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Ladies 1s have 2 good wins over Woking
and Southgate

Men's 1s can only manage a draw in
Havant

Current news:

GHC HOCKEYTHON 2012

Saturday May 19th will be the all new GHC Club day raising money for Help the Heroes and GHC.

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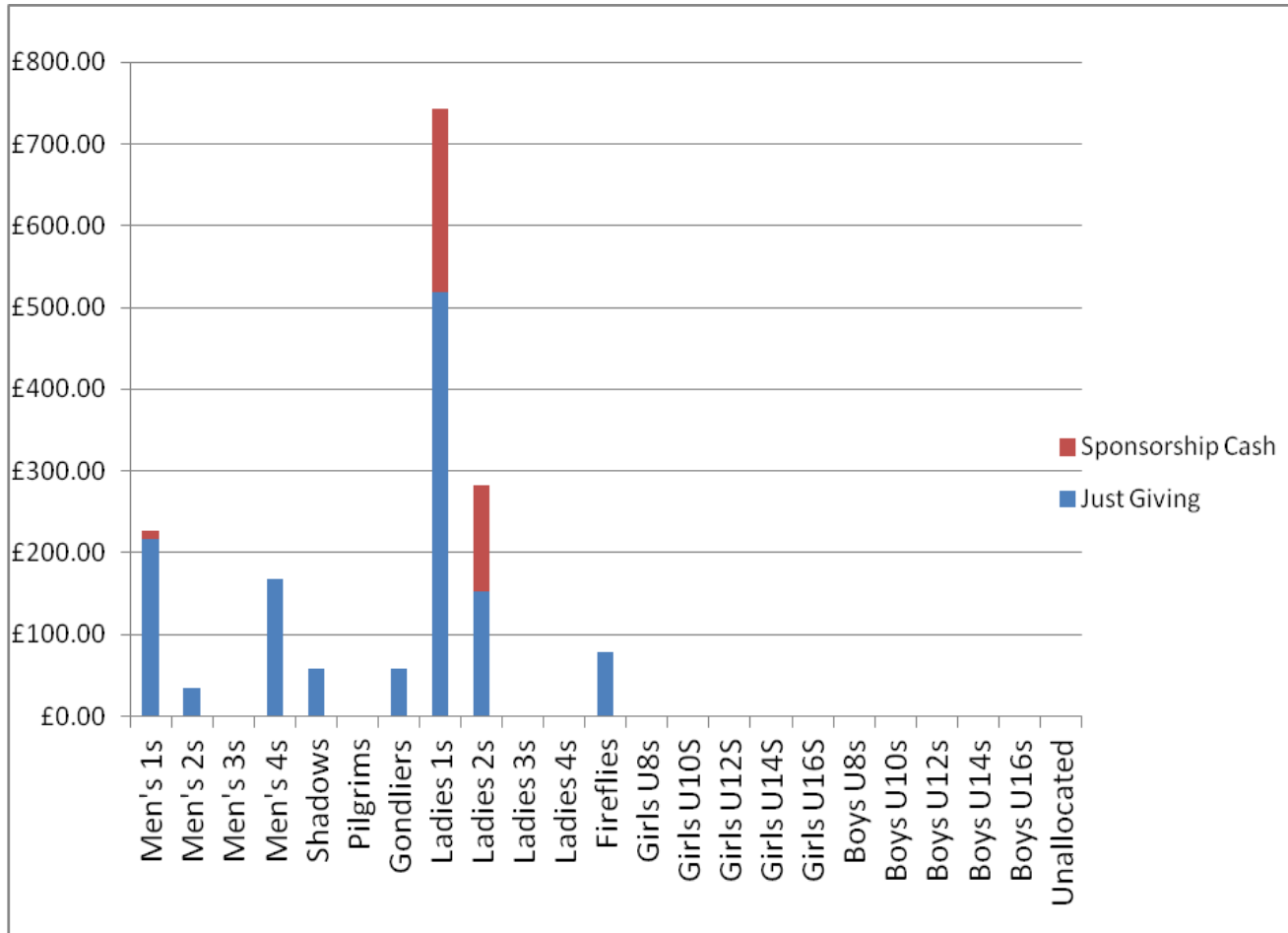
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GHC HOCKEYTHON AND CLUB PARTY 19TH MAY 2012

Over 40 people have set up justgiving pages and are currently raising money for GHC and Help for Heroes. So far they have raised over **£1,600!** A great effort but we need **YOU** and **YOUR TEAM** to contribute like these great performers:



