

## **Woking 1s v Marden Russets 1s – Cup Game Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

On Sunday we welcomed Kent side Marden Russets to Goldsworth Park in the second round of the HA Trophy. Russets are top of their league after 4 straight wins so we knew it would be a tough game and we were not disappointed. Russets dominated the opening 15 minutes and we were left chasing shadows at times but we defended stoutly and did not concede an early goal. When Russets did eventually get the ball in the net the goal was disallowed because the ball was not in the penalty area and we soon made them pay for this error. Tim launched one of his trademark aerials that the Russets sweeper misjudged and Andy was waiting to pounce, his pin-point pass found Paul Ellis who rolled the ball into an empty net. Then it was Andy's turn to get on the score sheet only for Russets to pull a goal back from the penalty spot not long before the break. Andy then bagged his second of the game early in the second half after a cross from Paul found him at the far post only to see Russets grab their second with a well taken goal. We held on to our lead until the last minute (despite Robbo playing at sweeper!) but heartbreakingly we conceded a short corner goal after the final whistle to send the tie into golden goal extra time. Russets pressed us hard in the first few minutes and we were relieved to see a shot trickle agonisingly wide but we then broke swiftly and Garth picked out Andy at the far post to grab his hat trick and send the Woking crowd and players into scenes of delirium! Graeme's 75 yard run up the pitch to jump on any Woking players he could find was a particular highlight...!

Captain James (Billy) Turner commented "This was an important weekend for us, particularly to show the strength in depth of our squad. On Sunday we were missing five regular players but the people who came in did a fantastic job. Saturday showed the Jekyll and Hyde side to our play, we were fantastic in the first half and awful in the second but in the past we would have drawn or lost that game so it was great to see us show such fighting spirit and hang on for the win. On Sunday we showed tremendous strength and character to beat a very talented side and with six players aged under eighteen it shows the club has great promise for the future"