

THE GUILDFORD CRICKET FESTIVAL

Wednesday, 11th – Sunday, 15th July 2012

Information Sheet

The fixtures this year are:

- **SURREY CCC v LANCASHIRE CCC** (LV County Championship, four days) from Wednesday, 11th to Saturday, 14th July. Play will commence at 11.00 am each day.
- **SURREY v NOTTINGHAMSHIRE OUTLAWS** (CB40) on Sunday, 15th July. Play will commence at 1.45 pm.

Why is it called the Festival?

It's the traditional name for the week when Surrey CCC come and play professional cricket at Guildford. Surrey's principal home ground is of course The Kia Oval in London, but the county has played at Guildford since 1938.

There is always a distinct Festival atmosphere - our ground at Woodbridge Road is transformed by sponsors' tents on the boundary edge, along with stands and public seating for over 3,000 spectators.

How do I get tickets and reserve seats?

Surrey CCC members are entitled to free admission on all days (including Sunday) upon production of their 2012 Membership Card. Guildford Cricket Club members are also entitled to free admission on all days (including Sunday) upon production of their 2012 Club Membership Card/Fixture Booklet.

For the County Championship game (Wed-Sat), non-members may gain admission through the turnstiles by the pavilion gate or at the far end of the ground by the café in Woodbridge Road. Entry costs £12 (U-16 juniors £1). There are no advance ticket sales.

For the CB40 match on Sunday, tickets may be purchased online at:

<https://www.eticketing.co.uk/surreytickets/default.aspx>

Tickets purchased in advance cost £15 for adults and £5 for U-16 juniors. There is also a Family Ticket (2 adults + 2 juniors) available by advance purchase only for £35. Tickets may be purchased in advance from March 2012 on-line, by telephone (0844 375 1845) or in person from The Kia Oval.

The Sunday game is extremely popular and advance purchase of tickets is strongly recommended. Tickets are usually available on the day on the gate from 12 noon and cost £20 for adults and £5 for U-16 juniors. However, they may sell out and the gates may be shut.

Alcohol restrictions

The same restrictions apply at Guildford as at the Kia Oval for CB40 games. On Sunday, only one bottle of wine or 4 cans of beer/lager/cider per adult spectator may be brought into the ground and the stewards will enforce this.

Where do I sit?

The large stand at the Pavilion End is reserved for Surrey CCC members. All other seating is unreserved and it is best to arrive early to choose where you wish to sit (particularly on the Sunday). Please do not bring your own chairs – there are no areas on the boundary to set them up.

Can I park my car in the ground?

No. Free car parking is available on a first come first served basis at Guildford College, Stoke Road GU1 1EZ (less than 10 minutes walk).

The Pavilion car park is closed on all days. Cars are parked on the grass at the railway end of the ground, but spaces are allocated only to players, match officials and guests of those companies which hire the corporate hospitality tents.

Can I get food and drink at the Festival?

Volunteers from Guildford Cricket Club operate the popular Public Refreshment Tent, which is located in the car park at the Pavilion End of the ground. All profits from the Refreshment Tent go towards junior cricket at Guildford CC.

Volunteers from Guildford CC also operate the famous Public Beer Tent. This is located at the Pavilion End. Hogs Back real ales, chilled beers and lagers are sold. On the Sunday, there will be a second Beer Tent and at the Railway End of the ground.

Can I hire a Corporate Hospitality Marquee?

Hiring a marquee at the Cricket Week has long been a very popular way for the major local companies to entertain clients and contacts in a stylish and relaxed environment.

Marquees are available through the Cricket week. The hire "package" comprises a 9m x 9m marquee, furniture inside and outside with tables, chairs and umbrellas, 40 ground admission tickets and 8 car parking passes. The daily hire charge is £2250 + VAT (Sunday £1250 + VAT) per tent per day. The charge does not include catering (hirers are free to use either their own caterer or the Festival Preferred Catering Partner.

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