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Ladies 1s and Mens 1s both secure wins at home.

Men squeak home with a narrow 4 - 3 victory against
bottom placed Bournville.

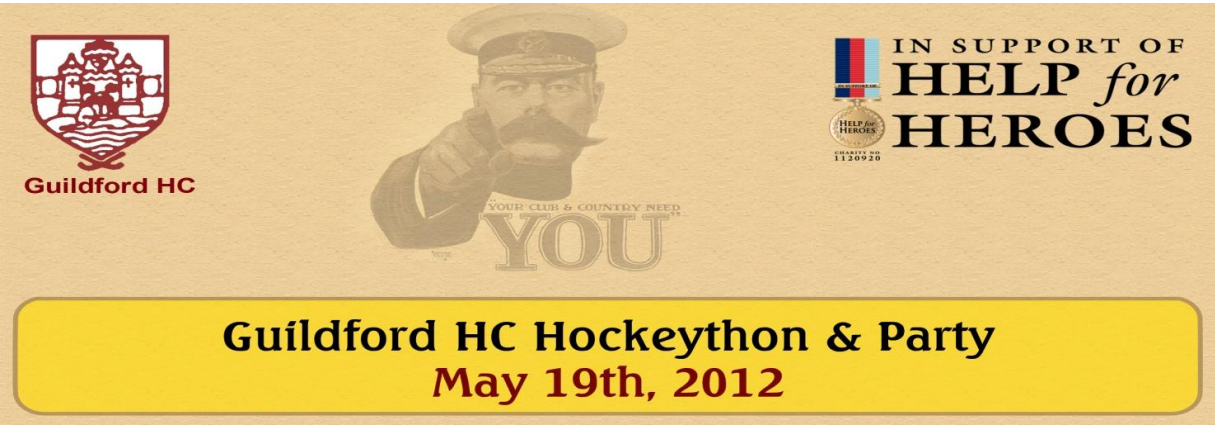
Ladies score 7 in win against Southampton.

Current news:

GHC HOCKEYTHON 2012

Saturday May 19th will be the all new GHC Club day raising money for Help the Heroes and GHC: read on for more details....





You should have been sent all the information about this event by your captain. If you haven't, let them know!

Great news!

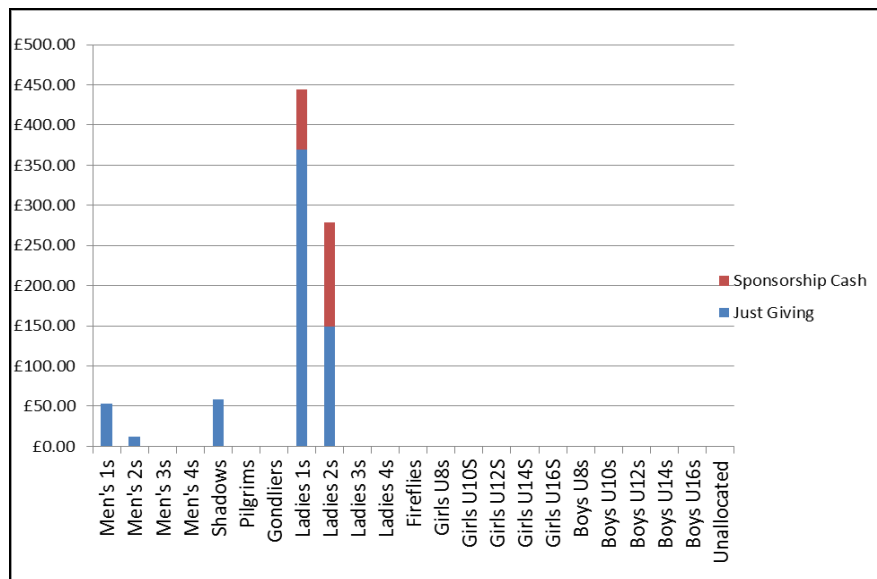
36 people have already created a just giving fundraising page – the quickest and easiest way to raise funds. To create your page simply use the link below and follow the instructions:

<http://bit.ly/zGGHYQ>

Once you have created your page, simply email the address of your new page to your friends, colleagues and contacts and ask them to support this event.

