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The Fleetdown United Club House and Bar

OPENING HOURS



Saturdays
3.30pm – 6.30pm

Sundays
12.00pm – 3.00pm

Extended Hours Start Soon!!!!





Remember, if you want to hire the club house for a party or other family event then you can.

This is great way to hire a well equipped, local venue and help YOUR club at the same time.

If you have any questions, or wish to make a booking, then please telephone Pauline Easdown on 01322 407 313.

Club Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Meeting Type
Mon 8 th Sep	8pm	General & Exec
Mon 13 th Oct (provisional)	8pm	General & Exec
Mon 10 th Nov (provisional)	8pm	General & Exec
Mon 8 th Dec (provisional)	8pm	General & Exec
Meetings are normally held at the Fleetdown United FC Clubhouse located on Heath Lane		

Can all Managers please ensure that they attend monthly meetings, as they need to collect their fixture sheets for the month and pay in their teams subs.

It is your responsibility, as a team manager, to ensure that you collect your fixtures or nominate someone to attend the meeting and collect them on your behalf. You should also ensure that your subs are no more than 2 weeks in arrears.

The committee will no longer chase managers to notify them of fixtures if they fail to collect their fixture sheets for the month.

(Moan over!)

- **Fleetdown United 1-1 Parkwood Pumas**
Goal Scorers: Dan S
- **Fleetdown United 2-0 Vinters Park B**
Goal Scorers: Alfie E, Jack K

Well done to the New Under 6's Teams for a great start to their time with Fleetdown United.

WE NEED YOUR MATCH REPORTS

So often we hear the complaint; 'Why are there no match reports for my team?'

Well, the simple fact is that if no one writes a report then it can not be published.

You don't have to be the team manager to write a match report. Parents, Friends, Brothers and Sisters can write them to; we'll even credit your name under your report!!!

If you want to see match reports for YOUR team then simply write them and send them to:

Submission@FleetdownUnitedFC.Org.Uk

And we will make sure that they are published in the next newsletter.



Fundraising

BINGO NIGHT

*With Fish & Chip
Supper and Dancing*



When Saturday 11th October 2008
7:30 pm 'til 11:30pm

Details Come for a Night of Bingo, with a hot Fish and Chip Supper. Great Prizes, Fun and Games and, of course, the Bar will be open



Then finish the night off with Music and Dancing with DJ Lee!

Tickets All Tickets £8.99

How to get them You can buy your tickets at the Tuck Shop or call Amanda on 01322 285 439 or Jacqui on 01322 229 983

Halloween Fancy Dress Party

Mini Soccer Kids Party followed by Family Disco



When Friday 31st October 2008
Kids: 5:30 pm 'til 7:30pm
Families: 7:30pm 'til 11:30pm

Details



Fun, Games, Fancy Dress Competition and Goodie Bags for the Mini Soccer Kids and their friends, before the rest of the family join them for a night of Music and Dancing with DJ Lee!

Tickets



Kids: 6:00pm 'til 7:30pm, £5.99 each
(Includes entry to Family Disco)
Families: 7:30pm 'til 11:30pm, £3.99 each
(Family FANCY DRESS is optional)

How to get them

You can buy your tickets at the Tuck Shop or call



Jacqui on 01322 229 983,
Pam on 01322 278 214 or
Amanda on 01322 285 439

A special mention to Jack K, who scored a total of eight goals, to Cole G who dominated the midfield and chipped in with four goals, to Alfie E who scored the late winner in the Final and to Elliott D for scoring his first goal for the club.

Results:

- **Fleetdown United 3-2 Primrose Hill Soccer School**
Goal Scorers: Jack K, Cole G, Dan S
- **Fleetdown United 2-1 Ware FC**
Goal Scorers: Alfie E, Cole G
- **Fleetdown United 6-3 Lewisham FC**
Goal Scorers: Jack K (3), Cole G (2), Elliott D
- **Fleetdown United 4-1 Broadwater Farm**
Goal Scorers: Jack K (3), Dan S

Final:

- **Fleetdown United 2-1 Beacons FC**
Goal Scorers: Jack K, Alfie E

26th July 2008 Foots Cray Lions Under-6 Mini Soccer Tournament

Fleetdown went through the tournament undefeated with the highlight being an extremely competitive and high standard goalless draw against Teviot Rangers. The defence of Dan B and Dan S laid the foundation for the good results with the only goal conceded being the result of a harshly awarded penalty.

