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Ladies 1s win vs Purley Walcountians, Mens 1s go down to Team Bath.

Put December 15th in your diary; the GHC Xmas Dinner and Party. Details to follow.

All results, league tables and full fixture list can be found through website.

Mens fixtures for next two weeks

Nov 10				
2 nd	Old Loughtonians	A	1500	
3 rd	Southgate	H	1230	
Shadows	NPL	H	1330	
4 th	Univ of Surrey	H	1400	
Pilgrims	Basingstoke	H	1500	
	Taverners			
Gondoliers	Cancelled	A		
Nov 17				
2 nd	Spencer	H	1330	
3 rd	Spencer	A	1400	
Shadows	Wanderers	H	1400	
4 th	Surrey OBs	A		
Pilgrims	Winchester	A	1200	
Gondoliers	Haslemere	H	1500	
Nov 18				
1 st	Southgate	A	1400	

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

Nov 10					
1 st	Eastbourne	L	A	1330	

2 nd	Merton	L	H	1030	
3 rd	Richmond	L	A	1145	
4 th	Byfleet Ramblers	L	H	1200	
5 th	Tbc				
Nov 17					
1 st	Basingstoke	L	H	1200	
2 nd	Old Georgians	L	A	1500	
3 rd	GHC Fireflies	F	H	1030	
4 th	London Edwardians	L	A	1630	
5 th	GHC 3 rd	F	H	1030	

Match results/reports.

Mens

National League Div 1

Guildford 2 Team Bath Buccaneers 4 (Griffin 2)

After having had 'clear the air' talks we hoped our form might change. But alas this was not to be. As in previous games we started quite well and got into their D on a number of occasions but failed to get shots in goal or any short corners. We did a lot of running but gave the ball away too easily and Bath were two goals up at half time. We had a small squad due to a number of injuries and Paul Scullion was missing but we don't know where. Tom Griffin pulled one back in the second half and there seemed to be some hope. However, not being able to make substitutions resulted in players becoming very tired and we our playing strength was made worse when Tim Darkie suffered a serious cut to his hand which required hospital treatment. The opposition went on to score two more goals and just before the final whistle Tom Griffin scored his second with a deflected short corner to make the score more respectable. We now have another weekend off and more work needs to be done including a significant improvement in fitness. Next game Sunday 18th away to Southgate.

Guidlford 2nd 1 (FatHead) Southgate 6

The game started in high spirits and it showed with the level of intensity Guildford brought to it. Unfortunately by the end of the first half Guildford were down 2-0, the first goal was a short corner and the second I don't even remember? The inspired half time team talk led by Greg's insults and potty mouth gave morale back to the men for the second half. Sadly the final score was 6-1. Most of there goals were from counter attacks which could come down to the lack of structure of the team, the discipline and a few loose errors which could be easily corrected. Hosky was sorely missed, Gillan not so much! But there were a lot of positives to take from the game with Oz who dominated the D, Adam and Phil who played some outstanding balls down the left and right channels, Alan and Dush controlled the centre of the park and

the forwards who all held the ball well when needed and attacked when crucial. Mark Williams got the dreaded GOD (Greg of the Day) with the decisive vote coming from Greg himself. Man of the match was decided from an intense battle that lasted all of one round of Paper, Scissor, Stone between Sandy and Dush.

The count down 3,2,1 Dush foolishly came out over confident with the stone, Sandy a good judge of character could read Dush like a children's book and revealed paper taking the victory and proclaiming Sandy MOM. Good effort all round!

Guildford 3rd 0 Southgate 1

Purley Walcountians 2 Guildford Shadows 1

After 4 wins out of 4 Guildford Shadows met Purley for a top of the table clash, Purley having won their first 4 games as well scoring 23 and conceding 1! So something had to give.

After a frenetic start to the game Purley seem to show just why they were top of the league and Guildford had to defend well to stay in the game. Eventually after 29mins Purley went ahead through a broken down short corner. The first half continuing at a similar pace with chances at both ends including Charlie Hislop hitting the post (oh what might have been...).

Again during the second half the game was fairly evenly poised with Purley just the better team in terms of keeping possession and looking the most threatening. Again there were good chances at either end and Purley eventually got the all important second goal on 55mins following a quick break after picking off a loose pass in the Guildford midfield.

Guildford got a consolation goal in the 69 minute with a well taken shot by Alex Roberts, but sadly it was about 10 mins too late to try to save the game.

Heads up boys, we certainly showed why we're up near the top of this division and this would appear to be the first test Purley have had this season, roll on the re-match and let's get back to winning ways next week!

