to see me play a game of cricket where I don't moan, one day it will happen!

Final Sign Off for Newsletter

After 7 years of producing a monthly newsletter in this format it is time to say goodbye and hopefully someone will take it over or find another format that will compatible to social media. I am never entirely convinced that a majority of our membership read the newsletter, but for those that do, and enjoy reading it I think it is a good way of communicating what is happening at Rainham CC.

Goodbye and hopefully a brand new hello from someone else to produce something in a new format.

