

FLEETDOWN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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The Fleetdown United Clubhouse and Bar

OPENING HOURS

SKY SPORTS

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SPORTS



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.

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, please call **Pauline Easdown** on **01322 407 313**.

Fleetdown United Fundraising

The Murder Mystery

Everyone had a great time, with 2 tables using their intellect and the clues to solve the mystery

Quiz Night

We had a good turn out and everyone had a great time. Thanks to all those who came.

TUCK SHOP NEWS: Can you help?

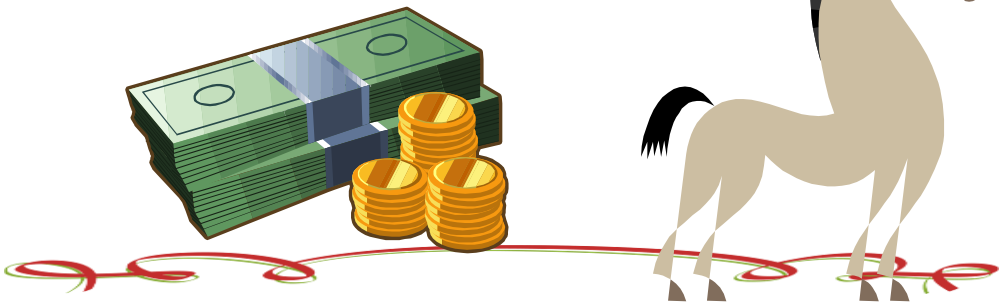
We are still looking for volunteers to help out in the Tuck Shop.

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

Future Events.

April 18th 2009

Race Night



Date TBC

Bingo Night, with Fish and Chip Supper

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

FLEETDOWN UNITED Football Club



Race Night Sponsorship Form

18th April 2009

RACE NAME: £20.00	
Sponsors Name	
Telephone No.	

RACE HORSES

£3.00 per horse

Horse No.	Sponsors Name	Horse Name
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PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORMS TO AMANDA DAVIS, JAQCUI
CULLINGHAM OR PAULINE EASDOWN, INCLUDING FULL PAYMENT

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.

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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Club Meeting Dates

Date	Time	Meeting Type
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		

Match Reports

Under 10's Orange

Manager: Tony Munday

18th Jan 2009

Fleetdown United 2 – 4 Crayford VCD

It was our first match of the year and the boys hadn't played together for four weeks. We started strongly but unfortunately VCD won a corner within the first few minutes. Harry C managed to clear the ball but only for a throw in. Following a scramble after the throw in the ball was in the back of the net. We were not having a great start!! The boys began to fight back though and Stewart had plenty of chances to score but none of them went in. After giving away a free kick at the edge of the box VCD managed to score again, but it was disallowed. Fleetdown followed this up with some excellent football. Our breakthrough came though, from Callum out on the wing. He scored a fantastic goal and we were now 1-1.

We started the second half well but they came at us strongly, scoring 3 more goals! However in the last few minutes, thanks to loads of hard work from Stewart and Lewis, we scored another goal and finished on a score of 2-4.

Man of the Match: Seb

15th Feb 2009

Fleetdown United 1 – 2 Beckenham Town Red

After kick off we pressured them right from the start. Ryan took a shot almost straight away which was cleared for a corner. Callum took the corner and the ball was cleared back out to him and a second shot from him went over the bar. Harry Johnson was doing some excellent defending as Beckenham stepped up the pressure which resulted in them getting a corner. A scramble in the box followed which resulted in a goal for them. We struck back at them with Ryan taking a shot but it was saved by their goalkeeper. After a brilliant cross from Callum though, Seb scored his first goal for Fleetdown! We were now 1-1.

The second half saw Beckenham starting strongly with Harry Cullingham making some really good saves. Callum got involved as well being forced to clear the ball off the line. We managed to win a penalty just before full time. Ross bravely stepped forward to strike it but it was saved by the goalie. In the last minute a clearance by defence allowed their striker a free shot at goal and it was soon 2-1 to them.