A big thank you to everyone who has already raised money

FIXTURES

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

MEN

Team	Role	Name/E-mail	Telephone	League	Link to results, tables and fixtures
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2nd XI	Coach	Guy Fordham	07725 959205	London League Prem	2nd XI
3rd XI	Captain	Phil Harris	07825027938	London League Div 2	3rd XI
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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

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4th XI	Katy Lee	07725 265498	4th XI
Fireflies	Kirsten Foulkes	07968 004848	

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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
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
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

Sunday 4th March

Havant 1 – 1 Guildford

(Falconer)

The race for second place hotted up as Guildford (3rd) travelled to Havant one place above. The weather true to form for a Havant away fixture was cold and miserable delaying our warm up.

It was a keenly contested opening ten minutes with Havant maybe shading it. This was to pay off one minute later with a stroke being awarded for what the umpire interpreted as a body in the line preventing the ball from going in. A decision that left us feeling somewhat aggrieved as Pett flicked the ball low to Mason's left.



Rory Marsh 'looking lively'

This sparked Guildford's best period of the game up to half time. The forwards looked lively with their high, positive leading causing real problems for the home team's defence. A Guildford equaliser was always on the cards. It came from our short corner specialist the 'ginger wizard' who beat the keeper from the top with a trademark slap into the bottom corner in the 27th minute.



Ian Jennings pulling the strings

The second half was a little disappointing for both sides. Guildford's best opportunities came from short corners but they were not able to convert. Havant looked dangerous late on so a draw was probably a fair result. On reflection however it may well have been another two points lost. We certainly enjoyed the better chances but failed to capitalise. Next week's game against Bath should not be a hard one to get up for. Bath 'schooled' us at theirs earlier in the season so revenge is definitely on the cards. A good result should also put our birthday boy in a good mood and ready to celebrate the half century!

Saturday 3rd March

Guildford Mens 4s 1 - 3 Leatherhead 1s

The 4's took on Leatherhead knowing a win was needed to ease their relegation troubles. With a strong starting 11 the team played some great passing hockey and pulled apart a poor Leatherhead 1st team in the opening half. A flurry of short corners and good attacking play down the flanks saw numerous chances created. A mixture of poor finishing, wayward final balls and leatherhead scoring from their only shot on target saw the scores at half time level at 1-1. Confidence was high though, with the team knowing that if they played anywhere near as well as they did in the first half, or anywhere near their potential they should have run out comfortable winners. However, the half that followed was extremely disappointing, and Guildford struggled to replicate their initial form. It was a disjointed, unattractive, and weak half that allowed Leatherhead to score 2 more goals and run out comfortable 3-1 victors, all but guaranteeing their safety for next season. The 4's now have 3 games to avoid relegation and save a season which has promised a lot and, in the main, failed to deliver.

Haslemere Men's Vets 1 – 3 Guildford Pilgrims ***(Lenel, Howells, Morris)***

That was a fantastic match from pretty much beginning to end. It was a delightful combination of excellent play by the Pilgrims against a challenging opposition, solid and confident umpiring, all played (on the whole) with a very good attitude throughout. And the sun was shining. And we won. And no-one got sent off*.

* I made that last bit up.

I couldn't believe my eyes when, for the first 10-15 minutes at least, Haslemere really struggled to get the ball from out of their own half. Man marking across the whole pitch, and Gordon Wylie with a fresh set of Duracells keeping their defensive line on their toes, meant it wasn't long before opportunities started to come our way. Lenel opened the scoring after about 10 minutes, closely followed by Howells deflecting a Morris blast into the circle.

The second half was marred by an epic combo; a perfect storm of unfortunate events. James Turner had been clashing sticks with the oppo all game, but this time it was their man in blue, with the ball, who suddenly raised his own stick to bat away James' advances. Mark Howells was less than impressed with the umpire's decision to call it against us and tonked the ball away in frustration. Deciding then to upgrade their free hit to a short corner, the umpire found himself at the receiving end of James Shelbourne's ire. A green card quickly turned to yellow, and despite a warning from the umpire James' continued tirade and a stick thrown in frustration earned him an even longer stay on the sidelines.

We were down to 10 men, and with Haslemere scoring off this controversial short-corner they were suddenly threatening to catch up. What had started off as a stroll in the park had turned into a desperate stay of execution. We couldn't throw it all away that easily, could we?

