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# The Fleetdown United Club House and Bar

## OPENING HOURS



Saturdays

3.30pm – 6.30pm

Sundays

12.00pm – 4.00pm\*

\* May vary depending on Premiership match scheduled. Open until 6pm when late Premiership kick offs are on Television.





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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 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7:30pm	General & Exec
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7:30pm	General & Exec
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7:30pm	General & Exec
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7:30pm	General & Exec
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7:30pm	General & Exec
Meetings are normally held at the Fleetdown United FC Clubhouse located on Heath Lane		

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## BINGO NIGHT

*With Fish & Chip Supper and Dancing*



**When**                      Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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



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**Tickets**                    All Tickets £8.99

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## Dress Party

**Mini Soccer Kids  
Party followed by  
Family Disco**



### When

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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## WE STILL NEED YOUR MATCH REPORTS

We've started to receive match reports for the new season, which is great news in itself. But we want more, not that we're greedy, but everyone wants to know just how Fleetdown are doing, at all age groups.

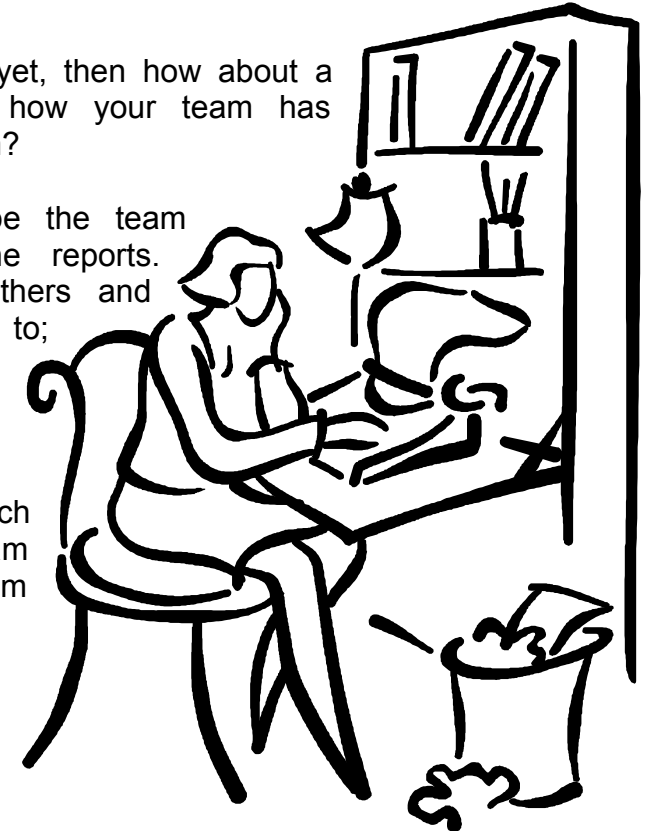
So far we have seen reports from the Under 9's, Under 10's, Under 13's and Under 15's.

Why no reports for your age group? Well that's because no one sent any in.

If you haven't played yet, then how about a preseason report on how your team has prepared for the season?

You don't have to be the team manager to write the reports. 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:



[Submissions@FleetdownUnitedFC.Org.Uk](mailto:Submissions@FleetdownUnitedFC.Org.Uk)

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

**Under 15's**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2008**

**Manager: Russell Harvey**  
**Eltham Progress 2 – 4 Fleetdown United**

A good match, but it could have been a lot more.

Goal Scorers: Tom H, Josh W, Ryan S, Harry C

**21<sup>st</sup> Sep 2008**

**Fleetdown United 2 – 3 K9 Colts**

The team worked hard, but gave away some soft goals. A lot of time was lost due to injuries. This impacted the flow of the Fleetdown game.