Another good try from Fleetdown, but it's just not happening for us this season.

Man of the Match: Ross

22nd Feb 2009 Fleetdown United 2 – 6 Lewisham Youth Black

We were passing the ball much better this week. Lewisham might be top of the League but we were looking just as good! Within the first few minutes, Callum had already had a shot which just went over the bar. However, they began to get things together and were putting pressure on us. Lewisham took a throw in which went into the box and they managed to score from it. However, we kept our cool and still piled on the pressure. From a corner, Cain managed a shot but it went wide. Fleetdown were still passing well and we had two more good shots at goal from Callum and Liam. Harry, in goal, was called on for some brilliant saves but we still seemed to have more shots at goal. Our luck changed in the shape of a mistake from a Lewisham defender. The resulting goal was either an own goal or a deflection off Lewis, no-one could really see!! The important thing was the score was no 1-1.

The second half started with Lewisham passing the ball nicely between them. We were coping with them though. Our defence was coming under increasing pressure now, and Lewisham managed a goal from outside the box. Shortly after that, we had a mistake in our own defence and a deflection off Ryan's foot resulted in another goal for them. The score was now 3-1 to them. Although the boys kept trying we could see the the boys' heads go down as the Lewisham goals kept coming. We managed to pull one goal back but the eventual score was 2-6.

The result didn't reflect on the game we all watched as Fleetdown played really well throughout and we were just unlucky. Again!

Man of the Match: Callum

Under 13's

Manager: Glenn Davis

14th Dec 2008

Fleetdown United 3 – 4 Eltham Progress

These two teams had a pre-season friendly which saw Fleetdown shock division favourites Darenth by being 3-0 up at half time, only to then go to sleep in the second half and allow a draw. This time it was clear Darenth (currently 2nd placed in the division) were taking Fleetdown seriously, and had come to see them play Danson the week before.

From kick off it was evident that last week's top scorer, Terry was being closed down and man marked, though this in turn opened up opportunities elsewhere (with Daniel, Lewis B, George S, Tobi, & George Li all having attempts at goal). George Li scored the first of the game after a scramble in front of their goal during which their keeper failed to retain the ball. Darenth

soon equalised in very similar fashion, but only after Callum had made a tremendous reflex save.

In the second half George scored his second, again after another scramble, and again showing an eye for the snap shot. Darenth however equalised for the second time near to the end of the match, ironically during yet another scramble in front of goal. This was unfortunate as it came as Callum made a fantastic diving save then jumped up to straight away make another reflex save, before being beaten by too many shots on target in quick succession.

Again as last week it was a close game and having now well earned a draw against the two top teams in the division it appears Fleetdown's form is returning at last. As the game progressed the short comings of each side become clear. Darenth could not find the finish to score more goals past Callum and again Fleetdown showed some very basic individual & team defensive errors. When in possession and going forward Fleetdown seemed the team more likely to score but when defending far too much was asked of Goalkeeper Callum and Sweeper Martin.

Man of the match: Lewis B for his work rate on the left wing, involving both great attacking runs and repeatedly getting back to defend.

Goal scorer: George Li (2).

8th Feb 2009

Danson Boys 8 - 1 Fleetdown United

After no game for six weeks and playing the division leaders this was going to be a match Fleetdown were going to find difficult. However on previous form this should have been a game that should have ended with a close score line. True the weather was atrocious, for both teams, and Danson were at home, but neither are real excuses. Callum made some good saves, Terry managed to score one back after battling through their defenders, and Lewis B worked tirelessly up and down the left wing.

Man of the match: Lewis B

Goal scorer: Terry.

15th Feb 2009

Hayden Youth Yellow 6 - 1 Fleetdown United

Against a team who are below us in the league should have given the team a chance to get a badly needed win under their belt, However with injuries and two very unlucky goals Fleetdown went into the break 2-0 down but the better team. But if that wasn't going to motivate them then nothing would. The final score 6-1 really demonstrated that Fleetdown were disinterested in a game against a spirited opposition, who only had ten men. Bad habits began to sneak in, with the team, as a whole, failing to maintain their shape and begin to ball chase.

