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# Ladies 1s win for the first time this season!

Ladies 2s also win to move third!

Men's 1s can only draw away at Havant, surrendering first place in the Conference West

# Sponsors/ V-Ps/ 'Friends of GHC' Club Day

### Men's Ist XI vs Cheltenham, 12.00 Sunday 10th February

# LUNCH & WINE IS FREE TO SPONSORS AND THOSE IN THE 'FRIENDS OF GHC' SCHEME. £15 FOR OTHERS : ALL WELCOME!

Be part of the group coming to watch the 1st XI play (12.00 start) their first home game after the midseason break and stay on for lunch with Sponsors, VPs, and people in the 'Friends of GHC'scheme. We will be having a sit down meal with a special lunch from Dave Hall, washed down with a glass of wine and probably some port to follow. It provides an excellent way to meet up with some of the key people in the 1st XI, the GHC management, and colleagues from every era.

VPs and others not involved in sponsorship or the 'Friends of GHC' scheme are asked to pay £15 a head for the festivities over the three hours or so while at the Club. In recent years we have been a group of about 40 and the occasion has been most enjoyable with past/present Gondoliers well represented. I very much hope I can count on you to be part of this year's group. Wives, girlfriends, family members (young and old) are all most welcome. Being so close to Valentine's Day I cannot think of anything more suitable than hockey-viewing and lunch at the Club to thrill the heart of a loved one!

Please reply to Nick Pearse as soon as you can to say: Yes, I/we will be coming...... (+how many) Sorry, not able to be there.

GHC looks forward to seeing you on the 10th!

# FIXTURES

All of the Guildford Hockey Club fixtures are available through the following links:

# MEN

Team	Role	Name/E-mail	Telephone	League	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	Manager	Tony Hall	01483 768832	National West Conference	1st XI
	Coach	lan Jennings	07802 886000		
2nd XI	Captain	Tim Darke		London League Div 1	2nd XI
3rd XI	Captain	Tom Pollard		London League Div 2	3rd XI
Shadows	Captain	Steve Morris	07788 784143	Surrey Open Premier	Shadows XI
4th XI	Captain	Robert Leonard	07796 400450	Surrey Open Div 1	4th XI
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Gondoliers	Captain	Andy Roberts	01483 271206	Wessex SuperVets	Men's SuperVets



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# LADIES

Team	Captain/Email	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	Kate Hutchins	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies1.html
2nd XI	Tracey Henderson	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies2.html
3rd XI	Karen Faulkner	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies3.html
4th XI	Beth Fantastic	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies4.html
Fireflies	Clare Edgington	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/fireflies.html

... also see The Surrey Hockey Association Ladies League www.surreyladieshockeyleague.co.uk

The latest 1st XI League Tables can also be reached via http://www.southleague.org.uk

# MATCH REPORTS

Don't forget to send any match reports from the weekend to **andymatfield@gmail.com** by Tuesday evening.

# Men's Section

# Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

### Southgate 3s 5 - 2 Guildford 3s - 02/02/2013

Again proving what a middle class sport it is, the team this week was again decimated by that terrible scourge of mid-season hockey....ski season! Well, that and ambivalence towards the team and the sport...where have you all gone lads?!? Some of this week's excuses were ropey indeed!

So as the team drifted in to Southgate's comparatively palatial changing rooms (reference: the dusty, unloved village cricket shed offered by Spencer), we were all unsure of a: who each other were and b: whether we would add up to 11. Well, thanks to the legendary Dave (2 pins and a plate in his left ankle, last hockey game – 4 years ago) we only bloody had 12!! A HUGE thanks to Tom, Nick, Tim, Dave and Snowy for turning out to help avoid playing with 8 or 9!

12 players was massively appreciated as we were playing a Southgate side who had comfortably made the second promotion place their own since the very start of the season, and had arrogantly but totally taken us apart in the reverse fixture earlier in the season.

The opening exchanges were again full of Southgate running, with Guildford defending deep in their half, trying to break the energetic and aggressive full-pitch press employed by the hosts. Everything seemed to be going so well until Southgate won a short corner half way through the half, up stepped their drag flicker who slung it past Andy V in goal (curious man of the match shout...?) and with no Sam Hansen on the line, it was in the back of the net. One became two when their bruising, antagonistic central midfield player took a fortunate deflection to slap a straight drive into the roof of the net. Nothing to be done about the second goal, but things were starting to look ominous. Especially with Matfield the stand-in skipper getting green carded...and with all those verbals combined with a card-happy ref...disaster loomed.

