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While the 1st XIs take a break, the male OLDIES flourish, Pilgrims (over 40s) win again (4 on the trot), and the Gondoliers (over 50s/60s) surprise local rivals, Haslemere.

9th November
Guildford vs Univ of Birmingham
Home at 12am
Please support

Halloween bash; those who stayed away missed a good party.

Join in the fundraising for the Club; the old mobile phones are off to a good start - £50.

Buying online through www.easyfundraising.org.uk/guildfordhc will provide funds for the Club. Join up now.

Subscriptions are overdue. Pay now! Remember, no pay, no play.

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

Men's fixtures for next two weeks

8th November

2 nd	Spencer	H	1200
3 rd	Spencer	H	1230
Shadows	Wanderers	H	1530
4 th	Thames Valley	A`	1330
5 th	Epsom	H	1100
Pilgrims	Alton	H	1630
Gondoliers	Havant	H	1400

9th November				
1 st	University of Birmingham	H		1200
15th November				
2 nd	Old Georgians	H		1330
3 rd	St Albans	H		1500
Shadows	Croydon	A		1030
4 th	Sunbury	H		1230
5 th	Leatherhead	A		1100
Pilgrims	Bournemouth	A		
Gondoliers	Oxford Hawks	A		
16th November				
1 st	Whitchurch	A		1330

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

8th November				
1 st	Richmond	L	H	1200
2 nd	Old Georgians	L	A	1330
3 rd	Epsom	L	H	1030
4 th	Kenley SP	L	A	1600
5 th	Thames Valley	L	H	930
Fireflies	Windsor	F	H	1500
15th November				
1 st	London Wayfarers	L	A	1430
2 nd	Raynes Park	L	H	1200
3 rd	Tulse Hill & D	L	A	1100
4 th	Wanderers	L	H	1100
5 th	Addiscombe	L	A	1115
Fireflies				

Mens Reports

No 1st XI game.

Guildford 2s 2 Indian Gym 6
THE JOURNEY TO OLD GYM KANA. and back.

A dreadfully drizzly day was the setting for what was to be an unforgettable journey, for Vice Captain Williams was not present and it soon became clear that he was the brains and Paul was simply just a face. After rendezvousing at the pre arranged garage on the A3 the team was set to depart after Batch had completed his 15 minute refuelling session, this was not to be the only delay of our journey due to several directional calamities. I enjoyed the detour though.

The finer points of a tactical team talk were conveyed to the team "Big Face is Gay" and following an intensive warm up the game was in play. The first ten minutes was

close, Guildford created a good chance for Rawlings which was agonisingly close and following good hold up play from “Jnr Williams” Gill was set up (probably with too much time for someone of his calibre to work with) and the chance was squandered, it was a good chance to check out his back swing though.

IG struck first, there striker was afforded too much time in the D and when he turned onto his strong side he finished well. But Guildford hit straight back with a good passing move down the left that led to a short corner. The ball was slipped left and then put across goal for the deflection of Sean Pearcy. Loud Noises. Unfortunately IG quickly got back in front from a free hit that was struck to the far post for an unmarked tap in. But we came back again in what was quickly becoming an exciting encounter, another short corner the plan was to drag flick to R1 deflection, Sean flicked top left apparently he slipped, the goal keeper padded the ball into the converging players and the rebound was pushed home. DISALLOWED. IG went further ahead just before halftime when another free hit was not dealt with and a flick was given probably because the umpires didn't like the look of Henry I saw no other infringements. Max guessed wrong and it was at 3-1.

A subtle change in formation meant that Guildford began the half with the added attacking threat of Sandman who had turned on some skills as a first half substitute, we also welcomed Matt into the game who needed something special to avoid picking up dick of the day. If he had tackled the guy who ran from his own half rounded our goal keeper and tapped in things might all be different but as it is I prefer buxton to evian thanks Matt.

IG went 5-1 ahead from a short corner that Max got agonisingly close to and we were left in a bit of trouble. To our credit we kept fighting though and got

Another goal back from new top goal scorer Sean Pearcy, if you analyse that previous statement you will recognise that we haven't scored many goals yet.

IG got a late goal when we were pushing for more, but if you look at it like this “apart from those six goals we had a great game”.

Play of the day goes to Gillan for returning six pints of flat Fosters in exchange for six pints of flat Cobra.

In the ongoing battle of who can make who feel worse about hair loss Gillan looked to have taken a small lead but Big face was unfazed and laughed it off. My dead leg is fine now, I think the early prognosis of nausea was correct but it is subsiding.

Peace and crazy man sex love. Boot

Guildford 2s 1 Surbiton 5

The Guildford side met on a windy Saturday morning and after an energetic warm up outside the school, turning some heads of passers with the group stretches, the team were set and ready to go. Unfortunately, due to a no show from the umpires, the two sides were left waiting for push back in anticipation.

