

# Guildford Saints FC

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Charter Standard Development Club

## Can we have our ball back Please.....

February 2007.

### Welcome

Dear Member, Player, Team Manager, Parent and everyone else with an interest in Guildford Saints, we hope you are enjoying this 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season. We are fast approaching half term and the conclusion of cup and plate tournaments, which I am happy to report still contain a number of 'Saints' teams, good luck to you all, enjoy and stay focussed....here is an update of our news .....

**Training Dates:** Those of you who train on a Saturday at St. Peters will continue through the half term holidays, please check with your Team Manager that your session will be running. For mid week sessions, please check with your Team Manager.

A reminder for all parents, we would appreciate prompt collection of your children from our Saturday morning and mid week training sessions. Our coaches/volunteers have a duty to stay with all children until they are collected regardless of age. If you are unable to collect on time, please make alternative arrangements, but inform your team Manager. You will appreciate that our Managers/coaches have other commitments and may need to be away from training sessions promptly.

**Codes of Conduct:** just to bring to your attention that our Charter Status dictates that we have codes of conduct in place for the running of our Club, these include codes of conduct for players/ spectators/managers and officials on and off the field of play. These can be viewed on our web site, should you require hard copies please contact your Team Manager or myself. On becoming a member of our club and signing the registration document, all parties are agreeing to abide by our Codes of Conduct.

We are very lucky at this Club to have such supportive, friendly parents who lead by example, which supports our club ethos of promoting good behaviours in the beautiful game – so Thank You parents, keep up the good work.

**Referees:** Congratulations to both Simon Craig and Steve Chatwin (U12 boys) who are now fully qualified Referees. It goes without saying that once the Ref has blown his

whistle for the start of the game he is in charge of not only the field of play but supporters as well until the conclusion of the game. The Ref's decision is final and must be complied with, Ref's are human and sometimes mistakes occur, we see this week in week out on Match of the Day, however they give decisions as they see them and players must accept the decision given. Surrey FA and indeed our Club will not condone abuse of Referees in anyway, we need to support and encourage all Referees, regardless of age and experience. On that note, we are always looking for Referee's to officiate at our home matches, should anyone aged 14+ be interested in gaining this qualification please contact me, there is a choice of fast track or 8 week courses available.

### **Quiz Night – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm – 11.00pm**

Yes it's time to start swatting. Who will hold the title 'Quiz Champs of 2007'? This event, always a good fun event, will be held at St. Peter's School on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Teams of up to 10 can compete for this coveted title. Ticket price is £7.50 per person (adults only) and will include supper. Ticket request forms will be handed out at training sessions. We will also be holding a Prize draw on the evening, with lots of exciting prizes up for grabs, 1<sup>st</sup> prize £75 cash, look out for the books of tickets being sent home with your children, further tickets are available and will be available on the evening. Should anyone wish to donate prizes, unwanted Christmas gifts, gift vouchers, chocolates, drink etc. please contact Jane. We look forward to seeing you at this great social event. Any queries regarding this event please contact Jane Oliver 01483 301655

### **Now a couple of events that require YOUR support:**

**Clandon Park Run:** our very own web lady, Linda Cairns, is organizing this family running event, your chance to run round the private Clandon Park Estate in aid of a very good cause: George Abbot School performing arts and sixth form centre. You can choose to run 10K, 4K or for younger members of the family a junior fun run, this event takes place on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to obtain a registration form please visit: [www.allabouttriathlons.co.uk](http://www.allabouttriathlons.co.uk) for further info please see our web site or visit [www.goodrunguide.co.uk](http://www.goodrunguide.co.uk) we hope that our members will support what will be a truly fantastic family event.

**The Bookham Boys:** raising money for St. Luke's Cancer Hospital. Kevin Bookham U11 boys Manager and his brothers are taking part in the Paris marathon to raise money for St. Luke's cancer hospital : My family and I are attempting to raise £10,000 by the end of April for St. Luke's Cancer centre at the RSCH. This is a cause that's very dear to our hearts, and I hope, all of yours too, especially at a time when St. Luke's needs all the support it can get. As you are perhaps aware, I lost my father to cancer last year and during the course of his treatment could not help but be moved by the dedication and sincerity of the staff at the centre. We have decided we really want to make a difference - you can help us!