You can also link your page to your Facebook profile.

Over £840 has already been raised by club members! See which teams have raised the most:



If you have already raised money without using just giving, do still create a profile to let us know – there is an option for 'offline funds raised.' Alternatively, tell your captain how much you've raised and your amounts can be added to the above graph.

GHC CAR WASH!



Well done and thank you to the hardworking members of the Ladies 2s who gave up their time on Saturday to clean the cars of anyone who was at Broadwater School!

The ladies raised just over £130 on the day so fantastic work by them and to those of you who paid for a wash!

If you or your team would like to carry out any fundraising activities prior to the Hockeython event, get in touch!

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FIXTURES

All of the Guildford Hockey Club fixtures are available through the following links or by going to the FixturesLive website www.fixtureslive.com

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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	Ian Jennings	07802 886000		
2nd XI	Coach	Guy Fordham	07725 959205	London League Prem	2nd XI
3rd XI	Captain	Phil Harris	07825027938	London League Div 2	3rd XI
Shadows	Captain	Steve Morris	07788784143	Surrey Open Premier	Shadows XI
4th XI	Captain	David Cull	07973 731402	Surrey Open Div 4	4th XI
Pilgrims	Captain	Nick Winn	07766 827461	Wessex Masters	Men's Vets
Gondoliers	Captain	Andy Roberts	01483 271206	Wessex SuperVets	Men's SuperVets

Mens 1s – EHL National Conference West details at <http://bit.ly/qubxys>

LADIES

Team	Captain/Email	Telephone	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	Sam Carr	07810 880153	1st XI
2nd XI	Claire Coles	07727 100118	2nd XI
3rd XI	Sarah Kilfeather & Rozzie Allen	07895 806832	3rd XI
4th XI	Katy Lee	07725 265498	4th XI
Fireflies	Kirsten Foulkes	07968 004848	

... 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>

Upcoming fixtures at Broadwater School

Please note that due to recent postponements due to the weather conditions, some of these times may be subject to change. Contact your captains for more up-to-date information.

Water based pitch

2012	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5
	10.30 - 12.00	12.00 - 13.30	13.30 - 15.00	15.00 - 16.30	16.30 - 18.00
25-Feb			Mens 3's	Mens 4's	Pilgrims
26-Feb		Mens 1's			
03-Mar			Ladies 1's	Mens 2's	
04-Mar					
10-Mar			Ladies 3's	Gondoliers	
11-Mar		Mens 1's			
17-Mar			Ladies 4's	Pilgrims	
18-Mar					
24-Mar			Ladies 1's	Ladies 2's	
25-Mar			2pm Mens 1's		
31-Mar		Fireflies & 3's	Pilgrims		
01-Apr					

Sand based pitch

2012	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5
	09:30-11:00	11.00 - 12.30	12.30 - 14.00	14.00 - 15.30	15.30 - 17.00
25-Feb			Ladies 3's	Ladies 4's	
26-Feb					
03-Mar			Ladies 2's	Ladies 4's	Fireflies
04-Mar					
10-Mar			Mens 4's	Mens 3's	
11-Mar					
17-Mar			Shadows	Fireflies	
18-Mar					
24-Mar			Ladies 3's	Shadows	
25-Mar					
31-Mar				Ladies 4's 2pm	
01-Apr					

MATCH REPORTS

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

MEN'S SECTION

Saturday 18th February

Guildford 4 – 3 Bournville

Marsh D x2, Boot, Baggs

Finally, our first league game of 2012! The snow and freezing conditions of the last few weeks had really hampered our preparations for this part of the season with numerous games and training sessions cancelled. However, other teams must have had similar problems so we were keen to start this game with a bang.