However to our credit, the few near little bits of play that Guidlford had put together in the first half soon grew into decent possessions and the odd shot on goal. Solid work in the middle from Snowy (El Blanco as he was once called, and should be his post Costa Rica nickname) and Rich meant that Tom and Rhino had the time to work it intelligently up to a great front pairing of Nick and Jenno's favourite, Ryan. Maybe Southgate relaxed a little now they had the cushion, and maybe it was a little fortuitous, but out of nothing the visitors pulled one back when their errant goalie masterminded one of the most calamitous own goals you will ever see in a hockey game.

If we were given a chance though, we without doubt made the most of it in the first half...great work by Rhino and then Ryan found Nick who finished from in front of the goalie with a great shot to level the scores. Southgate's malaise was compounded by the card happy Antipodean ref, who sent off

their striker and then their captain for a spell on the sidelines – and they really looked all over the place at the break.

Having witnessed in the first half just how easy it was to let Southgate self-destruct – denying them the time and space on the ball they were so clearly used to – it was baffling that Guildford went to sleep in the first 15 minutes of the second half. Suddenly Southgate's movement looked dangerous and there were players popping up unmarked all around the D...the hosts unsurprisingly moving another couple of goals ahead as the Guildford defensive unit faltered badly.

Guildford kept chasing the game, and their suspect defence coughed up another goal when Nick legs were taken from underneath him with the most bizarre of ankle-hooks. Just in case the referee missed it, Nick proceeded to indulge in the most flamboyant of swan dives that many a skinny Argentine footballer would have been proud of...and a minor tussle of masculinity ensued over who was to take the flick. After Rhino won, Ryan pointed out that this was the only way he actually stood a chance of scoring in this league, Rhino relented...and to be fair to RAF goon, he dispatched the penalty with aplomb, giving the keeper no chance.

To be fair to the hosts, they looked comfortable with their lead, and even managed to score again before the death, albeit from another outrageously loopy, unintentional deflection. As el Blanco put it after the final whistle...a fair result in the end.

MOM: Andy Valner sneaked it, despite that diabolical shorty miss early in the game.

DOD: Everyone got votes this week, but again we decided to give it to a newcomer who had kindly turned out to save us playing with low numbers, Nick.

# Ladies' Section

# Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### Ladies 2s v Barnes Hounslow Ealing 2s – 1-0 (Kerry)

We arrived at the cold Barnes pitch knowing there was nowhere to get changed, however we found somewhere which was handy as Genie needed to put her Karate Kid outfit on, so then we were fully ready.

We had a few new / returning faces to the team so we spent the warm up talking through how we try to play and planned our strategy – get the ball, score.

The first half was pretty much them getting the ball and trying to score and they would have except we had Maddie in goal who played her game of the season (so far!) and saved shot after shot, many one-on-one's from close range. The defence tried to help out and save her from onslaught but she was unbeatable (thank goodness!). So I guess Alice is right, defence is a cushy number as Maddie just sorts it all out! We did pick ourselves up and the last 15 mins of the first half was much better with us holding onto the ball and working it into their 25 time after time.

Second half started still with the game hanging in the balance but we all agreed we needed to get a tangible result from the game. To be honest they were the more skilful team but we worked hard to break up their attacks and Maddie again kept us in it with some great saves from several shorts.

With about 3 minutes to go we got a short. Kit was to hit straight down the middle for Kath to deflect in. Injection was good, stop was good, Kit hit wide of right post (whoops) but thank god for Kerry and her fearless diving as she slid in on her knees to deflect the ball into the far corner. Boom!!!

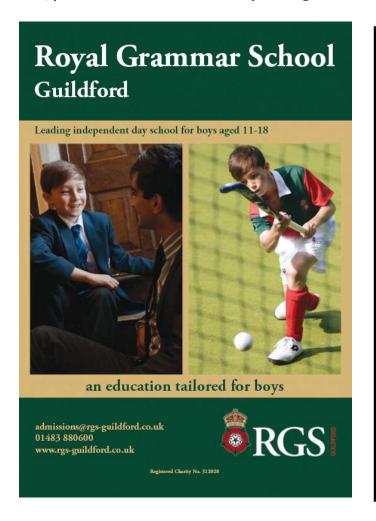
A really good team performance with everyone working hard. We didn't do man of the match but I think the team would agree that Maddie would have won it if we had.