A number of fund raising initiatives are underway, and as part of this challenge, my

brothers (myself, Colin, Gary and Pete) are running the Paris Marathon on 15th April 2007 to raise money for this incredibly worthwhile cause - we need all the backing we can get to reach this target - please visit our web page [www.justgiving.com/thebookhamboys](http://www.justgiving.com/thebookhamboys) to help us on our way. There are people that need our help now!

Look out for the full story in this week Surrey Advertiser – Good Luck boys.

**Discount on Physio treatment for members:** A concession rate (£30 per session instead of £36) for physiotherapy treatment for players and coaches/managers can be taken advantage of at Allen Physiotherapy, rehabilitation and Sports Medicine, 60 Woodbridge Road, Guildford O1483 571783. Concession is only valid if the treatment is being paid for at the time by the person. If it is going to be claimed for on an insurance policy then the normal charges will apply. Players will need to state their Name, Age Group and Team Managers name at time of treatment to qualify for concession.

### **Fulham Junior Football Club Day**

**Fulham v Aston Villa Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3pm KO.** A great opportunity to see premiership football, tickets cost: Adults £20.00 Children £5.00. There will be a coach available, our grateful thanks to Newton's Coaches, to and from Craven Cottage, cost of seats £2 each payable on coach. If you are interested in obtaining tickets for this game please complete the attached form and pass to your Team Manager with the appropriate fee. Cheques payable to Fulham FC. **Deadline: Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 2007.**

**Brazilian Coaching: update...**we are hoping to re-start our sessions with the Brazilian coaching school after half term. In the meantime you can get a taste of this coaching during half term: Cost £12/day to find location or book please phone Chris on 02392 732108

**Planet Soccer:** half term coaching course being held: Boxgrove School Mon – Weds £39.00 or £15/day / Tillingbourne School Mon – Thurs £48 or £15/day to book phone 01483 890500.

**Surrey Young Coaches and officials course:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007

## **14 – 19 year olds FA Junior Football Organiser**

Every future Steve McClaren starts here! This course has been designed to offer training in three main areas: planning & organising a fun football session for young people; refereeing mini-soccer games; & organising small sided games. Cost £20

The SYCO programme is a leadership programme that encourages young people to gain the first steps in coaching and officiating in a variety of sports.

After completing a course they are encouraged to make use of their new skills by volunteering 15, 25 or 50 hours and are rewarded for their efforts by receiving certificates

and goodies. Volunteering opportunities exist in coaching, officiating and administration in a quality club environment or simply at a school event as well as gaining the opportunity to help at the Surrey Youth Games!

More information about all courses is available on

[www.activesurrey.com](http://www.activesurrey.com)

**An evening with Sir Steve Redgrave:** March 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 6.15pm Surrey University  
Tickets £10.00 concessions £5 to book tickets or for future information call 01483 686876 e:mail [boxoffice@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:boxoffice@surrey.ac.uk)

In previous Newsletters we have appealed for volunteers to take on the position of Club Development Officer. I am happy to advise you that the following appointments were made at our last Committee Meeting:

Chief Coach: Simon Craig  
Club Development Officer: Alex Forbes

We welcome anyone wishing to get involved with the club either on a coaching level or on the committee to help oversee the running of the club, interested? Give me a call 01483 827339

**End of Season Team Photographs:** We are in the process of organizing an end of season photo shoot, a date and format will be confirmed and will probably take place before the start of the training sessions – wonder why that could be!

**Annual 6-a-side Tournament:** details /date of our annual event will be sent out shortly as will a plea for helpers, we will adopt the same policy as last year, if your child wants to take part in the tournament parents will need to volunteer their help over the weekend to ensure that the event runs smoothly and we offer a warm welcome to visiting teams.