I'm proud to say the team coped admirably in Shelbourne's absence. Our defence had no trouble mopping up Haslemere's occasional forays into our half. J-T, Toplas, Winn and Morris passed the ball beautifully across our territory and used many opportunities to press forwards. Adrian finally saw some goalmouth action in the second half but pulled off some beautiful saves. Howells, Rees, Turner and Basey filled in the space in midfield and continued to harass their attacks and distribute forward when we had the possession. A delightful opportunity arose from some nice passing from a breakaway Wylie to Lenel on the edge of the D, who squandered a one-on-one against the goalie with a really powerful air-shot.

Finally, however, still down at 10 men, we earned ourselves a short corner which Mark Morris drove into the backboard with consummate ease.

A fine win which to all intents and purposes puts paid to any lingering doubts about our ability to avoid relegation this season. Technically we could still be relegated, but it would involve Southampton (Played 19, Lost 13, Goal difference -48) beating Oxford Hawks (Played 18, Won 16, Goal Difference +113). I can't see that happening..

Saturday 25th February

PHC Chiswick 1 – 3 Gondoliers

The intrepid yet motley crew meandered across suburbia, constantly hampered by rugby and football traffic, into unknown territory. Guided by the queues outside Wormwood Scrubs, we turned sharp left into Linford Christie Stadium. The opposition thankfully had prewarned us of the perilous nature of the changing rooms, and all seven Gondoliers appeared late on the adjoining pitch. A quick donation of two players and we were off, and half through the first half JB made a later than normal appearance. So, three goals down at the end of the first half, and now supplemented by Carney, we managed to achieve a one goal victory in the second half.

Banishing the game from our minds, we adjourned to a bustling multi screen pub to enjoy (or not) the Welsh victory or the cricket or the football. An offer by one of our Welsh cum Portugese compatriots (DeSilvaJones) to provide a suitable report on the days proceedings was obviously lost in the fog of an undeserved Welsh steal

Saturday 3rd March

Oxted Moonshiners 3 – 2 Gondoliers

(The Poet, The Crane)

AWAYDAY - THE SEQUEL

After last week's excursion to sunny Shepherds Bush (2.30 pb with England at Twickenham and QPR at home), your Elders were once more going long. Last week we eventually started 30 minutes late with five players and finally the team reached nine just before half time. This week there were nine players at the ground well before pb but no others were expected for Guildford but there were over thirty other players there, pitch was double booked. The Oppo haggled, bartered and we eventually go to play some time later.

Of the starting nine Gondos had two wounded Ancients and the oppo lent us another, so it was a supposed ten against eleven. The first half had the Moonshiners continuously attacking with our guys not really working together and it was up to the Navy to keep the score under constraint by making some excellent saves. Nevertheless the homeside were two goals up, when the Crane decided he liked the way the Ancients walked and began to imitate their hobble, not very natural but impressive all the same. At the next short corner, the Fridge had to take over running number one, the oppo hit a good strike right in the corner of the goal, the Navy got down to it with his stick only to bounce it over the stick of the Ped who, as instructed, for once stayed inside the post. The Fridge when asked in the bar, why he did not block the shot, replied 'I ran out so fast that when I looked to tackle I found that I had overrun the ball.' By the evidence of the brown streak marks on the carpet his team mates felt that they must concur.

The Gondos began to string a few passes together and our Guest player baffled his colleagues by getting a ball free near their goal line and passing across the goal for the Poet to put in from one yard.

After a team talk beyond all team talks, the Gondos, with only five fit outfield players, began to take charge of the game as Oxted tired. The Roughneck went to centre forward and with the midfield working harder and actually passing well, the attacks became more frequent. The Aborigine was firing balls as ever haphazardly around the park, the Poet was making his trademark evasive runs, sometimes even with the ball, and Carnage was working wonders, as ever with, his left hand. As yet nobody has managed to provide any evidence to refute the rumours of what he must be doing with his right hand.

It was one of these many attacks that the ball was crossed from the left and there was the Roughneck, stopped the ball three yards out but instead of pushing the ball in, he raised his mighty weapon and with the effort of a lifetime managed to slice it past the post.

As usual, so as not to disappoint their many fans, Carnage and the Mouth, entertained everyone with their weekly frank exchange of views but for once they were amazingly overshadowed by the vitriol passing among the Moonshiners.