The game finally began with some fill in umpires, but a strong Surbiton side struck early, scoring in the first 10 minutes from a short corner. A carefully placed drag flick from Carl Stagno put Surbiton in the lead at 1 – 0. Despite this early set back, heads did not drop with some good moves though the middle from Alan and Gill. However, a second Surbiton goal came midway through the first half, with a small chip, narrowly missed by the Goal Keeper Ben Proudlove. The third goal shortly followed leaving the score 3 – 0 at half time.

After a tactical team talk from Richard Norman, the Guildford team began the second half with a spring in their step but it was unfortunately short lived with a 4th Surbiton goal coming not long after the turnaround. Nevertheless, the determined 2nd team battled on, not giving up with some excellent sequences of play down the wings and some great saves from Ben defending the goal. It was not long until a surging run down the line from Craig Acquire and a well placed cross, gave Chris Rawlings an opening, who deflected the ball into the top left corner of the goal putting the score at 4 – 1. Sadly the hard fought battle from the Guildford side was short lived with another Surbiton goal coming not long before the final whistle.

Although there were some good passages of play from Guildford towards the end, it all proved a little too late with the end result 5 – 1. Despite the loss, a determined Guildford side look forward to next week's game vs. India Gym, eager to gain a vital 3 points away and their first league win of the season.

Guildford 3s	2	Indian Gym	3
Shadows	2	University of Surrey	3
Guildford 4s	4	Spencer	1 (Parkin 2, Will, Rolfe)

On what felt like the wettest day in history The Mighty 4's put on a majestic display of team hockey to defeat a dissapointing Spencer side. From the off, the home side looked the likely victors and as the game wore on they played some hockey that can only be described as sublime. James Parkin continued his rich vein of form with another brace and a great individual goal from the nippy Ade Rolfe led the way. The 4th goal was scored by debutant Will, who with fellow Wellington College Old Boy, Jack ran rings around an ageing but talented Spencer back line. Skipper Dave Hall almost grabbed a deserved 5th after a flying dash from right back saw him pick up a fantastic pass from Rolfe, but the visiting keeper managed to deny the captain his first goal for two and a half years. The rest of the 4's were quietly relieved as they wouldn't have heard the end of it from their mild mannered leader! So onwards and upwards for the team but a tough tie awaits at top of the table Thames Valley this weekend.

Pilgrims	2	Petersfield	0 (Wylie, Morris)
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Untold riches for the Pilgrims with 4 wins in a row! This is nearly as great an achievement as Lewis winning the Championship and another surprise Tottenham win!

Good news as another week with both Morris and D'Mello in the team and Jenkinson's brand new "super saver" pads and kickers still to be used in anger.

Pilgrims had most of the play but the final ball was lacking in precision and it needed a "gone wrong shortie" to register the first goal when Wylie deflected home a cross into the d. More pressure lead to nothing and the half time talk asked for a formation switch and better ball retention. The formation worked, the improvement in skills didn't. Morris scored the second from another shortie and although Petersfield had few chances the game was never truly won until the final whistle.

Interesting journey to the clubhouse when we were all looking for the building on the right to find it was on the left. Champagne moments few and far between this week, Wylie didn't get smashed on the ankle, Gray didn't break his stick. the food was excellent, D'Mello's tackle was so clean the umpire couldn't believe it and Savage is impressed by the wide variety of Guildford kit he can purchase, get your cheque book out!!

Well done everyone, 3 really useful points. Thanks to Petersfield for both umpires.

Gondoliers 2 (Gordon, Jones) Haslemere 1

We were robbed ! That was Haslemere's view having dominated the first half but being unable to breakdown a resolute Gondos defence, motivated by a very energetic Steven Windsor-Lewis.

The second half and manager Andy Roberts switched format to give Gondos some attacking bite. Result: goals from Peter Gordon and after a smart 1-2 with David Stokes, Michael Jones smashing a second. Haslemere managed to convert only one of a number of chances before the final whistle on a very cold and wet evening.

Ladies Reports

No game for Ladies 1s.

Guildford 2's 1 Woking 0

It was a friendly for us this weekend, not that you would know it, but we're women and it's our prerogative if we don't want to treat it as one. Who could blame us - we were playing Woking and the local rivalry was still going strong. Though the start time was brought forward and we were missing two players who were in Goldsworth Park for about 25 minutes but nowhere near the hockey pitch (two blondes in a car is never a good idea!), as always we were keen and raring to go - Laura once again slightly more excited than the rest of us but nothing's new! We started well and dominated their half putting good pressure on their defence. Emily, Chloe and Nicola played well but due to Woking's extra large flat sticks (no honestly they were huge!), we struggled to get the ball into their D.

Hannah and Genie supported the attack driving down the sides and Kath made her presence known in the midfield, attack, defence (though not in the goal!) trying to beat the record of the most number of positions played in one game. Well she does

get around! Finally hyperactive Laura, supported by an equally active Genie, put their energy to very good use before the half time whistle and slotted one past the goal keeper to make it 1 - nil. Peep peep! - half time.