Time for team news:

### **Saints U13 Girls**

This season so far has been a stop and start one due to postponed games running up to Christmas. The start of the season saw us play very strong opposition and suffer some heavy defeats, but slowly performances against more evenly match teams has lead to closer games. Our first win away to Dorking having been 1-0 down at half time and coming back to deservedly win 2-1 was a great boost to the team. The best performance was saved for last weekend when a great team display earned the girls a fine 3-0 win against Roundshaw & District who had beaten us 3-1 before Christmas.

Attendance at training has been fantastic and we have a packed training pitch with 17 girls some weeks bringing the noise level up in Burpham. Roll on the rest of the season and hopefully some more solid performances will lead to some more improving results.

"U10 Strikers (boys) season is like fine wine, "improving with age".....we are on an unbeaten run of 4 games, including wins against teams in 2nd and 3rd place..now hoping for a run in the Plate competition too...things are definitely on the up"

Both Under 12 boys teams are enjoying very successful seasons. The Saints are a point behind Division One leaders Farnham and are through to the Quarter Finals of the league cup. Another successful County Cup run saw them reach the last sixteen for the second season in a row. The Blues lead Division Five by seven points. They too are in the Quarter Finals of the league cup and at the time of writing they have won fourteen consecutive games league and cup games!

### **U11 Boys**

We now have 41 boys in our U11 squad which is great but creates a headache for the Managers who try their best, within the rules set out by the SPL, to enable every boy to play as much as possible.

Our Division 2 Strikers team face Kew Park Rangers in the quarter final of the County Cup this weekend. If they play as a team they could easily make the semi- final but with all cup ties, anything could happen.

They all played brilliantly on Sunday beating Aldershot Boys and Girls 6-2. The Shots, currently top of the league, were unbeaten until then so a fantastic achievement for the Saints Strikers.

Our Division 5 Stormers team have come on leaps and bounds this season and are currently 5<sup>th</sup> in the table, thanks to Mike Tuohy, and his consortium of helpers.

The Stormers too had an excellent win this weekend against rivals Guildford City, beating them 4-2. They face St Francis in the quarter final of the league plate this weekend.

Both teams are fortunate to have new sponsors this season and have been issued with all new kit.

We thank **RADical Systems** for sponsoring the Strikers and **Newton's Coaches** for sponsoring the Stormers.

Newton's Coaches kindly provide the coaches for Guildford Saints to travel to the Fulham and England matches.

Three of our boys, Tom Jones, Joe Richards and George Stephens reached the final rounds of the SPL trials recently. We are proud to say that George Stephens was picked for the squad.

**GSFC Adults – Men:** Top of the league only two defeats all season also in quarterfinals of County cup. Good season so far! The adult team are always on the lookout for new players anyone interested in joining this very successful team should phone: John Thornton 01252 653302

**U15 Girls –** Some very bizarre results in our Division 1 league, however I believe the girls have turned a corner and have improved considerably. Following our County Cup defeat on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan we went on to play Abbey Rangers at home, a brilliant team performance had the girls 4-0 up at half time, a jubilant team spirit meant that the girls held on to that lead winning 4-2 against a team, played many times over the past few years, but never beaten. Taking our wins to 2 with 1 draw, lying bottom half of the table. Currently a squad of 12 means that some weeks we are only able to field 10 due to other commitments, however all credit to the girls as they give 100% every week.

**Adults – Ladies:** Sadly we lost our Cup semi final against Reading after going 2-0 up, the combination of a long list of injured and no subs finally took its toll in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with Reading winning 2-4. Not bad for a newly formed team our first meeting with Reading was a 9-0 defeat. We are still looking for additional players, as mentioned above we have 4 or 5 injured players at present, some unable to return this season, anyone 16+, all abilities welcome to join in our training sessions weds 9-10pm at the Varsity, more info from Dawn 01483 827339.

Well that's all for now until next time Come on you SAINTS!