

FLEETDOWN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

**HEATH LANE (LOWER),
DARTFORD**



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The Fleetdown United Clubhouse and Bar OPENING HOURS



Mon to Thurs: 8.00pm –11.00pm

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**.



RACE NIGHT



Saturday 17th April 2010

7:30pm for an 8 o'clock start

Bring you own Nibbles, Bar Open all Night

Ticket Required for Entry

£2.00 per Head, Bets from 50p All Night

Everyone, including children, will need a ticket.

**Call Amanda on 01322 285 439 to buy tickets or
buy them at the Tuck Shop every Sunday**

(On Sale Soon)

You can sponsor a horse for only £3.00

If you would like to sponsor a race this will be £20.00

(Sponsor Forms will go out to Managers Shortly)

Fleetdown United Fundraising

27th November 2009

Quiz Night

The quiz night was well supported, with 16 tables of budding quizzers, with many non Fleetdown faces, so thank you for the outside support.

With Quiz Master Steve Rose proving the questions, and all teams up on the board, everyone was ready for a fun evening.

At the halfway point though the score looks even no one taking the lead. With the questions conquering after half time we remind all that there is a bottle of wine for each person the table that wins so all to play for. Lets not forget the picture round and all those jokers being played to double there points .

At the end of the evening the champs from our last quiz night were finding themselves in a tie Val & Len team vs. Del Blews team. So, it came to a tie breaker question; we ask for quiet in the hall.

The question was ‘what is the full name of the Vicar of Dibley’ ??????

Val’s team wrote their answer but only had the first name, so Dels team were able to sweep in with the correct answer, which was of course **Geraldine Granger**. Good on them and well done Dels team. Six bottle of wine over to them I am sure they will come in handy over our Christmas time .

I would just like to say a big thank to Steve rose for hosting the Quiz and arranging the tables for the evening. Also a big Thank you to Jackie Cullingham for all her help me on the evenings events .

12th December 2009

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas Party was a big success, once again, with fun and games for all the kids and Santa dropping in to delivery presents for all the boys and girls.



Everyone had a great time with games, music and plenty to do for the whole afternoon.

A big thanks to Santa for taking time out of his busy Christmas preparations to spend time with the children.

Future Events.

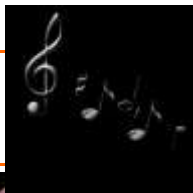
Saturday 13th February 2010
7:30pm for a 8pm start

QUIZ NIGHT



Saturday 27th March 2010

Cabaret Night



Sunday 4th April 2010

Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday Club to Under 8's



Saturday 17th April 2010

Race Night



1st May 2010

Murder Mystery Night

If you need any more information on any of these events, give Amanda a call on 01322 285 439 (Answer Phone Available).

Club Meeting Dates

Managers & Exec

Date	Time	Meeting Type
Mon 8 th Feb	7:30pm	Managers Meeting & Exec Meeting
Mon 8 th Mar	7:30pm	Managers Meeting & Exec Meeting
Mon 12 th Apr	7:30pm	Managers Meeting & Exec Meeting
Meetings are normally held at the Fleetdown United FC Clubhouse located on Heath Lane		

Fundraising Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wed 3 rd Feb	7:30pm	Club House
Wed 3 rd Mar	7:30pm	Club House
Wed 7 th Apr	7:30pm	Club House

Match Reports

Under 8's Orange

Manager: Graham Stone

18th Oct 2009

Fleetdown Utd vs Long Lane Lions

A lot of the boys now showing lots of confidence, working as a team and passing well at times. We did start very well and were unlucky not to win, which would of been deserved for sure.

Well done to Dan S for MOTM, again closely followed by Cole who has been consistently strong in the middle, and rewarded with his first goal of the season, New Boy Michael did very well



on his first game and of course will be trying to fight his way into the side, for more game time.

Good games for Charlie, our new left winger Rowan, Jack K on the score sheet with a long range effort, Alfie, Jamie, Dan.B and of course Ben who was unlucky with Long Lane's second goal!

15th Nov 2009

Fleetdown Utd vs. Halls AFC

A superb performance from all the boys today, an all round team effort, seeing some brilliant passing moves to setup outstanding goals from Jack K, Cole and Daniel S. Our tackles were clean and their commitment was for all to see, unlucky not to score in the first ten minutes, but a good passing move saw Jack K open the scoring.

