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England Hockey Conference West

Men's 1st XI

VS

Bournville

12 Sunday 28th February

Come along and cheer on the Men's 1st XI

Ladies 1s put 8 past Eastcote to remain on top on goal difference.
Mens 1s return from Wales with a 1 – 1 draw.

GHC Russian Rowathon. March 28th. Your 1 hour/10k row for the Club and 3 Charities.

Don't forget to keep collecting sponsor money – The Russian Rowathon is only one month away!

Only about 30 people have set up their justgiving pages so far, this really is an extremely simple way to raise money so please take 5 minutes to set up your page and email, text and facebook the link to as many of your friends as possible. Once you have set up the page, you don't need to do anything and the money keeps coming in – it is that simple.

YOU HAVE NO EXCUSES! Go to www.justgiving.com/guildfordhockeyclub and click on 'make your page'. Check out some of the club's top fundraisers to see what to put on your page and how it works.

Ps For those frightened of technology, a **sponsorship form** is attached

Fixtures for next two weeks.

Date	Team	Opposition	H/A	Venue	Time
Feb27th	2 nd	Bromley & Beckenham	H		13.30
	3 rd	Bromley & Beckenham	A		15.30

	Shadows	Old Midwhitgiftians	A		
	4th	Richmond	H		15.00
	Pilgrims	Haslemere	H		16.30
	Gondoliers	Haslemere	A		14.00
Feb 28th	1st	Bournville	H		12.00
Mar 6th	1st	Bath Buccaneers	A		12.00
	2nd	Old Georgians	H		15.00
	3rd	London Wayfarers	A		15.30
	Shadows	Leatherhead	H		13.00
	4th	Woking	A		10.00
	Pilgrims	Alton	A		13.45
	Gondoliers	Oxted	A		

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks

Date	Team	Opposition	L or F	H/A	Venue	Time
27-Feb-10	1st	Henley 1's	L	A	Henley HC	11.45
"	2nd	Richmond 2's	L	H	Broadwater Sand	14.30
"	3rd	Wanderers 5's	L	A	TBC	TBC
"	4th	Reigate 3's	L	H	Broadwater Sand	16.00
"	FF	Maori Vamps	F	H	Broadwater Sand	13.00
6-Mar-10	1st	Trojans	L	H	Broadwater Water	13.30
	2nd	Tulse Hill & D	L	A		11.30
	3rd	Spencer	L	H	Broadwater Water	16.30
	4th	Kenley	L	A		16.00
	FF					

Men's Reports

Whitchurch 1 Guildford 1 (Blockley)

After a long journey down to the Welsh capital, Guildford failed to start with the same intensity as was shown against Birmingham University the week before. Whitchurch with an experienced line up including several international, albeit welsh internationals, controlled the ball well in defence and midfield, and hinted it could be a frustrating day for Guildford. It was Guildford, however, that had the first chance of the game where Duncan Marsh showed great anti-skill to find space on the byline and powered a reverse shot high over the crossbar. Whitchurch then gained more spells of possession and demonstrated their attacking threats down the flanks. The game reached half time 0-0, with Mason, potential future England hockey president, in the Guildford goal being the busier of the two goal keepers.

After some classic Jenno hair dyer treatment, Guildford began the second

half with more purpose and vigour. With Rippon holding his own in midfield, Fordham was released to make several probing runs deep into Whitchurch half. It was Whitchurch however who broke the deadlock after a Guildford short corner broke down, Whitchurch counter attacked to win a short corner of their own. The striker duly converted with a deceiving flick though the one time safest legs in Britain Simon Mason. The scorer, Whatling, even came up to Mace at the end of the game and apologised for his unintentional drag flick that was supposed to go wide for a deflection!

It was then that the game turned in Guildford's favour. After two unstoppable Fordham runs, resulting in two poor tackles, Whitchurch were reduced to nine men and tensions grew on and off the pitch. Jenno did not improve international relations by accusing the Welsh TD of being a traffic warden. From the resulting penalty corner top scorer William 'doughnuts' Blockley scored his fifteenth goal of the campaign. With more space to work in Guildford carved up several opportunity but could not convert. Although the result did not bring the three points that Guildford desired, Guildford will take heart from second half fight back. With a good weeks training the 'ford will look to return to winning way against Bournville.

Richmond 2s 1 Guildford 2s 0

After a very solid warm up and a bit of a late start we got into the game well with some good passing and great breaks. We had many chances in the first 15 minutes but could not put shots in on the keeper. The defence seemed to be strong with Batch, Relphy, Scully and Henry working really well doing things that the 2's are capable of. However, as the game continued the team sank to the low level of Richmond and started to loose concentration with a pass across the face our own goal, inaccurate reverse shots and poor tackling.

It then got to half time (0-0) and we knew we were still in it and could easily get a few goals in the second half as we had already had at least 5 good chances up to this point. The second half didn't go to plan, even with great runs by Alan and Booty in the middle. Rawlings, Sean or George still couldn't put away anything and with some contentious decisions, things seemed to go downhill fast. Richmond then caught Guildford napping and scored from the resulting short corner, causing our heads to drop further. A yellow card for Relphy didn't make things any easier and with Max making some good saves, the outfield needed to perform better. The score ended 1-0 to Richmond. Overall, Guildford have the capability and on many occasions show that they are a good side but we must work out how to raise our game against weaker teams.