Dick of the Day (again not voted for so we go with my vote as I'm writing this!!) and that went to Lou for abandoning us and then rudely scoring for the 1's! Joke! Really pleased for those guys for their win too. J

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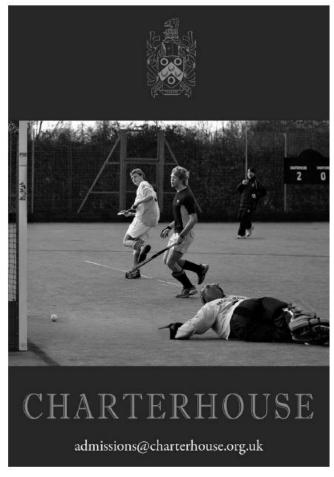
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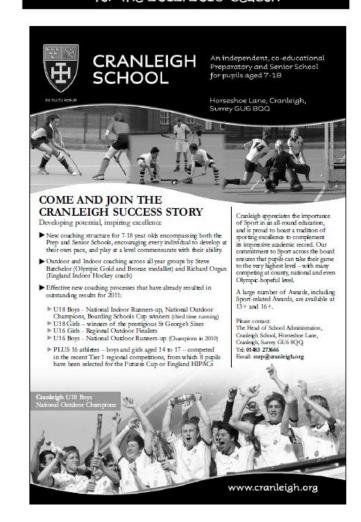
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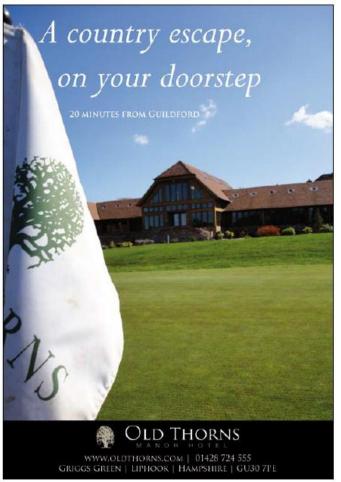
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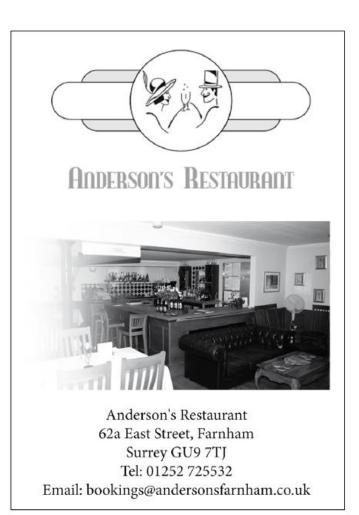
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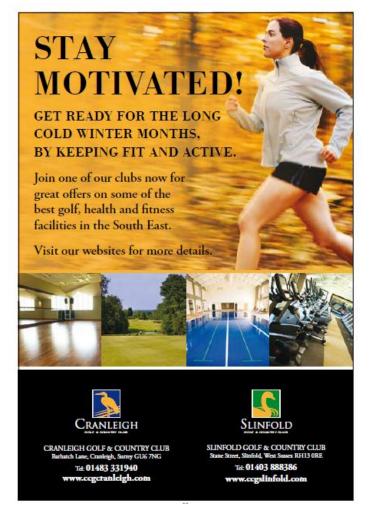




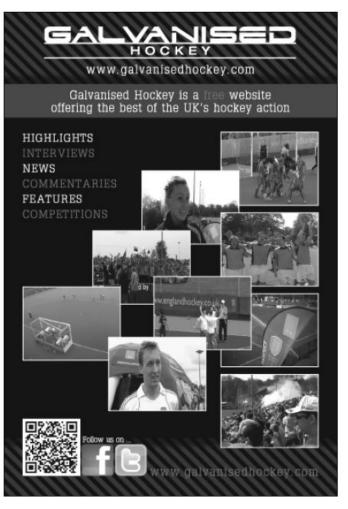


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