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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		



12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008

New Town Tigers 5 2 Fleetdown United

This was a friendly match, during London Cup qualifying week. We went in at half time 2-1 up, having completely outplayed the opposition. In the second half we continued to play the better football but individual errors cost us dear.

Goal scorers: Tom H, Josh W

# SOUNDPROOF

With DJ Lee

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# Fundraising

## FIRST EVENT OF THE YEAR

We held our first fundraising event of the year on Saturday 11th October 2008. The Bingo Night was a enormous success and has set the bar high for future fundraising events at Fleetdown United FC.

Feedback on the night and afterwards has been universally positive, with everyone who we spoke to telling us that they had a fantastic time and asking when would we be doing another one!!!

A big thank you must go to Jacqui, Albert and Glenn for their hard work on the evening.

Overall the night raised £495.00 for the club.

## TUCK SHOP NEWS

### New Stuff

We have been experimenting with a lot of new sweets and drinks in the Tuck Shop. Due to the variety we now keep in stock you will see different things on sale from week to week, but if there is something you fancy, but it isn't out, be sure to ask. If it's in the cupboard then we can always get it for you.

If there's anything you think we should be selling, then send us an email and we'll see what we can do.

**[fundraising@fleetdownunitedfc.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@fleetdownunitedfc.org.uk)**

### Can you Help?

The Tuck Shop is getting very busy and the Fundraising team could really do with a few volunteers to help out. If you can spare an hour or so, on a Sunday, then your help will be gratefully received when they are really busy.

Cabaret Night Presenting

# Steve Dukes

## "Songs from the Stars"

Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Elvis Presley,  
Buddy Holly, Tom Jones, Bobby Darin,  
Neil Diamond and many more.

15th November 2008

7:30pm 'til 11:30pm

Tickets £7.99

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This is an Over 18's Only Event



Find out more about Steve Dukes and listen to his music on the web at  
<http://www.steve-dukes.co.uk> <http://www.myspace.com/stevedukesmusic>

Darrick's second goal was in many ways even more embarrassing in that when the Linesman flagged for offside Fleetdown's Defenders stopped running, while Darrick's forwards did not! No whistle was blown, play continued and Fleetdown had conceded two silly goals. This was never going to be the way the match would end up though and when a shot from Abraham hit the Darrick post it bounced back to Terry who made sure of it. Abraham then set up Terry's sixth goal and last of the match by doing a great job of drawing the keeper onto him before squaring the ball to Terry in front of an open goal.

Special mentions must first go to Tobi and Lewis S whose determination and controlled (ie appropriate) aggression saw them repeatedly take on, and beat, much bigger players and must have set an example to the rest of the team. Also having great games were unsung heroes each from Defence, Midfield & Forward; Tom for his solid defending and great strength in tackles that kept Darrick's talented Right-winger out of the game, Ben (the team's Pitbull) for constant harassment of their players in midfield that ultimately forced Darrick to try sending the ball either down the wings or just over him, and Abraham playing up front for his calm yet silky skills and great team work with Terry. However after scoring six goals Man of the Match could only be Terry, finally firing on target and playing to his true potential.

Man of the Match: Terry (Mr. Double Hatrick) B

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

**Manager: Russell Harvey**  
Footscray 2 – 5 Fleetdown United

Fleetdown United gave a dominant performance throughout the game, leading to a satisfying win.

Goal scorers: Tom H, Harry C, Jay P, Ryan S, Shane K

5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008

**K9 Colts 4 – 3 Fleetdown United**

Worked really hard to score our 3 goals but gave K9 some soft ones and therefore the win.

Goal scorers: Harry C, James C, Ross W

Lewis B also opening his account this season, together with Martin, who had the chance of scoring his first ever goal for the team, and made a great job of it. A good result but again only after many (too many) shots had failed to find the back of the net.

**Man of the Match: Daniel**

**12<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008      Fleetdown United 7 – 2 Darrick Wood Eagles**

This was, from kickoff, a great game to watch from a Fleetdown point of view as the boys played great team football with confidence throughout and kept up the momentum until the final whistle.

The First goal was scored by Terry when Darrick's keeper got a hand to his shot but did not do enough to keep it out. Fleetdown's second was scored by Tobi whose trademark quick reflexes meant that when the keeper failed to keep hold of a shot, Tobi was there to fire it back in.

Tobi almost scored a second such goal when the keeper fumbled but this time after a frantic scramble in the mouth of the goal he was to be denied. Terry then had a near miss when his shot hit the cross bar and bounced on the line before being cleared. He made sure soon afterwards though with a brave sliding strike that inched the ball past the keeper's reach and into the net. Fleetdown thus went into the break 3-0 up and looking forward to more of the same.

