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FOOTBALL CLUB**

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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, Fleetdown Members and their Friends can hire the club house for a party or other family event..

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**.



Social Events at Fleetdown United Football Club

Sat 3rd Dec 2011 Family Christmas Disco
£5 per Adult, Children go Free

Sat 10th Dec 2011 Children's Christmas Party
1pm to 3pm
£5 per Child , Babies to 9 year olds

31st Dec 2011 New Years Eve Family Disco
Adults £7.50 , Children £2.50



**Christmas
Family Disco**

Saturday 3rd December 2011
7:30pm - 11:00pm

£5 per Adult
Free for Children

For tickets please ask at the Bar
or call Debbie 07968 262870



 **Children's
Christmas Party**

Saturday 10th December 2011
1pm - 3pm

Party Games
Refreshments
Special Guest Appearance
from
Father Christmas

£5 per child, 9 years and under

For tickets please ask at the Bar
or call Debbie on 07968 262870

All tickets for events will be available from the bar.
Or call Debbie 07968 262870
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Junior Soccer Match Reports

Fleetdown United Under 10's

Graham Stone

06/11/2011 Our Lady Youth Pumas 2 vs. 2 Fleetdown Utd

Boys played really well today deserved a win, especially as we had a goal disallowed, that we felt was over the line....finished 2-2 away... well done

Fleetdown United Under 13's

Tony Munday

13/11/2011 Fleetdown Utd 6 vs. 3 Bexley FC

This was a big game after a 13-1 thrashing the week before in the Kent cup. Things could not have started worse within 20 seconds we were 1-0 down . The boys played some good football but so did Bexley testing Harry a number of times .

After a lot of attacking Kane made it 1 each, Albi, back for his first game after breaking his wrist. With 5 minutes to go big Harry collided with one of the Bexley boys breaking his wrist , Jack our centre forward took Harrys place in goal this spurred Bexley on bringing out 2 very good saves from Jack . We wish Harry a quick recovery.

20/11/2011

Halls

0

vs.

4

Fleetdown Utd

Another good game from the boys to follow up on last weeks draw, the boys played good football putting pressure on Halls all through the match.

Kane and Robert put us 2 up in the first half and Ross and Kane made it 0 4 with a goal each in the second half .

Goal Scorers so Far this Season

Kane 8, Ross 4, Jack 3, Harry 1, Joe 1, Robert 1

Fleetdown United Under 15's

Simon Acland

16/10/2011 Long Lane 0 vs. 5 Fleetdown Utd

Well done Fleetdown United Under 15's win away to Long Lane in the afternoon heat! Tommy Brown 3, Harry Melbourne and Jack Chandler the scorers.

It could easily of been in double figures, a few offside flags. Credit the boys they kept playing football. Also well done Brendan 'Pepe Reina' Brodie who went in goal made a great save at 1-0 and kept a clean sheet, but I don't think he wants to go in goal again!!!

16/10/2011

Fleetdown Utd

5

vs.

3

Kingfisher

Bexley Cup 1st Round

1 down after 8 mins, then levelled it 3 minutes later when Jack Chandler ran through their defence. 1-2 down 30 minutes and then Tommy Brown off injured. 1-3 after 35 minutes through defensive error!!

2nd Half and 54 minutes Jack again, bringing us back to 2-3. 65 minutes Tommy back on. 70 minutes Harry Melbourne close in on the left (ends the drought) and we're all square at 3-3. 4 minutes later Tommy wide left had to shot left footed past the keeper top corner (the cheers were heard up on the top pitches) and to cap the comeback off Harry with his 2nd across goal bottom corner from edge of the box with a minute to go 5-3. Next up a home tie v Darent River in the next round!!!

23/10/2011

Fleetdown Utd

2

vs.

1

K9 Colts

Bare 11 players today, Brendan Brodie went in goal 1st half and we defended well with the strong wind against us 0-0 at half time. George Acland took over in goal 2nd half and on 58 minutes we went behind when the ball broke in the box and from close in they scored.