Goal Scorers: OG, Tom H

# Events Calendar

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

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Cabaret Night**

**6<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**Children's Christmas Party**  
Sunday Club → U10's



**31<sup>st</sup> December 2008**

**New Years Eve Party**



7:30 pm until 1 am

**March 18th 2009**

**Race Night**

**April 18th 2009**

**Quiz Night**



# The Fleetdown United Website

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

## WEBSITE UPDATE

- In August the Website had over 9000 hits.
- In September the Website had nearly 15500 hits
- We've had over 40000 hits since the site went live.
- Over 150 people used the website to download their copy of the Newsletter.

## ADVERTISING

If you want to advertise your business on the website or in the newsletter, contact us at [admin@fleetdownunitedfc.org.uk](mailto:admin@fleetdownunitedfc.org.uk)

- £5.00 per Month or £10 for 3 months.

## 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.

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 Fleetdown United website and how you can contribute to its success, contact Glenn Davis (U13's Manager) on 01322 285 439.

**Submission@FleetdownUnitedFC.Org.Uk**

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

21<sup>st</sup> Sep 2008

Eltham Progress 0 – 2 Fleetdown United

*Reported by Richard Blackman*

Today's opponents finished near the top of the division last season and were confident about a victory. However from the kick-off Fleetdown showed their superiority and dominated the game throughout.

The football played by every player in the team was a joy to watch and "Fleetdown's Progress" this season was there to clearly see. Surprisingly the game only saw two goals; both solid one touch volleys by Terry from good crosses supplied by Lewis Blackman.

However the game witnessed quite literally a whole series of shots, from Terry, Toby, George both Lewis's and others while Fleet's defence remained solid and was hardly tested. If the team's finishing skills had been better the score might have been blushing higher.

With several close but missed shots for the second week running there is much obvious positive potential, but the need now to turn near misses into goals.

Goal Scorers: Terry(2)

Man of the Match: Lewis Blackman

## Managers View – September 2008

So far, overall, we have opened our account for the new season with determination. Every member of the team is focused on our goal; to beat our league standing from last season and attempt to gain promotion to the B division next season.

I am extremely pleased with the progress so far and just how well all of the boys have responded to the challenge they have been set.

I know that we can keep it going right through the season and get to where we want to be; all we have to do is believe that we can do it.

3. There was no negative defensive football here though with Fleetdown continuing to play, and with Daniel, Lewis B and Dylan all unlucky not to have scored with good efforts at goal.

In conclusion, for the second week running, very much a game of two halves again, but this time due to casualties and the loss of shape, and concentration, that this caused.

Goal Scorers: George Li(2), Terry

**14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2008**

**Fleetdown United 4 – 6 Ladywell FC**

***Reported by Richard Blackman***

The first league game of the season was expected to be hard, against a good team who were in the league's B division last season. They had a core of some very good players who were particularly good on the break.

Ladywell lead for most of the game but Fleetdown kept closing that lead and played as a team for the entire duration. Goals were scored by George Li, Terry and Tobi. These were particularly well served by mid fielders Daniel Chapman and Lewis Blackman.

Goal keeper Callum made a series of great saves, keeping the game alive but had it not been for the ceaseless runs and tackles of Captain & Sweeper Martin he would have had to have made many more saves.

In truth though the whole team worked hard until the final whistle in what proved to be the team's closest fought game in memory. The final score was a disappointing one in light of this but with the team never giving up the match should be a good building block for the rest of the season.

Goal Scorers: George Li, Terry, Tobi (2)

# Club News

## **ALL WEATHER PITCH UPDATE – September '08**

The playing surface for the All Weather Pitch is now complete and work continues on construction of the footpath along the east side of the Club House building.



### **15<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

At this point 2 slabs had been laid and the area for the next 2 has been cleared and battened.

### **16<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> slab was poured; work is expected to continue over the coming weekends to pour the final 2 slabs.



### **30<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

Slabs 4 & 5 were laid in a single morning. The remaining tasks are to dig out and lay the final, sloped entry slab and gate threshold.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> September 2008**

Today saw the first team step onto the Astroturf for training. The Under 15's squad, managed by Russell Harvey, had the honour of testing out the facility first hand.



At this time a temporary pathway has been put in place to allow access, until the east side footpath is complete.

