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NEW ITEMS IN: Fleetdown United Football Club Scarves and Shopping Bags available, for immediate purchase, while stocks last. (Bags and Scarves available from the Tuck Shop.)

If you would like to purchase anything, please contact Glenn Davis or Amanda Davis from the Under 13's Team or call and leave your order on 01322 285 439.

Pay by Cash or Cheque, made payable to **Fleetdown United Junior FC.**



**Fleetdown United
Football Club Scarf**

Soft Woollen Scarf
with the Fleetdown
Logo Embroidered

£6.50



**Fleetdown United
Shopping Bag**

Shopping Bag with
the Fleetdown Logo
Embroidered

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**Fleetdown U.F.C
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Black**

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7-8 yrs, 9-10 yrs,
11-12 yrs, Large
Adult

£5.99 - £7.99



**Fleetdown U.F.C
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Bags
Black**

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FLEETDOWN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

**HEATH LANE (LOWER),
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**2008/2009 SEASON
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**We can also order Sweat Shorts, Polo Shirts, Hooded
Sweat Shirts, Back Packs and many, many more
items. Please call or email for details.**

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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 schedule. Open until 6pm when late Premiership kick offs are on Television.



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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.

The Fleetdown United Website

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

ADVERTISING

Advertising space is still available on the website and in the newsletter; contact us at admin@fleetdownunitedfc.org.uk

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

SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER!

Did you know you can get the Fleetdown United Newsletter from the Website every month?

If you would like to be emailed when the new edition is published, simply send an email to:

SUBSCRIBE@FleetdownunitedFC.Org.UK

And we'll do the rest.

Club Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Meeting Type
Mon 9 th Feb	7:30pm	General & Exec
Mon 9 th Mar	7:30pm	General & Exec
Mon 13 th Apr	7:30pm	General & Exec
Mon 11 th May	7:30pm	General & Exec

Meetings are normally held at the Fleetdown United FC Clubhouse located on Heath Lane



or an attacking player he couldn't catch and beat. However with the defensive problems not entirely sorted and Danson playing a high risk long ball strategy, a goal from them was always a possibility and they brought the game level once more not long before the final whistle.

Special mention must be given to Callum for some tremendous saves, yet again keeping Fleetdown in the game.

Man of the match: Terry.
Goal scorers: Terry (3) Daniel (1).

Under 15's **Manager: Russell Harvey**
7th Dec 2008 **Kent Cup**
Cray Valley 2 - 3 Fleetdown United.

The first game for nearly a month and a fine win against Kent League opposition.

1-0 down at the break in an even 1st half then we put on a superb display to overwhelm Cray Valley. Tom Harvey scored what will possibly be 'goal of the season' but the team ethic and unity were the most pleasing aspects of the day.

Goal Scorers: Ryan S, Tom H, Jay P

21st Dec 2008 **Bexley Cup**
Fleetdown United 7 - 1 Valley Park Rangers

Very good again.

Goal Scorers: Tom H (2), Jake C (2), James C (2), Josh

Fundraising

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR

The children's Christmas Party was a massive success again this year. Special thanks must go to Santa for taking time out of his busy Christmas Schedule to visit with us.

The New Year Party was enjoyed by all.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The new stocks of merchandise are now in. We have Scarves, Hats, and Shopping Bags available at the tuck shop and via direct ordering. We can also order Polo Shirts, Jumpers, Hoodies and many other items, normally available within 2 weeks.



Please take a look at the advert on the back page of this newsletter.

If there's anything you think we should be selling or you'd like to place an order, then send us an email and we'll get right back to you.

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TUCK SHOP NEWS: Can you help?

We are still looking for volunteers to help out in the Tuck Shop.

If you can help, please give Amanda a call on 01322 285 439.

Events Calendar

Murder Mystery Evening

*You are cordially invited to the
Wedding Party of the Year*

*At 7:30pm on
7th February 2009*

*Enjoy a Hosted Murder, Mystery
Evening at Fleetdown United.
The Bar will, of course, be open.
Bring your own nibbles or snacks*

Tickets £5.00 each

Tickets from Amanda on 01322 285 439

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7th Dec 2008

Fleetdown United 4 – 4 Danson Boys

The last time these teams met there was a fast paced stalemate in the first half but when our keeper was badly hurt in the second the game was quickly lost.

This time round again the game started well with both sides playing an attacking game and putting plays together. What did differ however was that Danson had a very solid back four while Fleetdown looked very shaky when defending. It was not long though until again Danson's discipline let them down costing them a penalty, which Daniel drilled home. This motivated Danson though and they scored in open play to draw level and a great game of Football was the consequence.