Using every part of the pitch, seeing wingers Alfie and Michael making a big impact on the game, while the defence stayed strong and self-assured, we grew in confidence and really started to play as a good team.

Another strong performance by Ben "The cat" B, now frequently throwing the ball out to the feet of our midfield or kicking long to turn defence into attack fast, fantastic!

All the boys should be very proud of themselves, well done keep it up!

I must also say a big thank you to everyone on the side line for there continued support and encouragement, week in, week out.

Under 10's Black

Manager: Stuart Poole

Stuart would like to send his apologies for the lack of match reports for the Under 10's Black. This is due to Stuart being on a referees course which has taken him away from the team for the quite a few Sundays recently.

The good news is that Stuart passed his course and will be back with his team from now on.

Well Done on passing your Referee's Course Stuart!!!

Under 12's

Manager: Steve Brennan

8th Nov 2009

Hexley Rangers 1 vs. Fleetdown Utd 2

15th Nov 2009

Fleetdown Utd 3 vs. FC Sutton Dynamo 6

Under 13's

Manager: Simon Acland

8th Nov 2009

Darent River FC 4 vs. Fleetdown Utd 3

15th Nov 2009 Fleetdown Utd 3 vs. Willet Wnd'rs White 6

A better 2nd half performance from the boys who were 5-2 down at half time. They managed to bring it back to 5-3 but Willet managed to get one back, to make it 3-6.

Unfortunately, shortly after, our Goal Keeper Sam hurt his hand and had to leave the game in order to go to hospital. George Acland stepped into take over Goal Keeping duties and managed to keep a clean sheet for the rest of the game.

22nd Nov 2009 Fleetdown Utd 2 vs. Willet Wnd'rs Blue 0

Match Report Posted via Facebook: I've sussed this football lark..... Put your midfielder in goal, midfielder in as centre-back, your strikers on the wings and your left-back up front. Simple we win 2-0.

17th Jan 2010 Fleetdown Utd 2 vs. Crockenhill Jun FC 1

Match Report Posted via Facebook: Well done boys today had all the game just wouldnt go in until the last minute 2-1 win. 'Millwall' Bill and Tommy B. with the winner, the scorers. Then the mighty Hammers pull off a 0-0 at Villa and out the bottom 3. Happy Days.

24th Jan 2010 Eltham Town 0 vs Fleetdown Utd 4

Match Report Posted via Facebook: Wot a performance from the boys today no subs and George back in goal against a very decent team 3rd in the league we didn't just beat em we destroyed em 4-0 and their pitch was a bog! Need 11 man of the match trophies. When you show commitment like that you get what you deserve. Well done lads.

Under 14's

Manager: Glenn Davis

8th Nov 2009 Hayden Yellow 5 vs. Fleetdown Utd 1

The team started well in this match and, after 10 minutes, we were looking good and feeling confident. The team we keeping their shape and doing all the right things to maintain the game.

Unfortunately, for us, Hayden we able to score a very lucky goal, off of a corner, which saw them take the lead and saw our confi-

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 4th April 2010

10:30am—12noon

**For all players from the Sunday
Club up to Under 8's**



**The Easter Bunny has hidden
his Magic Eggs all over the
Fleedown Grounds**

Can you help us find them?

£2.00 per person

Everyone get's an Easter Egg



Children will hunt in teams, with an adult helper and be supervised at all times. After the hunt the children will have other activities in the club house and all they can drink squash.

dence falter. To their credit the boys kept battling throughout and at half time we still felt that we could take something away from the match.

In the second half we continued to battle, taking a few injuries along the way, but no one was prepared to give up, no matter who had the score line was.

In the dying seconds of the game Luke, who was playing his first match for Fleetdown, was taken down in the box by a dangerous and uncalled for tackle, which made no effort at all to play the ball. The referee awarded a penalty, which Luke had to take twice, after he deemed that first had been encroached on.

Luke did well to put the ball past the Hayden keeper on both attempts, but unfortunately only one stood.

All in all, a reasonable afternoons work, even if the eventual result did not reflect the level of effort put in by the team.

15th Nov 2009 Fleetdown Utd 0 vs. Parkwood Rangers 5

The boys had a great first half, holding a much stronger team to ground very well, and only conceding one goal.

The second half was all about who had the legs and who didn't. The boys played well, but unfortunately lacked the stamina to go the full distance. Unlucky lads.

We have to take the big positives out of this game. Our performance against Parkwood proved that the work the boys have been putting in at training is having the desired affect.