But as last week the boys heads didn't drop and 4 minutes later we equalised with a cracking long range shot from Jack Chandler after good work from Robbie 'Robbison' Challis on the right. Why their manager was moaning at his keeper I'll never know, he had no chance! With a minute remaining Jacks corner found Harry Melbourne at the far post to head home. But there was still time for them to get a shot at our goal which George saw late and managed to dive full stretch to his left to deny them a certain equaliser. They all worked hard for each other and got the result they deserved.

20/11/2011

Fleetdown Utd

3

vs.

2

Darent River

Bexley Cup 2nd Round

How we pulled that one out the bag I don't know, after waiting 40 minutes for the fog to clear the game started but we didn't!!! After 60 minutes the game sprung into life when they scored. 3 minutes later after a mazy run from James Parsons taking the ball from his own half to the edge of their penalty area where he was hacked to the ground. The resulting free-kick from Jack Chandler looked like the keeper had saved it but could only manage to palm it into the net. Time to settle down and get hold of the game, but no we gave away a free-kick which the lad curled into the top corner, 1-2 with 9 minutes left. With 5 minutes left Tommy Brown got away from their last defender when he fell over, the keeper came out and Tommy won the ball in the challenge with the keeper and scored past the defender on the line. With extra-time looming George Acland chested the ball down from a clearance and then switched play to Brendan Brodie on the left who put through to Jack who scored the winner with 2 minutes remaining. Well done in the end and into the quarter-finals with a home tie v K9 Colts.

40th Anniversary Dinner

On the 24th September 2011 friends of Fleetdown from the past and present, including former club officials, team managers and players came together with members of the current committee and team management to celebrate 40 years of Fleetdown United Football Club.

We were also joined by Leader of the Cabinet Councillor Jeremy Kite, who has been a major help of the club for some time now in matters involving Dartford Borough Council.



The night was a massive success and it was nice to see so many old faces returning to the club.

Everyone at the club would like to extend a massive thank you to Debbie Rudd, Fundraising Chair, who organised the event.







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Club Meeting Dates

Managers & Exec

Date	Time	Meeting Type
12th Dec 2011	7:45pm	Managers & Exec
9th Jan 2012 (TBC)	7:45pm	Managers & Exec
13th Feb 2012	7:45pm	Managers & Exec
12th Mar 2012	7:45pm	Managers & Exec
9th Apr 2012	7:45pm	Managers & Exec
7th May 2012	7:45pm	Managers & Exec
11th Jun 1012	7:45pm	Managers & Exec
July 2012	7:45pm	Annual General Meeting
Meetings are normally held at the Fleetdown United FC Club-house located on Heath Lane		



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REMINDER TO ALL ON WARMING UP AND PITCH SURFACE PROTECTION

As you are all aware we have been through a very long and expensive exercise to repair the playing surface on pitch 1. The additional matches played on pitches 2 & 3 during that period are beginning to have an effect on these pitches. To ensure that we reduce the amount of wear on the pitches we are asking each team to adhere to the following rules regarding warming up prior to matches:

Seniors

Opponents to be asked to warm up in the grid area adjacent to the training pitch. Our teams to use the training area, alternative is the grass behind the goal farthest away from the changing rooms for all running and the far left area of the pitches for ball work

Junior Football

Opponents to be asked to warm up in the grid area adjacent to the training pitch. For pitches 2 & 3 Our teams to use the grass behind the goal farthest away from the changing rooms for all running and the far left area of the pitches for ball work. For pitch 1 our teams to use the grass area behind the goal nearest to the changing rooms

Mini Soccer

All teams are asked to use areas on the outside of the pitches as much as possible

Please note we are now staggering the kick off times for the 11 aside matches so that each team has a 30 minute window prior to their match and we do not have 2 teams trying to warm up in the same area at the same time. These rules will help ensure that the playing surfaces are in the best condition for your matches.

If you have any issues please contact either Brian Wakeman or Ron Mabey



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