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Ladies 1s keep up their 100% record with another win.

Ladies lose out in Indoor Tournament (see report)

Xmas Party – December 13th.

Look forward to seeing you there, provided you have booked,

Club Fundraising

Do your Xmas on-line shopping through
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/guildfordhc. members have already raised
£93. Sign up now by visiting the above website.

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

Men's fixtures for next two weeks

13th December

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| 2 nd | Bromley & B | A | 1200 |
| 3 rd | Teddington | A | 1200 |
| Shadows | No game | | |
| 4 th | No game | | |
| 5 th | No game | | |
| Pilgrims | No game | | |
| Gondoliers | Wokingham | A | |

**Next games are on
10th January.**

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

13th December

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| 1 st | Wimbledon | L | A | 1330 |
| 2 nd | Wanderers | L | A | 1030 |
| 3 rd | Barnes H and E | L | A | 1000 |
| 4 th | Reigate | F | A | 1430 |
| 5 th | Aldershot & F | F | H | 1200 |

**Next games are on
Jan 10th**

Mens Reports

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| Guildford 2s | 0 | Southgate | 2 |
| Guildford 3s | 1 | Southgate | 0 |
| Shadows | 0 | Sanderstead | 9 |
| Guildford 4s | 0 | Epsom | 2 |
| Guildford 5s | 7 | Sanderstead | 1 |
| Pilgrims | 5 | Winchester | 0 |

Gondoliers lost to Reading

Ladies Reports

South Women's Indoor Tournament 7th December, The Edge, Haslemere

Team: Sarah 'I don't care how I save it' Tapp, Sal 'Rocket' Johnson, Kate 'I didn't slap it' Hutchings, Em 'flicker' Cottrell, Kit 'trapper' Simonds, Theika 'Whoop' Botterrill, Nic 'should have been revising' Vernon, Jade 'I'll be with it next year' Redfern, Alice 'Duracell' Littlejohns

(Apologies if some of the detail isn't quite right – I can't remember all the scores/scorers.)

Game 1 v Chichester (South 3b) – won 3-2. (Alice 3)

A good start to the tournament with a win over our outdoor rivals! Considering we hadn't played as a team before and had not managed any practice sessions we played some good hockey.

Game 2 v Rockingham (South 1) – won 2-1 (Alice 1, Em 1)

Another strong game with an open play goal from Alice and a nice short corner flick from Em. This team are top of South 1 so a good win!

Game 3 v Staines (South 3a) – drew 1-1 (Alice)

This was a really close one. We were winning one nil until about the last minute of the game when they pounced and put the ball away to equalise.

Game 4 v Rover Oxford (South 1) – lost 2-1 (Kate)

Considering they were tournament leaders coming into this game, we held them to one all for quite a while but unfortunately they got a free hit and took it quickly to take the lead.

So with one game to play we needed to beat Epsom to take 2nd place ahead of Staines and a spot in the finals next weekend. Staines lost their last game so we had to win. If we lost it would go to count back.

Game 5 v Epsom (South 1) – lost 2-0 I think!

We started off strongly but we couldn't hold it. They got a couple of goals early on and we just couldn't get back at them.

So it went to total points and we were level with Staines. Then it went to goal difference and we were level. Then it went to goals for and they had 1 more than us. So a bit disappointing to get so close, but all in all a very good tournament and a good performance for a scratch team. A shame to miss out on the finals but the day after the Xmas Do could have been a bit of a struggle!! Here's to next year.

Thanks to everyone for playing and making it enjoyable but particular thanks to our supporters – Mel (El Presidente), Slick, Nick Pearse and Mrs Pearse and grandchildren Pearse and Kit Kat's parents.

Guildford 1s 6 Eastbourne 0 (Sam, Average x 2, Alice, Jade & Kitkat)

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“The ladies 1st team are hoping to join Tom Daley in the 2012 London Olympics. Catherine ‘Kitkat’ Simmons has secured her place already, with Kerry Mills close behind having now performed her new diving skills in a competitive environment...

Some other members of the squad have run into trouble (and the post) so are looking to try a new avenue for Olympic glory. Their prayers could be answered if the IOC accept dog walking as the chosen sport for the London Olympics.”

So, after an intriguing week of training and with both good cop & bad cop on the side line for the match we knew that there'd be plenty of food for thought.

Also, Jade told us we had to beat Eastbourne because they want to break her legs. We were secretly intrigued to know how they would catch her in order to inflict such a punishment but soon realised that bad cop would break all of our legs at training if we didn't at least try to perform.

So there were six goals in all, 4 in the 1st half, 2 in the second. Kerry managed a far post dive or two & a super piece of skill on the left creating space for Jade to hammer home. Kit managed a carbon copy of last weeks short corner goal. Average snuck two in & Sam slotted in a visionary pass from Jade. Alice is keeping up in the race for top scorer, just one goal short of Average's 11. Sals & Em performed some super tackles at the back. Theiks did a sterling job distributing up front & Hutch had her "best" performance yet although if you talk to her she'd probably mention the f-word.

