

THE GUILDFORD CRICKET FESTIVAL

Wednesday 16th – Sunday 20th July 2008

Information Sheet

The dates in 2008:

- *Surrey v Durham (Liverpool Victoria County Championship Division 1, four days) commencing on Wednesday, 16th July. Play starts at 11.00 am.*
- *Surrey v Yorkshire Pro-40 League Division 2 on Sunday, 20th July (1.45 pm start).*

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 Brit Oval in London, but the county has played at Guildford since 1938 (a photograph of that first match is in the Club Room in the pavilion).

There is always a distinct Festival atmosphere - our ground at Woodbridge Road is transformed by brightly coloured sponsors' tents on the boundary edge, along with stands and public seating for up to 4,000 spectators.

The Surrey players, including Jade Dernbach and Neil Saker who came through the junior ranks at Guildford CC, will tell you that the Festival is the most enjoyable week on the County "circuit"!

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 2008 Membership Card.

Guildford Cricket Club members are also entitled to free admission on all days (including Sunday) upon production of their 2008 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 £6). There are no advance ticket sales.

For the Sunday game, tickets cost £12 (U-16 juniors £6) and may be purchased in advance:

- *online (from January 2008 onwards) from www.surreyccricket.com/ticketing; or*
- *by telephone or in person (from May 2008 onwards) from The Brit Oval (08712 46 1100), from Guildford Spectrum Leisure Centre (01483 443322) or the Surrey Cricket Centre at George Abbot School, Burpham (01483 598880).*

Whether tickets are available on the day is not yet decided by Surrey CCC (it depends on advance ticket sales – it is recommended you purchase in advance).

Can I use the Pavilion during the Festival?

No. During the Festival, the Pavilion is reserved for the County players and officials and is not open to Surrey CCC members, Guildford CC members nor the public.

Where do I sit?

Seating in the public stands 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 where you will be able 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 in Stoke Road (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 a Public Refreshment Tent, which is located in the car park at the Pavilion end of the ground. This sells a wide selection of hot and cold drinks, bacon rolls and hot dogs, and home made cakes. All profits from the Refreshment tent go towards junior cricket at Guildford CC.

Volunteers from Guildford CC also operate a Public Beer Tent. This is located at the Pavilion end (and there is a second Beer tent at the Railway end of the ground on the Sunday). Hogs Back real ales, chilled beers and lagers are sold. There is also a Champagne and Pimms Bar.

Who is responsible for the Festival?

The Guildford Cricket Festival is a three-way partnership between Guildford Borough Council, Surrey CCC and Guildford CC. There is a 10-year Staging Agreement that was signed in 2003.