13th Dec 2009 Fleetdown Utd 4 vs. Lewisham Youth 2

A well deserved victory to end the first half of the season, the boys battled well from 2-1 down in the first half, to put 3 great goals away and seal the win against a strong, determined team.

Perhaps a 4 week break between every match is what the boys need top get them fired up?

17th Jan 2010 Fleetdown Utd 1 vs. Farnborough OBG 12

After a great start, which saw us hold off Farnborough well, includ-

ing putting an early equaliser passed there keeper things started to turn against us. At 2-1 down our next equaliser was disallowed and a couple of basic mistakes left us going into half-time 4-1 down. In the second half we lost our heart and our desire to win.

With only 3 players on the field showing any kind of consistency and the rest happy to wander aimlessly, walking instead of running, the result was always going to be a bad one for us. This was a game that started out looking very good, but ended up an absolute disaster.

QUIZ NIGHT

You Can't PHONE A FRIEND? 

 You Can't ASK THE AUDIENCE?

And there's No 50/50? 

Saturday 13th February 2010
7:30pm for an 8 o'clock start
£3.00 per Head, 6 contestants per Team Table
Call Steve Rose to Reserve a Table
07956 933 961

Bring you own Nibbles, Bar Open all Night
Tables are Limited, so call today! Contestants must be 13 or over.

24th Jan 2010 Fleetdown Utd 4 vs. Southside All Stars 4

On paper this game looked evenly matched, however as the game progressed it was clear that what the opposition lacked in organisation, they made up for in raw talent.

Fleetdown opened the scoring early, but Southside were able to equalise quickly and, with rising confidence, pushed us to 3-1 down at half-time after failing to capitalise on a penalty and several excellent goal scoring opportunities.

A focussed team talk, by new manager Mark Russell, brought some improvement and the lads were able to pull back to 3-3 within the first 10 minutes of the second half.

6 minutes from the end of the match came the goal that should have sealed the victory, however the team were still focussed on self congratulation as the game restarted and Southside were able to dart through 10 players and score the final equaliser within 30 seconds of the referee blowing his whistle.

A good, solid performance, but still lacking the cohesion needed to

reach the top of the table.

Under 16's**Manager: Russell Harvey**

6th Sep 2009 Hawkwell 1 - 3 Fleetdown United

Goal Scorers: Tom H, Ross, Josh

A rusty performance but a good win to start the season.

8th Sep 2009 Swanscombe 1 - 2 Fleetdown United

Goal Scorers: Tom H, Lewis A

Had to battle really hard and be strong to earn the win.

13th Sep 2009 Hexley 1 - 1 Fleetdown United

Goal Scorer: Jay

Neither team played well and probably the fair result.

20th Sep 2009 Fleetdown 2 - 3 Docklands

Goal Scorers: Harry, Jay

Our best performance of the season but failure to defend set pieces and a cruel last minute winner for Docklands left us with nothing.

4th Oct 2009 Bexley 5 vs. Fleetdown Utd 2

A great 1st 35 minutes saw us cruise to a 2-0 lead against a team who have never finished outside the top 2 in the A league.

3 dubious penalties, a couple of mistakes and exposed fitness problems led to a defeat.

11th Oct 2009 Northfleet Eagles 3 vs. Fleetdown Utd 4

3 great poachers goals from Ross who is flying. More importantly a great team effort with a patched up bunch of walking wounded.

8th Nov 2009 Our Lady Youth 5 vs. Fleetdown Utd 1**15th Nov 2009 Fleetdown Utd vs. Elms (Bexley Cup)
(Fleetdown win on penalties)**

Took the game to extra time and penalties, which we eventually won 5-4 after Ollie managed to tip the final effort from Elms over the bar.

Mel Gordon's 2010 London Marathon Attempt in Support of MACS

Many of you will know Mel from his time as an Under 7's Manager last season.

Mel gave up his management duties to give himself the time needed to train for this years London Marathon in April.

What you might not know about Mel is that his one year old daughter, Kara, was born with Microphthalmia and Kara and her family have had fantastic support from the charity MACS.



Mel is running to support MACS this year and is looking for you to make donations and sponsor him for his run.

You can get more information and show your support by sponsoring Mel by visiting:

www.bmycharity.com/v2/Mel4Kara

You can also contact Mel directly, via email, on MelGordon@ntlworld.com.

Good Luck Mel !!!

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