Results:

- **Fleetdown United 2-0 Beacons B**
Goal Scorers: Jack K, Cole G
- **Fleetdown United 0-0 Teviot Rangers**
- **Fleetdown United 2-0 Haydens Youth**
Goal Scorers: Alfie E, Cole G

sides. Given the strong opposition, the young Fleetdown team can be proud of being extremely competitive against older and more experienced sides. It was only in the last game when we unfortunately lost our goalkeeper that the small squad of only eight players ran out of steam.

Results:

- **Fleetdown United 1-1 Teviot Whites**
Goal Scorers: Jack K
- **Fleetdown United 0-1 Swanscombe Tigers B**
- **Fleetdown United 1-1 Long Lane Tigers**
Goal Scorers: Jack K
- **Fleetdown United 1-3 Phoenix Tigers**
Goal Scorers: Alfie E
- **Fleetdown United 0-2 Junior Red Knights**
- **Fleetdown United 0-4 Teviot Colts**

16th July 2008 Arsenal FC Under-6 Mini Soccer Tournament

Fleetdown were invited to represent the South East London area in a tournament hosted by Arsenal FC at their North London Academy training ground.

The tournament consisted of two groups of five extremely strong teams from all over the Home Counties with a play-off game between teams in the corresponding positions in each group.

After a tough opening game where we came back twice from being behind to win, Fleetdown played some exceptional passing football to win all of their group games.

In the final, Beacons dominated the opening exchanges and took a deserved lead before Fleetdown took control, equalised and scored a deserved winner in the final minutes.

Events Calendar

Here are the events we have planned for the rest of 2008. Please support these events and support your club.

11th October 2008



Bingo Night

31st October 2008

Halloween Kids Fancy
Dress Party & Family
Disco



15th November 2008



Cabaret Night

6th December 2008

Children's Christmas Party
Sunday Club → U10's



31st December 2008



New Years Eve Party

The Fleetdown United Website

<http://www.FleetdownUnitedFC.Org.Uk>

WEBSITE UPDATE

The Website has now been updated with the new team details for the 2008/2009 season.

Players Wanted?

Remember, if you are looking for players, then a great place to advertise, **FOR FREE**, is on our own club website. Simply send us the details of the positions you are look to fill and we will get the information posted up for you.

Submission@FleetdownUnitedFC.Org.Uk

If you have any suggestions, stories, match reports, photographs* or anything else you can think of relating to Fleetdown and the clubs history then please send them in.

For more information on the club website and how you can contribute to its success, contact Glenn Davis (U13's Manager) on 01322 285 439.

** Photographs of anyone under 18 will require a release to be signed and vetting by our Child Protection Officer before they can be published*

record was rewarded with a well taken equaliser minutes before the final whistle.

Goal Scorer: Daniel S

11th May 2008 Fleetdown United 2-0 Hayden Youth

In their final practice game Fleetdown, having had two games under their belts, started in much more confident mood and, in what was a close game with both sides hitting a post early on, managed to take a slender half time lead.

The second half was also very close with Fleetdown managing to get a second goal before the end. A special mention for Ben in goal for keeping his first clean-sheet, for the back two of Rowan and Daniel B who looked very solid throughout, and good contributions from Sam and Jamie.

Goal Scorers: Alfie E (1), Jack K (1)

11th May 2008 Fleetdown United 7-2 Hayden Youth

Fleetdown scored in the very first attack but then took the foot off the pedal to allow Hayden to get back into the game and take a 2-1 lead into half-time.

In, what were very hot conditions; the Fleetdown squad of eleven made the most of their advantage over the tiring nine players of Hayden and scored six unanswered goals in the second half.

The improved performance was also down to some good passing as players tired, notably by Cole, Daniel S and Alfie, good chasing and marking by Joe and Sean and some clinical finishing by Jack, three with his right foot and two with his left.

Goal Scorers: Jack K (5), Cole G (2)

14th June 2008 Teviot Rangers Under-7 Mini Soccer Tournament

Fleetdown were asked by Teviot to enter a team at the last moment to complete a group consisting of two under-6 and four under-7

Cuxton again came out with all guns firing and went into an early two goal lead. Fleetdown then came back with an individual goal from Alfie before half time.

In the second half, the two teams tired and Fleetdown were unlucky with a couple of well made chances. Cuxton were able to score a very good late goal to put the game out of reach.