This was achieved and our aggression and high press created space and chances in the opening ten minutes. Snowy was able to break down the by-line and chip over the keeper to find Duncan Marsh at the far post who volleyed it home for the first. The second was created by a well worked short corner to Mike Rippon who picked out Chris Boot for an unstoppable deflection and this despite Booty being unable to work just days before the game – some credit for that goal surely goes to the magic fingers of Adrian Jenkinson! The third was created by some more good midfield play with a passing move through Jenno, Mike and Booty before Snowy deflected it (possibly accidentally) past the last defender to Baggsy who sent the ball under the Bournville keeper. 3-0 up after just ten minutes. Mission accomplished.

Unfortunately, hockey matches last for 70 minutes and we were guilty of backing off and lost a lot of the aggression that got us three goals up. This allowed Bournville to find some space and get some time on the ball. Despite this, it was still 3-0 at half time and we knew the next goal would be crucial.

We lacked the same snap that we started the match with and Bournville were able to get a goal back shortly after the interval. This opened the flood gates and the home side became a shambles. Possession was given away, silly green cards were collected by those who should know better and Bournville scored two more and were level with 15 minutes to go and to be fair, they were on top.

One thing we are good at at Guildford is digging in and not giving up. This meant that when Duncan Marsh scored his second to put us into the lead we were able to hold on to the 3 points by the skin of our teeth and largely thanks to some good goal keeping from Hamish Hall, playing only his second national league game. Bournville felt hard done by but thanks to our great start to the game, we sneaked it.

So, we got away with it and we now need to move on and put in some much better performances next week as we play Birmingham University on Saturday and Cheltenham on Sunday (both at home). A literal six pointer!

Indian Gymkhana 3's 2 – 5 Guildford 3's

The 3's took their tally in recent games to 6 points from a possible 9 with an assured win over Indian Gymkhana. The game also saw the appearance of returning "hall of fame" star, Liam Buxton.

Indian Gym were a typically skillful bunch and looked dangerous going forward, but after a trade mark pre-match brief from 3's tactician, JB, Guildford looked organised in the initial phases of the game. With both sides looking likely, it was the 3's who took the early lead after 10 minutes when Chris Botma took advantage of a swift Guildford attack to tuck the ball home from close range.

After the goal however, gaps appeared in the Guildford midfield and Indian Gym began exploiting the space, looking ever more dangerous on the attack. The home side levelled the tie midway through the first half after some lax marking at the back. Keeper Valner, did well to save the first effort, but the ball rebounded kindly for the Indian Gym forward who was left with the simplest of finishes.

With the game in the balance, Guildford continued to apply pressure, but Indian Gym looked dangerous on the counter. JB gave Guildford the lead before the break, but no-one quite remembers how. All we know is that at half time, the 3's had the narrowest of leads at 2-1. The game was anyone's.

In the second half, Indian Gym came out with renewed vigour and threatened an equaliser. Stout Guildford back 5 of Valner, Gibson, Hansen and Bungle led by skipper, Rhino, kept the score at 2-1 for more than ten minutes. However, after sustained pressure from Indian Gym, they won yet another dubious short corner, which managed to squirm its way between the shut legs of Andy and led to the equaliser.

What followed was a frenetic period of ten minutes in which Guildford effectively put the game to bed. Firstly, when the ball was slipped left at a short corner, a botched shot from Sanderson was turned home by JB. Then another deflected short corner led to the 4th, the call was slip left again, but having looked up to see that the opposition were in no rush to close him down Rhino blasted it at the back post where Nate 'Dawg' Farrant was there with the most composed of finishes. JB completed his hat-trick and sealed Indian Gym's fate moments later after some great counter attacking play from Nick Hyett, finding JB in the D who then showed great composure to round the keeper and fire home.

With the game all but sown up, 3's midfielder, Sanderson, soured the proceedings after a moment of petulance and was shown a yellow card. His protests that the "5 yard rule" was an unclear one fell on deaf ears. There was even time for Guildford to allow the returning Buxton a couple of short corners and a shot at the glory, however he topped both efforts horribly and the score stayed at 2-5.