Both teams were playing well but it was Fleetdown who were having the most chances and scored when Terry broke clear of the defence to go up against their keeper. He scored his second under similar circumstances but battled for many more chances and showed great leadership. Despite the efforts of Danson's talented right-winger (who was marked out of the game by left-back Tom, who had a great game) Fleetdown were able to make a series of attacks down the left wing with some intelligent linked play by Lewis B & Daniel, which led to Danson losing their shape so that by half time Fleetdown were 3-1 up and playing the better football.

The second half however saw complacency creep in for a while, as the boys again lost concentration. Danson moved their right-winger up to centre-forward and he was supplied with the balls to give our central defence problems. Two woeful defensive errors later and he had scored two goals, though both were finished with great shots by him.

With the score now level Fleetdown focused to bring the performances to level pegging again. Making the most attacking plays another Fleetdown goal was always going to be the reward and when Danson's keeper failed to keep hold of his shot Terry had the reflexes to chest the ball into goal. With Fleet's central midfield (of Daniel & George S) dominating their surroundings, Danson were forced into playing long balls over them in order to supply their Strikers. Here yet again sweeper Martin showed there wasn't a ball

Match Reports

With only a few matches being played towards the end of December, and with the freezing temperatures causing most matches in January to be cancelled, we have only a few match reports for you this issue.

Under 13's

30th Nov 2008

Manager: Glenn Davis

Fleetdown United 0 – 4 Eltham Progress

With Fleetdown having dominated their previous encounter and beaten Eltham 2-0 this should have been a win for Fleetdown.

Unfortunately for reasons, only the boys know in themselves, they played their worse football of the season and seemed outclassed by a team, with only ten players, who they knew they could beat.

Our boys seemed unsure of themselves and lacking in confidence, missing passes, tackles and shots, the effect of which was they lost by a margin that they know should have won by.

The team need to start believing in their own proven ability if they are to overcome this crisis of confidence and pull themselves back up to how they know they should be playing.

Managers View

If this season has a low point then, in my opinion, this was it. Never, during a game, have I felt so disappointed and helpless, and I was the referee!

With that said, the management team recognise that we have put a lot of pressure on the team, buoyed by our recent run, with hopes of winning the league.

This, we now believe, was just too much pressure, for a team that can be proud of everything they have achieved so far this season.

We have some great events for 2009 and we need EVERY team to be supporting them.

Without the support of Managers, Parents and Players Fleetdown United would not be able to continue to function. We have a £100,000 All Weather Training Facility to finance and anyone who believes that the £30.00 a session training subs can support the loan payments, maintenance costs and electricity is fooling themselves.

This is your club; if you want it to be here for you in the future then you need to support it now!

Future Events.

February 7th 2009 The Fleetdown Murder Mystery Evening

March 7th 2009 Quiz Night

April 18th 2009 Race Night

July 4th 2009 The Great Fleetdown Scavenger Hunt with Dinner and Dancing from DJ Lee

October 30th 2009 Halloween 2009

December 31st 2009 New Year 2009 into 2010

Dates TBA 007 Themed Fancy Dress Party (Over 18's Only)

QUANTUM OF SOLACE

Club News

ADVERTISE AT FLEETDOWN UNITED

Fleetdown United are offering Advertising Opportunities at our grounds. Our service includes design and provision of heavy duty advertising boards supplied by Darenth Print. Prices start from £100 for the 1st year season, with large discounts thereafter.

In the first instance please contact Ron Mabey.

WEEKEND STEWARDS REQUIRED

Fleetdown United are still looking for a Steward to undertake various duties at weekends to ensure the smooth running of the premises and all matches being played.

The hours are to be agreed, but would likely be from 12noon until approximately 3pm, 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)
- Ensure goals are secured at the end of the day
- Ensure 7 aside teams have access to equipment
- Ensuring all premises are secure at all times
- Assign changing rooms to visiting teams
- 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.
- Other Duties as advised by the Groundmen

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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A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT FOR MATTHEW HOBBS

On behalf of the Under 13's team and Matthews family, Len, Val and Duncan, I just wanted to extend a massive thank you to all those who came out on a cold Sunday 4th January, to join us in hold one minutes applause to mark a year since Matthew's last match for Fleetdown United.



Under 13's Manager Glenn, with Len, Val and Duncan with Matthew's friends and team mates from the Under 13's

Afterwards Brian Easdown presented Matthew's family with a Remembrance Plaque on behalf of everyone at Fleetdown United.

The plaque for Matthew is the first, of a distinguished number, that will be erected to remember members of the Fleetdown family that we have lost.

This will be undertaken in conjunction with naming the new All Weather Training Facility the 'Fleetdown United Memorial Pitch'.