MOM: Batch George

DOD: Rawlings

Tea Watch: Tea was standard with pasta Bolognese (nice for the 7 people who stayed).

News from the Twos: Max & Booty managed to win sweet F A at the club race night, proving once and for all that gambling really is a mug's game. That is unless your name is Danny Hall, who seemed to be cleaning up. How he has the nerve to show his face at Guildford after smashing 5 past the 2s last season, I'll never know. Although we like the fact he had a hand in the 21-3 dismantling of Old Georgians earlier in the season!

Guildford 3s 2 Richmond 3 0

Guildford Shadows 4 NPL Badgers 0

In the same fixture last time round the Shadows put in a lackluster performance, conceded in the final seconds, and consequently drew to a very beatable NPL side.

Desperate not to have a repeat, the home team were quickest out of the blocks and scored within the first six or seven minutes from a well struck Ross Henry short-corner. With nerves settled, Guildford began to play some fluent hockey with the rotating triumvirate of Turner, Dye, and Valner combining to good effect, supported by a strong Guildford midfield.

With such an attacking mindset the game was a an open affair, and, what must now be, one of the best defences in the league showed their worth when called into action. Indeed any questions that were asked of young keeper Mead were answered flawlessly.

With Smith and Sanderson controlling the middle of the park, like master puppeteers, the Shadows were at times unplayable, with only the final ball lacking. However the lead was doubled after 25minutes, when Ady was at hand at the far post to touch the ball home after tenacious Guildford work in the 'D'.

After the break Guildford continued to stream forward with pace, guile and aplomb, amidst increasing cries of adoration from the growing gallery of W.A.G.S on the sideline. With Collyear now beginning to enjoy himself and the roaming fullbacks Wright and Morris pushing on, the Shadows looked like scoring with every attack. It was Dye got the first breakthrough of the half, after rounding the keeper and shooting from an outrageous angle to make it 3-0 to the home side.

The rest of the half followed in a similar fashion, and with Johnstone, Gibson and Mead making the NPL forwards look foolish, the tie was now beyond doubt. Henry put a polish on proceedings by firing home his second short-corner of the day.

With that particular ghost exorcized and safety assured, the Shadows will be looking up, rather than down, the table over the next few weeks.

Gondoliers 3 Epsom Vagabonds 1 (Savage Blatcher Bigos)

As usual in our feast or famine mode we ended up with 17 available which became 15 on the day. The game started without our usual goalie but thankfully Kristen stood in for the first quarter (having been a spectator in the earlier ladies 7-0 win over Eastcote). Having mustered the BFB crew for today's encounter(otherwise known as the Big Fit and Beautiful or more accurately as the Big Fat Brigade) we set about demolishing Epsom and tailored our game to their strengths and effectively neutralised their strong right and middle. Unfortunately and surprisingly in the process Frew and Jordan received some nasty physical tackles and in this rare instance came off worse. The run of play favoured Guildford with Belshaw, Frew and Jordan in particular harrying and unsettling the Epsom defence -the Belshaw warcry scared some of the spectators. The Gondoliers started the game knowing they were the underdogs and through a combination of tactics,commitment and determination deserved the win which was epitomised by the leaving remarks of one of the Epsom players - "we learnt something today"

Nb The Editor has received a Tolstoyesque masterpiece, which has already been published to the Gondoliers and their many fans. Thanks are due to our own legal eagle, who has some time left from his briefs.

Ladies Reports

Guildford 8 Eastcote 0

Along side the ladies 1s this weekend, there were 8 other lucky winners: Steve Cawdron (Douwe Egberts Coffee), Dave Connor (The Gym Group), Kirsten Foulkes (Adrian Jenkins Sports Injury Clinic), Sophie Clarke (Duck Tours), Emily "Don't call me Emmie" Cottrel (Chocoholics), Hesta Coring (Box Genisis Personal Training), Mel Burgess (The Squirrel Pub) & Peter Gordon (Hard cash). Please

get in touch with jade (jd_steady@hotmail.com) for more information of your prize if you haven't collected it already.

A huge Thanks to Jade for organising the Race Night in advance as well as Kate Hutchings, Kit Kat & Dave Hall for running things on the night. Thanks to all the companies that donated prizes & to everyone who came or who brought along friends. The event raised £460. Good job people!

See you all at RUSSIAN ROWATHON on March 28th

Guildford 3's 2 Barnes Hounslow and Ealing 3's 1 (Kirsty, Jess)

Despite this being a friendly, or as Slick liked to call it "non-league", we used this game as preparation for next week's game against Wanderers.

We got off to a strong start with good strings of passes and good aggression levels. After a couple of attempts at our short corner routines, Slick switched it to Vix who hit it towards the goal for my deflection. (My first ever goal for Guildford was always going to be in a friendly, I mean non-league sorry slick :-P)

We started the second half with good PMA despite the opposition's speedy and slightly crazy forward trying to rugby tackle poor Tricky to the ground (that explains the rugby head gear...maybe she got lost and missed the rugby pitches and thought she'd have a go at hockey instead...)

Our second goal was taken around the defender followed by the goalie and neatly passed into the goal by none the less that Jess, weeble wobble, herself.

We conceded one goal due to not smelling the opposition's armpits enough but overall it was a good team effort and a good warm up for next week's game! COME ON GIRLIES!!!

MOM and DOD went to me (Kirsty) for well doing a little bit too much dancing and gymnastics on pitch.