JB, the hat trick hero was named man of the match, but a mention should go out to every member of the squad for a quality team performance. The 3's now look to leap up the table with their next game, at home, to King Alleyns.

As always, the teas deserve a mention – a very tasty chicken curry, naan & kingfisher on tap. You really can't complain, though being picky.... the curry could have had a little more heat J

Guildford Men's 4s 2–4 Croydon

The Mighty Men's 4s suffered a minor setback in their recent resurgence but still put in a worthy performance against a team that had previously shown us the wrong end of a thrashing. The game started well with some good early runs from Moody and Chris, feeding into Trigger up front, and the team continued to play with their newfound composure and structure from the last few weeks. Guildford moved the ball around like it was on a string at times, dazzling the low-IQ showing visitors. Despite repeated and overzealous physicality from Croydon, and with much of the best first half play, the 4s were a little unlucky to go into the break drawing 2-2.

Croydon came out strong in the second half and despite some continued good work from DOD Chris Sargent, "*Come on Marines*" Ollie, midfield stalwart Alex, and MOM Dave Cull in goal, Croydon managed to find a couple of openings to squeeze in the winners. The 4s can take lots of positives and by capitalising on more of their chances the game could have had a different outcome. Bring on next week and a chance to entertain a home crowd once again.

DOD – Chris S

MoM – Dave Cull

Guildford Shadows 4 - 4 Surbiton Men's 6^{ths} (Shrewsbury X 2, Henry, Smith)

After a stonking victory last week the mighty Guildford Shadows were looking forward to their next outing. Having seen Surbiton's lovely looking water based pitch we were disappointed to see that we would be based on the not so lovely sand based beach/pitch to the right hand side. The shadows had a solid squad of 12 and started well. After lots of attacks, with some great moves on the right from Timmy and Leon, the Shadows won their first short corner. After the initial strike could not be made the ball came back to Marcus, who after taking it to the top right of the D calmly struck it against the backboard. Guildford continued to attack well and eventually through good moves from the wingers and forwards won more short corners. Leon was next to add his name to the score sheet, a jumbled short corner ended with the ball at his feet on the post, his attempted pass across goal to Copeland ended up being deflected/span back into the goal by the Surbs keeper. The shadows then let their guard down, the Surbiton team sneaking in a goal against the run of play, 2-1. Like last week however, the Guildford team were quick to respond, another short corner leading to Leon's second goal in very similar fashion to his first. The half time whistle blew with Guildford heading in with a 3-1 advantage.

After a confident team talk the Shadows stepped back onto the pitch with a hunger to seal the victory, Surbiton however, were the first to strike with a well taken goal. 3-2. Guildford did continue to attack well with wingers Leon and Tom Annable making good moves on their respective sides. Kit playing up front was eventually able to win the Shadows another shorty. This time it was Ross who stepped up, scoring a trade mark power hit to the bottom right hand corner. With a 4-2 lead and only 20 minutes left you would have thought the top league side would stroll to victory. However this mind set was maybe what let us down. We won't go over the details of what happened next but it appears that we simply screwed it up. The Surbs made the most of their advancing pressure and chances, and brought the game back to 4-4. With 6 minutes left, Guildford forward Kit worked hard to score a winner, narrowly missing a one on one with the keeper. Another Guildford shorty saw Tom Copeland shoot just wide. The last few attacks from both teams fell to nothing and the game ended in a draw, with one team utterly ecstatic and one team utterly disgusted at themselves. The shadows left the pitch in a sour mood, it could have been a 5-0 loss from the way we were feeling, with the oppo elated at the comeback.

The cold and feeble showers did little to warm our moods, but at least a decent meal afterwards courtesy of the Surb wags, helped cheer us up. Although disappointed with the result, especially on the Skipper's birthday, at least we took the point and keep out place as the league's elite squad...8 points clear at the top isn't a bad place to be! The end is nye and next week's crucial match against Bank will be key to the success of promotion.

MOM- Kit, for a hard worked performance up front

DOD- Copeland, for only passing it 3 times within 5 seconds of receiving the ball, according to eagle eyed defender Mikey, who preferred to pass straight away... to the oppo!