The second half started much as the first had finished, with Fleetdown taking up residence at Darrick's end of the pitch, apart from the odd long ball. The midfield again provided excellent service forward and it was not long before Terry scored two similar goals. Both came from good through balls to him past the Defenders and involved a quick sprint from him and then a shot on target that the keeper did not get close to.

By this point however there had been some signs that Fleetdown were not going to have everything their own way when the boys appeared to be without an answer to the ever more present long balls being played by Darrick. The goal when it came however was softer than should have ever have been, with a single player dribbling through four Fleetdown players who clearly were not communicating.

# 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 7<sup>th</sup> 2009      Race Night**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> 2009      Quiz Night**

**Don't forget, coming up on the 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Halloween Fancy  
Dress Party**



**TICKETS SELLING  
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You can buy your tickets  
at the Tuck Shop or call:

Jacqui on 01322 229 983,  
Pam on 01322 285 439



# The Fleetdown United Website

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

## WEBSITE UPDATE

- In September the Website had over 16500\* hits
- By mid October the site has had 5300 hits
- 50000 hits since the site went live.
- 223 people used the website to download a copy of the September Newsletter, October looking like beating that.

## 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.

## NEWSLETTER

We still want Match reports from all teams. So far we have yet to see any reports from the 11's, 14's, 16's or any of the seniors' teams.

Write them and send them in please. It can be as long or as short as you like. A simple score and list of goal scorers is fine, if you don't have the time for a full game report.

If email is not your thing then you can post them to us, or leave a message on the answer phone.

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\* Figures posted in the October Newsletter were an estimate

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

Fleetdown did not have everything their own way though and due to some defensive errors (by the team as a whole) Griffin were able to nick two goals back. They were never going to be allowed to force a draw however and Toby scored his second in the second half as Fleetdown again worked hard to the final whistle.

Despite the team's defensive shortcomings Defenders Martin and Dylan are particularly worthy of note for their endless effort and timely tackles and without whom victory might have been defeat.

Man of the match: Dylan.

Goal scorers: Dan C (p), Tobi (2), George Li

**5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008**

**Chislehurst town 5 - 0 Fleetdown United**

Another game against a team unknown to Fleetdown but who believed they would have an easy win. However Fleetdown dominated the game from the off and the ball was rarely in Fleetdown's own half (until the second half when the boy's trade mark loss of concentration crept in yet again). After a scramble in front of the goal, and some goal keeper fumbling, Fleetdown took an early lead due to the lightning reflexes of Tobi. Fleet's second was scored by Lewis B after his high shot looked like it had been saved but was fumbled again. Fleet's third goal, from Martin, and again fired high was again almost saved but ultimately the keeper did not do enough. As our team continued to grow in confidence there then followed a series of shots, from Terry, Tobi, Lewis B, George Li and Daniel.

However Chislehurst's goal keeping became much improved and went some way to make up for the mistakes of earlier. But with the game camped out in their half it was only going to be a matter of time before more goals finally found the Chislehurst net. A supply of good balls was kept up by the midfield and Terry finally scored after breaking clear of the Chislehurst defence. His second, and the last of the game, followed in similar fashion after more good service to the forwards.

Central to this constant supply was man of the match, midfielder Daniel, around whom the team seemed to be playing. Also worthy of mention were the three wingers, George Li, and both Lewis's, with

Within 2 minutes of the restart Bill P pulled one back from a pass by George and before we could think this might be on, a perfect cross from Matty H found Bill unmarked who volleyed it past their keeper. Game on.

We were now playing much better and as a team. On 42 minutes Bill got his hat-trick to level the scores, could we now go on and win it? A corner from George and the ball came to Mitchell C who buried it in the back of the net, surely the winner with 15 minutes to go. But moments later a rare second half attack from our opponents brought them an equaliser 4-4 and now anyone's game. We tried to look for the winner and they had the odd attack dealt with by Joe in goal and it looked as if it would end in a draw.

With only 1 minute remaining Brendan picked the ball up on the right evaded a couple of tackles with me thinking pass it , pass it then another tackle skipped passed then another then a big gap appeared in their defence and Brendan fired it passed their keeper for what 59 minutes ago looked very unlikely a fantastic victory. Welcome home Brendan.

**Under 13's**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sep 2008**

**Manager: Glenn Davis**  
**Fleetdown United 4 - 2 Griffin Sports**

This was a match against an unknown quantity in that Fleetdown's opposition were a team new to the division. The game started and continued for a while as fairly even but was very scrappy. It became clear that Fleetdown were being sucked into playing the type of game the other side seemed to prefer, that is skilful football having been replaced by panic clearances and long balls.

After several sprints and scrambles at either end of the pitch however Fleetdown finally started to play their game.