MOM – Jade for not getting her legs broken.

DOD – Alice for forgetting her skirt & having to wear Emily's signature piece.

Smirnoff Ice Moment – Kerry for nailing the 90.

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| Guildford 2nd | 0 | Tulse Hill & D | 1 |
| Guildford 3rd | 1 | Richmond | 1 |
| Guildford 4th | 3 | University of Surrey | 0 |

We were desperate for a win today following a frustrating draw against Croydon last weekend but were left wondering whether the opposition would turn up. They finally rocked up at 10:50 (bloody students!!) and we had to get started at 11:00 so we hoped that their lack of a warm-up would work to our advantage. The game started very scrappily and felt v e r y s l o w to watch from the back! We had about six short corners but were unable to capitalise.

In the second half, we stepped up a gear and started to play some excellent hockey. This helped to build our confidence and it wasn't long before Vanessa went on a great run and put us ahead. Surrey University were completely on the back-foot from that point onwards and there was some great link-up play between the midfield and the forwards (and lots of talking, hurray!). There were a few frantic moments in defence, with Ruth having to make about four saves in a row on one occasion, but the defence kept their cool and managed to clear it out. Vicky and Anna both completely ran their socks off and worked well together down the middle while Vanessa dazzled our opponents with some silky moves up the left. Aisling seemed to scare the opposition with her determination up the right wing and Fi also put in a great performance. The second goal came from a short corner, with Helen being quick to swoop in and double our lead. Helen was also instrumental in setting up the last goal, which was scored by Vanessa- swerving round the keeper to set her up on the p spot.

All in all, it was a great performance and a much deserved win. The victory was however slightly marred by a number of injuries: Katy pulled her calf muscle 20 minutes in, Fin was hit bang on the knee and Ishbel had a nasty knock to her thumb. Let's hope we've got enough players left for the final (friendly) game of the season next weekend!

It's a tough call for **Man of the Match** as everyone played so well but my vote goes to Vanessa for her two goals and her feistiness!

Fireflies 3 Burnham Vets 4 (Kirsten, Rusty, Jules)

We should have known what was coming right from the offset! It was a cold, dark and winter day, we were last on the pitch at 4.30pm, and Emma was stand in Captain – most would agree...a recipe for disaster! The joints were already starting to stiffen after a day of xmas shopping and some of the team were suffering with colds or were under the influence (Glam had already knocked back a sambuca to try to clear some airways)! The match kicked off and Burnham managed to get an early goal. This was closely followed by a second. Guildford where shocked into action and began to fight back with some great runs and one-two passing. We finally managed to get the ball in the D and Kirsten took full advantage with a great hit neatly tucking the ball into the corner of the goal. Burnham hit back with a 3rd goal and Guildford realised this wasn't going to be the slow paced game of hockey we were expecting based on the grounds that Burnham play on grass. We started to step up a gear and Barbara made some great interceptions and tackles on their star player. She was like a bull to a red rag. Guildford began to dominate the game and Jules made some great runs down the wing successfully crossing the ball to Rusty on the P spot who stole a second goal for Guildford. The 3rd goal was also the outcome of some great passing between Rusty and Jules. Rusty walloped the ball at the goal and Jules just got her stick on a slightly elevated ball to deflect it into the goal. Unfortunately, Burnham got a 4th goal before we had to stop play early due to a frozen pitch! Well played everyone and thanks to Rachel, Glam and Keira for stepping in to make up players and to Chip for umpiring.

Colts Report

Guildford U14 Development Team v Epsom

Result: Lost 3-1

Scorer: George Newbold

Once again many thanks to all parents and boys who turned up for another Sunday lunchtime match, but at least it was a glorious sunny day this time. We started the match well and were equal to Epsom, but unfortunately we let in three goals in quick succession, one of which was a very lucky short corner where their striker confused everyone by missing it completely first time! Never mind, we did not get disheartened or give up which was great to see, and managed to get one back before half time with a great move finished off by George Newbold with a reverse stick dink past their statuesque goalkeeper.

The second half was more even and neither side managed to score, although we did have one or two break away chances. We have a very young team and we are beaten by size and strength at the moment. Our defensive discipline and marking is good. Marcus Bentley had a great game in goal and made several important saves. Louis Rickard and Jack Baker worked hard and with skill in the middle. We must continue to develop our basic skills of getting the ball under control quickly, looking

up and passing it on to another player, with players off the ball supporting by quickly moving into a position where they can receive it. We gave the ball away too often. We also need to develop our strength in hitting or slapping a longer pass. Practise these skills at training and I'm sure we will win a match eventually!