Author: Copeland (on his iPhone)

Editor: Skip (FFS Tom, please start passing the ball and stop flicking it through your legs!)

Gondoliers 1 – 2 Horsham

The reservoir of scribes and court reporters for the Gondoliers has been seriously depleted lately (viz Gould recently AWOL, but now returned from punkah wallah land / Stokes Caribbean /Gordon house moving / Jordan hand injury) and so it fell to our own Taffy to kindly offer his literacy skills - his claim to fame so far has been one of the few authentic double-barreled Welshman this side of Windsor Castle with both royal and rugby connections. He has also managed to get his initials (SWL) plastered on most of the world's cranes, and as well as experience in performance management, he has moved into the world of alternative remedies and was overhead discussing the advantages of moisturizing an Irishman's follically challenged head - much to the amusement of the rest of the changing room. Many thanks to our two umpires who stood in at short notice - it was George's fourth umpiring stint that day, and she was heard to declare that this game was one of the easiest she had ever umpired - must have been something to do with the half-term break. And so onto the game:

We met in the gathering gloom, for an evening kick off that would have suited French rugby scheduling. The rain was sluicing down, and buoyancy aids were offered to the more diminutive players.

Following the demise of their own Sussex League last year ("we played Tunbridge Wells six times last year"), Horsham were new opponents for us but our scouts had been busy, and we were well briefed: "they run around a lot".

Gleefully we entered the fray to discover both sides were evenly matched, and fair play was the order of the day (admissions of guilt appreciated by umpire"20/20" Gordon). Cut and thrust. Hadley and Roberts solid at the back with some well-timed tackles. Rudi, Gordon and the recently stitched up but well moisturised Belshaw stretching their defence. Nip and tuck. Carney, Hayley and Savage contesting well for the midfield 50/50s. Lots of work, but few good chances, so all in the balance and 0 - 0 at half time.

And then an unusual event: a half time without a Proustian stream of consciousness, no babble of competing advice, no multiple conflicting views, just a "we need to push them a bit wider" ... advice that was taken. Better shape in the second half, Gould running lovely lines, Chris Basey marshalling the defence, clear calls and decisive intervention from Ian when called upon. Ten minutes to play. We had the upper hand. Then we allowed their inside forward to run sideways accompanied by four of us

(at a respectful distance, mind you, no real attempt at tackling) which wasn't a problem until he passed it to their unmarked centre forward.... 1 - 0 down.

That was patently unfair in the grander scheme of things, so an immediate response was called for... and given. Windsor-Lewis winning a midfield clash, reverse stick to Rudi, elegant dribble into the D, off-load to Gordon... 1 - 1.

And so it should have finished, and all would have been well with the world. But life isn't like that, so while we were mentally in the bar, in reality tired legs and slow reactions allowed them a well-taken second goal.

The Result:

New friends made and a slightly disappointing, but less damp than expected, 2 -1 loss. And boy, did they run around a lot.

LADIES' SECTION

Fireflies 3 - 3 Epsom 4's

(Jacqui, Kirsten, George)

Our second game this side of Christmas was met with enthusiasm as we dusted off the cobwebs from our sticks and took to the pitch against a rather athletic looking Epsom side. Epsom took the lead and then doubled it with some strong play. Jacqui then slotted one home to get us back into the game. Some strong umpiring from Genie saw George sent off for repeated stick abuse, but fortunately she was able to sneak back on the pitch in time for a short corner which she stopped and rolled in for Kirsten to strike into the corner of the goal drawing us level. Epsom then scored a third to take the lead again. Undeterred the fireflies battled on with some great balls being fed through from the defence and midfield. Finally drawing level with a ball scrambled over the line by George. Great to be playing again after a prolonged break. Thanks to Genie and Finn for umpiring and well done to the Ladies 2's for their car washing - they did an excellent job! Next week we take on the 4's in a 2.30 push back.

COLTS' SECTION

No reports

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