Late in the game, Oxted managed to win a short corner, the wounded Crane was banished to the half way line, not destined to lead the charge this time. Our opposition managed to quickly gift us the ball and it was moved swiftly forward to the opposite circle without feathered friend limping up behind. The ball breaks to him near the top of the circle and he drives a mean shot towards the far post, the goalie watches it, all the way.... into the back of the net. Most generous of him we thought; it was the Crane's first goal for the Gondos.

Despite continuing the pressure, The Roughneck making dashing runs around the target circle, the Crane, despite his impediment, still making several strategic interceptions but Guildford were unable to take advantage of their domination and had to settle for second place. At least, for the second week running, we won the second half. Well done, Gentlemen, especially the hobbling Ancients.

LADIES' SECTION

Saturday 3rd March 2012

Guildford Ladies 2s 2 – 0 London Edwardians Ladies

After last week's win we were keen to keep our winning streak on the go. We started out the match strong against London Eds with Kath scoring the first goal from a short corner, fortunately allowed this time unlike last week's match. We kept up the pressure throughout the first half keeping their attacks to a minimum with brilliant defence.

In the second half London Eds came back strong, however we kept the press up and managed to control their game from our strong defence. Our second goal came from Average and from there we controlled the game until the finish.

My MOM goes to Doddsy for some brilliant defending, and my DOD goes to Coxy for running face first into the goalie!

A really great effort from everyone and a massive thanks to Jenno for coaching us for this match!

COLTS' SECTION

26th February

U10 Girls

Broadwater Festival

After all the inclement weather it was a relief to finally get some further match experience in advance of the Surrey's on 11th March. On a bright sunny day we welcomed three Wimbledon teams and one from Ashford to play some informal hockey.

Pool A contained Wimbledon, Ashford, and Guildford Gazelles, comprising Rosie, Abbi W, Katherine, Abi N, Annie, Alice and Florence. Each team played each other twice, and it all came down to the final game, where unfortunately a strong Wimbledon team managed to edge past the Gazelles 2-0, to win the pool and leave us in the runners up position. The girls all played brilliantly and put in a great deal of effort, with Rosie covering a huge amount of ground. Special mention should also go to Annie for scoring 4 goals in one game against Ashford!

Pool B comprised two further Wimbledon teams, Guildford (Pink) Panthers (Maddie, Esta, Cecily, Natasha, Catriona and Emma) and Guildford Tigers (Katie, Charlotte, Georgia, Georgie, Daisy, Chloe). Wimbledon kindly lent us two players so that each Guildford team was up to the full 7 a side. The girls fought hard in each of the games and all the games were close apart from one. Naturally the showpiece event was the Panthers v Tigers, which the coaches supported most enthusiastically given the rivalry!!! The game could have gone either way, but eventually the Panthers edged it, with Cecily scoring the only goal after a fine run.

Well done to all the girls for all the effort put in. Two things we must remember to take forward from this tournament are to keep the stick low ready to tackle/stop the ball and to "clear the ball to the side" (a phrase the parents may have heard a few times!)

Many thanks to the parents, supporters, helpers and girls themselves for making it such a fun afternoon.

Sunday 4th March 2012

Richmond U8s vs. Guildford U8s – W1 + D1 + L1

A hardy bunch of Guildford's under-8's squad got up in the morning at ten o'clock at night half an hour before going to bed in order to travel to Richmond for an unsociably early start to the Sunday morning. The cold, wet and miserable conditions outdoors didn't dampen their enthusiasm, nor that of the massed ranks of parents, grandparents & supporters. The other visitors, Staines, were a no-show, so our fixture turned into a four-way round-robin with three sides from our Richmond hosts.

All members of the team played brilliantly, and not one of them were fazed by the transition from 5-a-side indoor hockey to 8-a-side played on a quarter of the outside pitch. Without being directed, all the players gravitated to areas they felt comfortable with. Amy and Oscar populated the defence, aided by some fearless goaltending by Martha. Ben, Matthew and Rosie tracked up and down the full length of the pitch wherever there was action to be had. Barney and Joe took their chances to

run forward with the ball. Without any exceptions whatsoever, all the players today really got stuck in; all went in for the tackles, all had their turns to drive the ball forward, and all of them contributed.

We lost our first game 3-0, which was entirely made for Richmond by one flashy player with blindingly bright orange pants. Our second game was completely different, and excellent passing play from Matthew and Barney led to 2 winning goals from Joe Sampson. The last game was tight, with both teams nearly scoring, but ended in a goalless draw.

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