### 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Some retrofitting work is required to prevent run off of stones and dirt onto the southern edge of the pitch. To date approximately  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the south side have been dug out a wooden battening laid. The remaining work is in progress, with the digging complete.



### 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008

With the temporary footpath in place, the Fleetdown United All Weather Training Facility is now a going concern. Teams will pay £30.00 per hour to use the facility, which includes the use of training balls, goal posts and cones. All funds generated will be used to repay the considerable loan that Fleetdown United have taken out to make this important club investment.

There is still plenty of work to do over the coming months and a big shortage of volunteers. Now, more than ever, the club needs everyone to give up just a couple of hours of your time to help with maintenance,

If anyone can offer some time to help out it with this task it will be greatly appreciated.

Let Brian Wakeman know if you can help out at any time.

From my viewpoint though, the first half was an outstanding match to officiate, with plenty of action. The shot by Terry was very unlucky, but lessons learnt I think; celebrate once the ball hits the net, not before...

During the second half I felt it was our team fitness levels were a major factor that let us down, as the opposing team were able to maintain greater speed and accuracy on the ball.

All in all though the team used this match to gain some vital experience and for the management team to experiment and try a few things; from that point of view, mission accomplished!

My thanks to Richard for his first, of what I hope will be many throughout the season, match report.

7<sup>th</sup> Sep 2008

**Darenth FC 3 – 3 Fleetdown United**

*Reported by Richard Blackman*

This was the second and last pre season friendly and again expected to be a tough game, this time as the competition were a team who expect themselves to finish top of the division this year.

Despite not being favourites Fleetdown started well and for most of first half the teams seemed well matched. However with Fleetdown making the only real attempts on goal it was not going to stay that way and when there was a scramble in front of the Darenth goal this was taken full advantage of by George Li. He then scored his second later in the first half with a great opportunistic chip over the keeper.

Fleetdown continued to attack and when the Darenth keeper failed to keep hold of a shot, Terry made sure of it and made the score 3-0 going into half time.

Unfortunately it was not destined to be all Fleetdown's way and in the second half injuries accumulated at an alarming rate, with at one point 3 injured players on the sidelines.

Forced to make changes Fleetdown had to try and hang on while an encouraged Darenth came at them and brought the score back to 3-

**Under 13's**  
31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2008

**Manager: Glenn Davis**  
Fleetdown United 0 - 5 Kennington Colts

**Reported by Richard Blackman**

After a long summer break it was important to play a pre season friendly or two, especially as four new players had been at training. The Home game, against Canterbury team Kennington Colts, was the first in Fleetdown colours for new Keeper Callum, Defender Chris and Striker Terry. It was always going to be a difficult game, playing a team in a higher division but the biggest unknowns were; how the new players would perform, in what condition were all the players after their long break, and finally how the new team would all play together.

As the under dogs the game started well for us with neither team dominating and soon the team were gelling well together. Callum, Chris and Terry fitted in to the team fine and were playing well, as were the rest of the boys. So much so in fact that by half time the only real chance of a goal in the game had come from Fleetdown with a shot from Terry striking the post and rolling across the mouth of the goal.

After the break with the system working well and a fair sized squad it was important in the second half to give all players a game, and being a friendly an opportunity also to try players in different positions. The contribution of the two Centre Backs, Abraham & Martin, are particularly worthy of note and it became clear what the formation of the team should be this session.

Unfortunately from a match winning point of view this education came at a price and coupled with a less than impressive level of fitness all round meant a final score of 5-nil. Very much a game of two halves with some good lessons learnt.

### **Managers View**

It's hard to comment on this game as I was referee for the day, so focus was always directed at the area of play, rather than the entire pitch.

# Match Reports

**Under 9 Black**  
14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2008

**Manager: Stuart Poole**  
Eltham Lions 1 - Fleetdown United 7

### **First half**

Subs: Maisie/Thomas F

I'm guessing that the two friendly games played early in the month served to stoke up the team because the moment the whistle blew they were playing with all guns a blazing. For the first 5 minutes EL really did not get a look in and had to defend hard as many of FB had attempts on goal and it wasn't long before an excellent pass in by Tommy G to Big Alfie saw the latter score his first goal of the season.