Goal Scorer: Alfie E

27th Apr 2008 Fleetdown United 0-4 Teviot Rangers

Fleetdown were always up for a tough challenge, in only their second game against a team that had been playing all year, mainly against under 7 teams, and were undefeated.

Fleetdown started well but fell behind to a very unlucky own goal, after a good save by Ben in goal. Worse was to come when a wickedly deflected shot crept in at the far post. This was followed by two well made goals by the skilful Teviot forwards.

From 0-4 at half time, Fleetdown slowly gained in confidence and, with Sam and Jamie putting in a lot of work, restricted Teviot to few chances and towards the end Fleetdown managed to test the Teviot goalkeeper on a number of occasions without getting that little bit of luck that their good play deserved.

27th Apr 2008 Fleetdown United 1-1 Teviot Rangers

Fleetdown were much more solid at the back in the second game, with Rowan and Daniel B being well supported by Jack from midfield. Gradually Daniel S, Alfie and Cole started to have an impact in midfield and Fleetdown were unlucky to not have gone ahead after Alfie hit a post.

By the second half Fleetdown were playing the ball around nicely and were rewarded when a cross shot from Daniel S eluded the Teviot goalkeeper under pressure from Elliot.

This was the first time that the strong Teviot team had ever been behind in a game and their determination to retain their unbeaten

Club News

ALL WEATHER PITCH UPDATE - August 2008

Work has continued at an amazing pace throughout the summer and the All Weather Pitch is practically complete.



After laying the gravel, a specialised tarmac was laid on top and, finally, the AstroTurf itself has now been laid.

The final job was spread several tons of rubber pellets onto the pitch; this keeps the 'grass' standing upright and gives anyone walking on the pitch a more grass like feeling underfoot.



You can see, in this second photo, just how many bags of rubber beads were required. They are the taller bags.

Now that the facility itself is complete, there are further tasks required to give players safe and durable access to the pitch. To this end work has proceeded to clear the area between the club house and the car park, to allow the creation of a footpath that we run along the East side of the club house building.



The area is being flattened out and concrete slabs laid. Help is always appreciated from anyone who can spare a few hours to assist with this task. Let Brian Wakeman know if you can help out at any time

Players Wanted

Team	Manager	Telephone	Email
Under 14's	Daren Rudd	07968 265 270	Under14@fleetdownunitedfc.org.uk

Fleetdown United Under 14's are seeking players in all positions. Training is on Wednesday Evenings, from 7:30pm - 8:30pm, at the Fleetdown United Ground on Heath Lane.

Under 14's Football is for players typically in School Year 9.

The first session will be on Wednesday 6th August 2008. New players should arrive at 7:15pm to meet the manager.

Team	Manager	Telephone	Email
Under 13's	Glenn Davis	07812 638 031	Under13@fleetdownunitedfc.org.uk

Fleetdown United Under 13's are seeking players in all positions. We have a specific need for a Goal Keeper.

Under 13's Football is for players typically in School Year 8.

Training is currently on Thursday Evenings, from 5:30pm - 7:00pm, at the Fleetdown United Ground on Heath Lane.

The first session will be on Thursday 14th August 2008. New players should arrive at 5:15pm to meet the manager.

Match Reports

**Sunday Club (Under 6's) Manager: Mel Gordon
Coach: Steve Wakeman**

In preparation for next year's under 7 team, two friendly games were played to give the younger boys some experience of match conditions.

20th Apr 2008 Fleetdown United 6-4 Cuxton 91

After the initial shock of going four goals down against a team who were very well organized (and had played before) and of playing in front of a large crowd, the midfield of Cole and Alfie managed to start to get hold of the ball and Fleetdown could have scored two or three goals if it had not been for a fine display by the Cuxton goalkeeper. Eventually, Fleetdown managed to pull a goal back before half time.

In the second half Rowan and Daniel B tightened up the defense and with Ben looking confident in goal the boys started to play the ball around nicely, especially down the wings where Daniel S and Cole combined well. With Jack leading the line up front and Alfie making telling runs through the middle the floodgates opened and Fleetdown scored five goals without reply giving them a win in their very first game ever.

Goal Scorers: Alfie E (4), Cole G, Daniel S

20th Apr 2008 Fleetdown United 1-3 Cuxton 91

After the excitement of the first game, the second was much lower key, with both teams playing their entire squads and experimenting with different boys, and girl, in various positions.