After a cynical challenge in Griffin's area the scoring was opened by Fleetdown's penalty taker of choice, Daniel and as expected he struck the back of the net hard. The boy's next goal was a beautiful lob of the keeper which George Lings performed in text book fashion from the right wing. In a classic case of "I can do that too" Toby then did the same thing from the left wing.

# Club News

## **SUNDAY STEWARD REQUIRED**

Fleetdown United are seeking a Steward to undertake various duties on Sundays to ensure the smooth running of the premises and all matches being played.

The hours would be from 12noon until approximately 3pm every Sunday, though some flexibility would be required as match schedules can vary.

Duties would include, but are not limited to:

- ✚ Putting out goals for 11-aside pitches (assembly would still be done by teams)
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- ✚ Ensure 7 aside teams have access to equipment
- ✚ Ensuring all premises are secure at all times
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- ✚ Providing access to changing rooms for visiting teams and ensuring changing rooms are locked when not in use and when teams are on the field.

If you would be interested in this job and would like to know more about the requirements and pay, please contact Brian Wakeman.

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**07931 938 929**

# Match Reports

**Under 7 Orange**

**October 2008**

**Progress Review**

**Manager: Mel Gordon**

The boys have made a brilliant start to their fledgling football careers, having exceeded all expectations and performed exceptionally in their first four games against Darent River, Bexley Pumas, Hayden Youth and Kingfisher.

Great teamwork has been a highlight with some superb passing movements belying their young age with outstanding skills being shown by all ten players in the squad.

Solid defending, notably by Dan B and Rowan, has made Ben's job in goal much easier but he has come to the rescue on a number of occasions when needed.

The midfield has been the springboard of the good performances with Charlie winning the ball and Jack H supporting the attack well.

And, the versatility of Dan S and Jamie, who have played in a number of different positions, has been a highlight.

Another pleasing fact is that the goals have been shared around five different players with Cole, Jack K and Alfie being the main contributors.

The boys have had great fun and really enjoyed their first set of games and can hold their heads high as they go into their second month of games.

After a few chances for both teams we finally got the equaliser when a clearance from Harry A found Charlie B whose first time cross in the path of Bill who slotted under the advancing keeper. Moments later James Bennett lifted the ball over the keeper only for the defender to clear it off the line.

From a George corner kick their defender attempted to clear only for it to reach Bill, with his back to goal he flicked over his head and their keeper could only help it over the line for another hat-trick for Bill (the first of many we hope). Footscray battled on and from a corner we failed to clear and it went straight to their player who headed it in. A great game to start the season off and once again thanks to Josh Rudd for some excellent refereeing.

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

**Fleetdown United 5 - 4 Beckenham Town A**

Having no match the previous week, it was back to the league and another home match, this time it was Beckenham Town, who came down from the A Division last season. So we knew it would be a hard game.

Without Sam in goal Joe C took up the gloves, Brendan B was on his way home from holiday and Harry A (whose leg was hurting) fell sick just as we were about to kick off, we started with 10 players.

After 4 minutes we were 1 down and with 8 minutes gone it was 0-2 just as it had been in our first game. With their big speedy forward causing all sorts of problems he scored the 3rd from a corner which was flagged as it looked like he controlled it with his hands, but the goal was given, and I thought game over with only 15 minutes gone.

Then I saw Brendan strolling towards the pitch so frantically waved the flag to get him on when the ball was next out of play. Back to eleven a-side and hopefully get a goal back before half time to give us some hope. With no more goals it was up to the manager to see if he could inspire the boys with the half-time team talk. With Harry feeling a bit better he said he'd give it a go to partner Ben C at centre half moving George A back to central midfield. It would be a colossal effort to get anything from the match now but if they started passing and communicating we just might get something.

winning a throw in there's a bit of argy bargy going on in FB's penalty area – a penalty is given against Little Alfie for a handball but there was nothing George could do – 2-1. FB's look rattled and suddenly the defence is seriously lacking any punch, George is powerless to stop DB's third goal. FB are three men short cos certain players are too busy arguing amongst themselves rather than helping the rest of the team to defend and so virtually hand DB their fourth goal on a plate. Nasty foul on Tommy F sees Tommy F off and Jacob on.

Half time: 4-1

Subs: H and Big Alfie off/Tommy G and Tommy F on

What a turn around – FB are dynamic and aggressive in their attack from the first minute into the second half and we are treated to some lovely link-ups and this time the play seems to be more on FB's side. Big Alfie heads ball into Little Alfie who scores a beauty. So now they mean business. Oscar once again making an excellent clearance and keeping FB out of danger. Little Alfie so nearly booted home goal number three but just wide of the post.

Final score: 4-2

Well done boys, the second half was played with passion and determination but you need to stop the arguing amongst yourselves and channel that energy into scoring goals or else!!!! But I bet you any money they never expected it to be such a tough game.