Goal scorer: Terry.

22nd Feb 2009

Darrick Wood Eagles 1 - 5 Fleetdown United

Following recent performances, the manager had taken time in the next training session to talk through with the players about the issues that were causing our performance to drop back. Both players and coaches heard some home truths that they may not have liked, but could not dispute.

Hopefully this week's performance against opposition comparable to last week's is an indication that team work is returning. The biggest difference this time was that the boys were playing as a team again and supporting each other instead of just leaving it to the few. Terry scored after battling past the defence to go up against the goal keeper, who was making some good saves. He got a second after a great through ball, played to him by Ben as he battled to stay on side as as Darrick tried to play him off; with only the keeper to beat, which he managed to make look easy, Terry had completed the task set by the manager of 2 goals within the first 10 minutes.

Today, in a change to the normal formation, Terry was partnered up with Christian, who was playing very effectively in a supporting centre forward role. However, much to everyone's delight, Christian scored himself with a great shot off a half volley. Fleetdown were unfortunate to go into the break having conceded an easy goal but were clearly determined not to end the game 3-1.

In the second half Fleetdown continued to dominate the game and Lewis B scored with a good reflex shot off a rebound from the keeper. Darrick's keeper made some more good saves but the game was sealed when Terry then scored his third good goal with a typically powerful strike.

Goal scorers: Terry (3), Christian & Lewis B.

Man of the match: Christian for a great supporting role and equally good goal of his own."

22nd Feb 2009

Darrick Wood Eagles 1 - 5 Fleetdown United

Having put in such a dire performance against Hayden the last time they meet, Fleetdown had something to prove, to them selves as much as anyone else. The game started a little bit shaky and nerves may well have been a factor. Fleetdown were awarded a penalty when a Hayden player handled in the box and Daniel made a good job of converting it as usual. Hayden were winning the aerial balls repeatedly though, and causing problems at the back, despite having some very small players. However once our boys soon settled down and started to play the better football.

Fleetdown started moving the ball about well, connecting passes and progressing up the pitch. This built up to a good pass through to Terry who

chipped the keeper perfectly. Besides one or two shaky moments the second half was generally a good one too with the ball being nicely played forward through the team. When Daniel's corner was cleared back out to him he was in just the right spot to make best use of his great right foot, from distance placing the ball in the top corner of the goal.

Callum must be mentioned for some tremendous saves yet again, together with Tom for a performance that seems to improve every week.

Goal scorers: Daniel (2) & Terry.

Man of the match: Martin for another superb performance at the back, not only tackling all comers but playing the ball forward intelligently."

Under 15's

Manager: Russell Harvey

18th Jan 2009

Bexley Cup

Babylon 3 - 1 Fleetdown United

No excuses - we were poor!

Goal Scorers: Ross W

1st Feb 2009

Fleetdown 2 - 4 Hexley Rangers

We created enough chances to win the game and if the season is not to drift away we need to start taking them.

Goal Scorers: Ross W, Tom H

15th Feb 2009

Fleetdown United 2 - 3 Oxleas Rangers

The season seems to be falling away. The boys deserve so much more.

Goal Scorers: Harry C, Tom H

22nd Feb 2009

Oxleas 4 - 0 Fleetdown

Our season summed up in a single game. We completely dominated the 1st half but could not score a goal. Lost 5 players through injury in the 2nd half and with them all shape and composure. Oxleas punished us.

1st Mar 2009

Fleetdown United 1 - 1 Eltham Progress

A hard earned point.

Goal Scorers: Ross W

8th Mar 2009

Blackheath 1 - 3 Fleetdown

A good performance. Everyone played well but James C and Luke W held really strong against Blackheath's aerial bombardment.

Goal Scorers: Tom H, Ryan S, Eliot N

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