Back on the pitch, Woking came back at us with renewed pressure. We made some good tackles and defended the D well with Liz, Katie, Sally and Gemma at the back. As in the first half, we had several short corners where Gemma had some good shots on goal but nothing made it past the Woking goalie. Meanwhile at the other end of the pitch, some mistakes in the D meant that Woking had a couple of short corners themselves but, as always, JoLee, aka the world tiniest goal keeper, came to the rescue and neatly cleared them up. However, despite our best efforts the score line didn't change for the rest of the game and we left the pitch with mixed emotions though looking forward to getting into a warm clubhouse.

George 'plus one' umpired well and consistently as ever - thank you - and Rachel made a guest appearance on the side line with one of life's big questions: Jacket potato or chilli con carne...?!? Overall, well done to the girls and bring on the next match when we take on Old Georgians.

Please note, the following information has been added by Katie and Kath. (Colesy wasn't there with her bits of paper so we couldn't vote):

Man of the match - Katie (because I'm writing the match report and I can)
Dopey / Thanks for coming - Sally (because Kath helped me with the match report and wanted to get Sally back for calling her Kaaffy - love it!)

25/10/08

Fireflies 2 Yateley 2nd 3 (Kellett, Kirsten)

Playing against another club's 2nd X1 meant we were facing a much harder challenge than our game last week, but with 13 players available we were still confident that we would give them a good, even game.

We got off to a great start and kept Yateley under pressure for the first 20 minutes or so of the game. We only allowed them a couple of forays into our half of the pitch and quickly snuffed out any danger. With about 10 minutes of the first half remaining, we were awarded a short corner but Yateley won the ball and made a quick break down the right with their speedy, young winger slotting the ball to their strongest player who made no mistake. We were not disappointed to be 0 -1 down at half time and from the start of the second half we put Yateley under pressure again, but were unable to capitalise on our chances until Kellett pounced on a loose ball and slotted home the equaliser.

Yateley then came back at us again and before long we found ourselves undeservedly 1 – 3 down. However, we did not give up the cause and created several more scoring chances, one of which was neatly slotted home by Kirsten. And so it finished, with Yateley the relieved victors!

On reflection, we can be proud of the way we stuck to the task against a young, fit opposition, and had we managed to score as many goals as we missed, could

maybe have boasted another 9 goals this week!!
Thank you to Dan Burgess for umpiring in our time of need.

2/11/08

Fireflies 3 Guildford Ladies 3's 2 (Mel, Kellett, Jules)

This week we had to persuade Kirsten to play in goal, but with Sparky available to help the defence, Mel was able to push up to the centre forward position. We got off to a flying start when the ball was fed through to her in the 'd' and she somehow found the opposite corner of the goal! We held our lead for quite some time soaking up the pressure that the 3's were putting on us. Sparky marshalled the troops at the back and Ali, Alison and Lesley all put in some timely tackles to keep the 3's at bay with Kirsten (like a true pro!) neatly stepping over anything that wasn't dangerous. However, a rather dubious short corner was awarded against us and Slick somehow managed to find the only centimetre of space that Kirsten hadn't got covered! Half time came and we were worried that the 3's superior fitness would be our undoing. Sure enough, after some great build up play, Kate slotted home for the 3's. Yet, the Fireflies were not finished, and a lovely pass down the left from Mel through to Jules in the circle was quickly transferred across to Kellett, who made no mistake with the equaliser. We would have been happy with a draw, but apparently Mel could have made it 3 if she'd have dived at the ball flying across the face of the 'd'. Personally, I still think I'd have missed it and probably damaged myself in the process! The ball was rapidly moved to the other end and Kate found another square inch of undefended goal, but this time eagle-eyed Martin had spotted a foot in the approach play and disallowed the goal. Rusty, Shevs and Sophie worked their socks off in the midfield and soon the ball was travelling to the Vets forwards yet again. This time, Jules got a stick on the loose ball and fired home. So, a 3 – 2 win to the Vets team, and a hugely enjoyable game.

Many thanks to Martin and Sals for standing in the pouring rain to umpire for us. We much appreciate it.

Colts Report

Guildford U'18's 2 (Luff, Rawlings) Bromley & Beckenham 4

The one that got away.....

A 2-4 loss seems a most unfair representation of the efforts and team work displayed by the U'18's at sunny Bromley. After a few early exchanges. And good goal keeping, the midfield and forwards began to dominate, culminating in a good finish by Ed Luff after 23 minutes. Further pressure resulted in a short corner, and perhaps too fancy play led to length of pitch break and a Bromley goal against the run of play, with the half-time whistle at 1-1....frustrating in that the final flick/shot did not convert all the chances created.

End to end hockey in the 2nd half....a disputed Penalty call after a high ball flick quite rightly caused a few temperatures to rise, a further Bromley goal quickly balanced by a great team break and Chris Rawlins driving home at 65 mins...2-3 with minutes to

go, nothing being called our way, and then another Bromley break, forcing a Short Corner and slotted home by what was a very competent Bromley side....

Overall a frustrating afternoon, with some really compelling and fast runs and stick-work, and even with people playing out of a position a compelling game to watch....

Coach Player of the Match - David Burnside

Supporters Player of the Match - Chris Rawlings

Champagne Moment - sweeping movement from own D, ball passed through the team, for the second Goal.