**Man of the Match: Oscar**

**Under 12's**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sep 2008**

**Manager: Simon Acland**  
**Fleetdown United 3 - 3 Foots Cray Lions**

After last seasons Runners-Up in the C Division we were promoted to the B Division and what a difference. We found ourselves 0-2 down and struggling to get out of our own half with 20 minutes gone.

Footscray were quicker to the ball and passing, running rings round us for most of the half. In the last 5 minutes of the half a long through ball by George A bounced awkwardly in front of their keeper on the edge of the penalty area and Bill P collected and coolly slotted home to bring us right back into the game.

**Under 9 Black**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sep 2008**

**Manager: Stuart Poole**  
**Fleetdown (FB) -v- Eltham Lions FC (ELFC)**

*Fulltime score: 0-4*  
First half  
Subs: Jacob

A bright start by FB but ELFC, when the chance arose, were swift to attack (which unfortunately was rather too frequent for the FB supporters). However FB did give ELFC a run for their money and managed to stay fairly composed and keep their wits about them for what was proving to be a fast and furious game.

Once again the boys upfront played well, feeding the ball to one another where necessary, both Alfies and H all had chances but alas none resulting in a goal. Excellent defending by Tommy G and Tommy F and Oscar just beamed away as he ran from one end of the pitch to the other. Tommy F received a rather nasty shove in the back (not the first time either) by ELFC's no. 3 and quite frankly made Big Alfie's over enthusiastic tackles look rather sweet. A very tense and nerve-racking first half.

Half time score: 0-0  
Substitution made: Tommy F off/Jacob on

FB were on the attack the moment the whistle blew but ELFC had upped their game, it was clear to see they would not settle for a draw, for some reason the FB players seemed to lose their shape, their concentration, their drive but not their passion as certain individuals began arguing between themselves over who should take a throw-in (you know who you are). Poor defending cost FB dearly as ELFC scored their first goal.

FB found themselves having to defend deep as ELFC continuously penetrated their goal line but Little Alfie made a speedy run up the line passing to H who gave Big Alfie the opportunity to knock one home, a very unlucky miss. H came close to putting FB on the score sheet as ELFC's goalkeeper was forced into a good save. Within seconds FB were once again chasing the ball and slow reactions by

some and standing around by others cost FB once again as ELFC scored their second goal.

Substitution made: Big Alfie off/Tommy F on

Little Alfie tried to lift the team's spirits and came close to scoring on a couple of occasions but once again ELFC's determination proved too much for FB and before anyone knew what was what in went goal number three. With only minutes to go before the final whistle, the boys looked tired and dejected, but ELFC did not and they continued to attack to the very end and were justly rewarded with another goal.

Definitely a game of two halves ... overall a disappointing game, FB played quite well for the first half (although not to the standard we have come to expect) but a very disappointing second half where they were outplayed and outclassed and the score line, rightly so, reflected this.

Good effort boys

***Man of the match: Little Alfie***

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

**Fleetdown Black v Docklands FC**

Sub: Jacob

A much better performance all round by FB but Docklands manage to sneak a jammy goal past George however after several attempts at a goal Little Alfie scored a corker to make it even-stevens.

Minor injury on touchline – and Helen is administered first aid (of a fashion) by hubby!!!

Half time: 1-1

Subs: Tommy F off/Jacob on

FB show courage and determination as they refuse to let Docklands past their defence, a thoroughly exciting game as FB continued to penetrate Docklands goal, although concentration lapsed slightly for

several minutes and Docklands seemed to be fighting back. FB win a throw-in taken by Big Alfie, and H taps it into the back of the net, making score 2-1.

Some lovely passing and tackling by Oscar and Jacob and once again Tommy G seems to be everywhere you want him to be, his energy never-ending!!!

Subs: H off/Tommy F on

Docklands have last minute attempt at goal, but Big Alfie clears. The final whistle blows.

FB are back on form – long may it last, well done lads.

Man of the Match: Tommy G

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

**Danson Boys ("DB") -v- Fleetdown ("FB")**

*Fulltime score: 4-2*

First half

Subs: Tommy G/Jacob

For a team top of the table and a reputation to boot, the disorganisation of DB was something of a let down to say the least – kick-off was delayed until 11.15 as the goalposts were still to be erected – taking into consideration in poor weather conditions this was intolerable but could this be part of their strategy to unnerve the opposition!??

FB started just as DB were hoping, rather sloppy and no real sense of direction or purpose, but it didn't take FB long to silence them as they marked them man for man and didn't give them an inch of space. Where DB's first goal came from heaven only knows but it was enough to send FB fumbling and panicking inside their penalty area for many minutes after. FB had a good spell of attacking play and were rewarded with a blinder of a goal from Little Alfie. Once again DB attacking FB's penalty area. Excellent defending by FB esp Oscar and Tommy G, excellent clearance from Oscar but after