Guildford 4th 0 Croydon 0

Pilgrims 4 Wimbledon 1

Gondoliers 0 Reading 4

In certain areas of the field, Reading/Guildford 1st XI battles of the 60s were being refought, even if at a rather slower pace. As was commented on, 2007 brought a different result with Reading proving the better side. Gondoliers were under pressure for most of the game and did well to contain a 'youthful' and skilful forward line for much of the game, giving away two goals from shorties and two from open play.

Ladies Reports

Guildford 2 Purley Walcountians 1

Guildford 2nd 0 Richmond 0

Guildford 3rd 1 Walton and Weybridge Hawks 1's 2

Ladies 3's were prepared for a hard fighting battle against the high scoring Walton and Weybridge. With an early start and team warm up, Guildford were feeling confident that we could secure a win, especially since the opposition only had 8 players. Unfortunately the rest of their players turned up and the battle commenced. We had a great start, keeping the majority of possession and were looking confident. We had a few chances in the D but were unable to finish. After a few close chances Walton/Weybridge warmed up and upped their game play, but with a cracking cross from Kate, Chloe tapped the ball in the goal. Guildford kept strong, with the defence working great together, and with some good runs and one-twos up the pitch we were just doing enough to hold off the opposition. The second half again saw determination from Guildford but Walton/Weybridge had a burst of energy just as it seemed ours was waning. They had some good breaks and managed to get two cracking goals. Guildford gave it their all, and really looked like they might get another goal by camping out in their attacking 25 for the last 10 minutes and from their succession of four short corners, but unfortunately the whistle blew with the final score 2-1 to the Hawks. Huge thanks to Mel for stepping in for the second half, especially from Helen C who got to play up front! Also thanks to the great support on the sideline from Sals, Gobby and Little Sam. Man of the match, Kate for her consistent great skill (even when she gets called up for it!) and determination

Guildford Ladies 4th 1 Richmond Ladies 4a 2

Team: Ruth, Chelle, Ellie, Louise, Sarah, Harriet, Claire, Sonja, Jess, Louisa, Anna, Fi, Aisling and Nadine

Arriving 15 minutes late for a league match is never ideal and we have to blame What Nav? for trying to take us on the M3 when there was a huge accident and having to make a slight detour on our way to Richmond!

We didn't start particularly well, lack of a warm up probably didn't help but 15 minutes in to the game we started to look more like we usually do. Claire was making some great tackles and winning the ball back to make Richmond start working that little bit harder. There were a number of chances for this Guildford side to go ahead in the first half, Fi made an attempt on goal but was just wide of the near post and a hit from Louisa outside the D was a near deflection into the goal from Nadine but the goalie made a great save. The first Richmond goal came after a string of short corners and we were unlucky to end the first half 1-0 down.

Second half we looked strong again and kept the pressure on Richmond, 15 minutes in a great pass from Austin to Aisling on the wing who slipped it to Sonja in the D, who then calmly flicked it past the advancing keeper. We were back in the game and we kept up the pace but Richmond came back again in the dying minutes of the game.

DOD: What Nav!

MOM: Claire, great tackles at the expense of some bloody knees again!

Fireflies 3 – 3 Burnham (Julie, Jules x2.)

Thanks to George we picked up a late fixture against Burnham, another Vets team from Slough. It was a very even game with Burnham taking the lead after a short corner strike was poorly cleared by the defence and then smashed into the goal via Mel's finger. Ouch! Shortly after, Barbara went on an amazing run, taking out a Burnham player on her way. The game came to a grinding halt for 5 minutes while she was patched up, then it was our turn for a short corner. Shevs smashed it goal wards, and new player, Julie Sloper followed up - launching herself at the rebound. To her delight (and ours!) the ball crossed the line just before she slid in behind it! A spell of good work from the Guildford midfield put us in control for the next ten minutes and when a pass from Mel found Rusty, her rapid pass forward to the circle enabled Jules to quickly make it 2 – 1.

Fiona came on at right back, and Hazel went up for a run around with the forwards. We had several chances to score, but couldn't put away the shorts corners. Burnham came back at us and levelled the scores before Jules was able to get on the end of a great pass from the right and slot away our third goal. Burnham still had some fight left in them and managed to squeeze in the equaliser, despite Dawn's brave, headlong dive across the face of the goal in an attempt to keep it out.

In fairness, a draw was the right result as we were very evenly matched and it was a great game.

Many thanks to George for finding the fixture and also for umpiring.

Next week we are at home again on the sand at **3:30pm**. (not 11:00am as I think I told some people!)

Colts Report