

FLEETDOWN UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

**HEATH LANE (LOWER),
DARTFORD**

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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 are with Team Managers NOW)

Club News

Fleetdown United Receive a Donation in Memoriam

The Fleetdown United Mini Soccer teams have benefited from a generous donation in memory of Mr. Kevin Roche of Ballycorkey, Ballynacargy, Westmeath in Eire, who died suddenly in October 2008.

Kevin (36) was also a resident in Dartford for some of his life and was the uncle to 4 young footballers, all of whom have played for Fleetdown United and 3 of them still do. Connor plays for the Under 14s, Niall for the Under 12s and Liam is in the Under 9s. Callum previously played at Fleetdown, and now plays for Ebbsfleet United.

Mr & Mrs K Roche, who are Kevin's parents, wanted the Mini Soccer teams to benefit as Kevin was always very enthusiastic about Grass Roots football. The donation has been used by Fleetdown United to buy new footballs and other equipment for the mini soccer teams.

Everyone at Fleetdown would like to express their thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Roche for these generous donation in memory of their Kevin.

Fleetdown United Achieve FA Charter Standard

Fleetdown United football club has, after a lot of hard work, achieved our aim of becoming a FA Charter Standard Club. This is a great achievement, after several years of effort from many members of the committee.



We can not announce this award without recognising the hard work that has been put in by

so many people.

Eric Thomas, who took on the challenge of bringing our Charter Pack together, after so many had been unable to do so in the past.

Brian Wakeman & Ron Mabey, who worked with Eric to put the pack together.

Caroline Brennan, our Child Welfare Officer, who chased us all down to ensure we had all the relevant Child Protection papers in place.

Over the years a number of people have tried to pull together all of the information and ensure that we had everything in place to apply for this status, but unfortunately we never quite seemed to get there, so we were very lucky when Eric stepped into the breach to take on this challenge.

This award should open a lot of doors for the clubs in terms of help and, hopefully, funding. As you can see from the home page of our website we already have the Charter Standard Club badge on there. You will also see a certificate and plaque being put up in the club house very shortly.

Once again, a massive thank you to everyone involved in getting our FA Charter Status signed off.



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**.



Fleetdown United Fundraising

13th February 2010

Quiz Night

Once again a fun night for everyone who attended and some good funds earned for the Fleetdown United coffers.
A big thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Future Events.

Saturday 17th April 2010



Race Night



Date to be Announced

Murder Mystery Night

ANNOUNCEMENT: It is with regret that Amanda Davis has advised the club that she will no longer be able to continue to chair the Fleetdown United Fundraising Committee. Amanda would like to take a moment to thank everyone for giving her the opportunity to contribute to the club for the last 3 years.

Raising funds for Fleetdown United was a pleasure and Amanda hopes the managers will give Debbie Rudd their support as she has kindly offered to take over the position for the remainder of this season.

Club Meeting Dates

Managers & Exec

Date	Time	Meeting Type
Mon 10 th May	7:30pm	Managers Meeting & Exec Meeting
Meetings are normally held at the Fleetdown United FC Club-house located on Heath Lane		

Fundraising Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Wed 5 th May	7:30pm	Club House
Meetings are normally held at the Fleetdown United FC Club-house located on Heath Lane		

Match Reports

Under 11's

Manager: Tony Munday

7th Feb 2010

Fleetdown Utd 0 vs. Hayden Youth 1

Under 12's

Manager: Steve Brennan

7th Feb 2010

Fleetdown Utd 4 vs. Hayden Youth 3

A hard fought match, which saw Fleetdown come from behind to eventually win.

Under 13's

Manager: Simon Acland

7th Feb 2010

Elms 4 vs. Fleetdown Utd 5

Under 14's

Manager: Mark Russell

7th Feb 2010

Fleetdown Utd 0 vs. Crayford Arrows 5

Certainly not the most awe inspiring game of the season. At 2-0 down in the first half Fleetdown looked like they might offer some resistance, as they started to put Crayford onto the back foot. Unfortunately this was short lived and when Crayford put a third away before the half-time whistle, it really set the tone for the second half.

With only Ryan and Ben D looking like they wanted the ball in the second half, it was a lack lustre affair, punctuated by a great penalty save from the Crayford keeper, which was one of only a handful of opportunities for Fleetdown throughout the entire game.

21st Feb 2010

Bursted Invicta 6 vs. Fleetdown Utd 4

This was a tough match, which in all honesty the team was not expecting it to be.

Bursted put up a very spirited game, leading to their first win against us in several years. Disappointing, to say the least.

7th Feb 2010

Fleetdown Utd 1 vs. Danson Boys 1

21st Mar 2010 Crayford Arrows 2 vs. Fleetdown Utd 0

On paper this looked like it would be a very disappointing match for Fleetdown, as Crayford look set to romp to the top of the division to regain their Division B status next year.

The Fleetdown lads surprised everyone, including the opposition, when they managed to maintain a 0-0 score line at halftime. This was not achieved through luck, but through some excellent defensive work by the back four, supported by the midfield.

Unfortunately for Fleetdown, Crayford were awarded a free kick, just yards from the box, just minutes into the second half. This was taken well, targeted at the very corner of the goalmouth and beat our keeper, who was just unable to get enough of a touch of the ball to tip it over. Debate raged on the touchline as to whether the free kick should have been awards, but there was nothing that could be done about it at this point.

The free kick was the tipping point in the match, which saw Fleetdown players visibly disappointed and discourage by, what many spectators felt, was an incorrect decision by the official.

In the few minutes that it took for the team to refocus, Crayford were able to put another goal away.

Fleetdown rallied well and the defensive play held off Crayford for the remainder of the match, but with only one centre forward up front, Crayford were able to close down every opportunity that Fleetdown made for themselves and seal the win.

ON the whole, a great performance from the Fleetdown team for their final league game of the season.

Under 15's

Manager: Colin Belshaw

7th Feb 2010

Fleetdown Utd 1 vs. Lessa Albion 5

Under 16's

Manager: Russell Harvey

24th Jan 2010

Our Lady's 2 vs. Fleetdown Utd 0

Bexley Cup Quarter Final

Considering it was our 1st game since November the boys did well.

2 own goals saw our cup run come to an end but with a bit more luck and an impartial referee it may have been different.

31st Jan 2010 Fleetdown Utd 3 vs Northfleet Eagles 3
Goals: Tom H, Jay P, Ryan R

A decent, competitive friendly.

14th Feb 2010 Wickham Wand'ers 2 vs. Fleetdown Utd 7
Goals: Ryan S (3), Ross, Harry, Josh, O.G.

In the absence of any league games another friendly but a good, confidence boosting win none the less.

7th Mar 2010 Real Gema 2 vs. Fleetdown Utd 5
Goals: Ross (2), Tom H, Josh, Suvs

Well done! Probably goal of the season from Josh to start the scoring. A good performance.

14th Mar 2010 Docklands 4 vs. Fleetdown Utd 2
Goals: Ross, Lewis

Did well to come back from 2 down at the break and looked as if we would go on and win. Unfortunately for us Docklands keeper made some cracking saves and they got a couple of late goals and the points.

Support Mel Gordon in the London Marathon 25th April 2010

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

You can also contact Mel directly, via email, on:
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