EL tried to break FB's defence but they were going nowhere fast and it wasn't long before all the attacking was focused down the other end of the pitch.

A few shaky minutes in FB's defence nearly costs them, but excellent goalkeeping by George keeps them out of trouble, and once again are on the attack. FB win a throw in and Little Alfie, H and Tommy G are all trying to claim a goal - FB do have a second goal but unfortunately for EL it came from one of their players...oops.

FB win a corner and Little Alfie curls a beautiful ball into H who makes it 3-0 to FB. Once again EL try to attack but FB are not giving in, they can smell victory and they are not letting go...excellent link up between the two Alfies and throughout we are seeing really good passing between all the players, Little Alfie passes the ball into H who scores his second goal of the game just before the half time whistle.

**Half time score: 0-4**  
Subs: Big Alfie/Jacob

I'm not sure what happened at half time with the managers' talks to their respective teams, but EL started with a fire that was definitely lacking in the first half whereas FB looked a bit confused, had it not been for George's excellent goalkeeping and Tommy G's fearless tackles EL may well have equalised.

The game is stopped as Maisie is injured and so substituted for Big Alfie.

Lack of concentration costs FB as EL score their first goal. Little Alfie has that look ... he means business ... he takes on one, two, three EL players and surges past all of them to be rewarded with a beauty of a goal. EL are giving FB a harder time in this half but FB are fighting back, once again the two Alfies are doing their thing and team up to bombard EL's box and are rewarded with Big Alfie's second goal.

EL have a shot on goal, and FB were lucky that George had it all under control (he even managed to keep his hat on). Tommy G wins a corner and Big Alfie slips in a naughty one giving him his hat-trick. The last five minutes of the game sees FB constantly bombarding EL's goal in the hope that Tommy G can have his own prize for all his hard work, but it wasn't to be.

A fantastic game and a win thoroughly deserved because they all played as a team and were positive and encouraging to one another throughout.

Well done

Man of the match: Tommy G

***Under 10 Orange***  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2008**

***Manager: Tony Munday***  
**Lewisham 2 - 0 Fleetdown United**

The whistle blew at the start of the first match of the season. We started passing and moving the ball around very comfortably. Unfortunately, they did as well, and within ten minutes were 1-0 down!

However we retaliated with a great cross from Stewart which Ross connected with but unfortunately it was saved. Harry had to produce some fantastic saves today as they were a strong striking side. In the dying minutes of the first half, Ryan cleared the ball from the half way line which was just knocked over the bar - if only their goalie had been a little shorter it would have been a fantastic goal!

The second half started with a great shot from Liam which was saved. We continued pressuring them but it just wasn't going to go in again! They managed to score again from a corner so we had a final score of 2-0. We were very unlucky all the way through and put up a great performance.

Man of the Match: Stewart

**21<sup>st</sup> Sep 2008**

**Fleetdown United 1 – 1 Invicta Lions**

It was our first home match of the season and we needed a win. Straight away you could see that the teams were evenly matched. In the opening few minutes we were forced to defend our goal with Harry and Ryan at the back being very strong and refusing to let them through. We eventually got a break after some great passing from Lewis and Liam. This helped Stewart take a strong shot at goal. Unfortunately it was saved. The first corner went to them and they managed to get a great shot in which Harry saved. They continued to pressure us and eventually managed to get past our boys and score a goal. It was 1-0. We retaliated with some good shots from Callum and Harry but the ball wouldn't go in.

We continued to pressure their defence throughout the second half and Stewart struck every bit of the woodwork before finally back heeling the ball into the goal. We had a final score of 1-1.

Congratulations to all our boys who fought hard and a warm welcome to Cain and Sebastian who played in their first league game for the team.

Goal Scorer: Stewart

Man of the Match: Stewart