



GUILDFORD CRICKET CLUB

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New Pavilion Project

Building work started in November for a major refurbishment of the Pavilion at Woodbridge Road. A substantial part of the building has been demolished. The building is being extended so that the ground floor changing facilities will be enlarged. There will fully air-conditioned banqueting suite on the 1st floor with capacity to seat 130, and an additional floor will be added on top.

The project is being led and funded by Guildford Borough (which owns the freehold of the ground under a charitable trust), with financial contributions made by Surrey County Cricket Club and Guildford Cricket Club

It is expected that the building contractor will complete and hand over ground floor changing rooms only in time for the Cricket Week starting on 9th June. However, the rest of the building will not be complete until mid-July.

This introduces some operational complexity into the first half of the season, when we will be making use of temporary facilities. Notwithstanding this, in a few weeks' time, The Sports Ground at Woodbridge Road will be one of the very best club cricket grounds and the new pavilion will be a major asset available for use by the wider Guildford community.

Surrey Matches at Guildford in 2017

This year the fixtures and dates for Surrey matches are:

- **Surrey CCC v Essex CCC** (Specsavers County Championship Division 1) four days starting on Friday 9th June (11.00 am start).
- Depending on Surrey's progress in the group stage matches in the Royal London One-Day Cup in April and early May, it is possible that a quarter-final or semi-final will be played at Woodbridge Road. This will be on one of 13th, 16th or 17th June.
- **Surrey Stars** will play two Kia Women's Cricket Super League T20 matches at Guildford. These are on Wednesday 23rd August (v Western Storm) and Saturday 26th August (v Loughborough Lightning).
- **Surrey CCC 2nd XI** play a three-day match against Yorkshire at Guildford starting on Tuesday 13th September (10.30 am start).



Artist's impression of the new pavilion

The Guildford Beer Festival 2017

The Eighth Annual Guildford Beer Festival will take place on Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd June 2016 at Guildford Cricket Club.

Tickets go on sale on Monday 13th February and will be available online from the GBF website (www.guildfordbeerfestival.co.uk) and in person from the Guildford Tourist Information Centre in the town centre (155 High Street, Guildford GU1 3AJ).






James Faulkner (GBF Chairman) comments: "The GBF has become something of a Guildford Summer institution. It is a very popular event – well over 4,000 attended last Summer. We have tried to improve the event each year but we won't be making major changes to what is a very successful format. The event will again be held in marquees and outdoors at Guildford Cricket Club, the focus will be on beers from local independent and microbreweries and craft ciders, and there will be the usual attractive live music programme."

Guildford Cricket Club Cricket Week

This was very successful last year and is being repeated. The format is:

- Tuesday, 15th August – corporate six-aside tournament
- Wednesday, 16th August – Guildford CC v Club Cricket Conference. The new Pavilion will be officially opened by the Mayor of Guildford on this day. Further details will follow.
- Thursday, 17th August – Guildford CC v Dolphins CC. There will be barbecue for club members, sponsors and friends after the game. .

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