

TOWNTALK

...making a difference

The newsletter from Fleet Town Council

October 2016

The Harlington Development Update





At last things are really moving ahead on the Harlington development. Back in June we received a very positive Feasibility Study from theatre design specialists, Charcoal Blue, who confirmed that a functional and attractive purpose built theatre could be developed within the existing envelope of The Harlington. As ever it is always good news with a "but." The "but" in this instance being the difficulty in fitting all the supporting rooms and facilities around the theatre core. There will need to be some compromises.

A new build theatre/centre on Gurkha Square could accommodate all these supporting facilities, but again raises its own issues regarding alternative uses of Gurkha Square and the proximity of the new building to the Library. Again working with Charcoal Blue, a document was prepared inviting tenders from experienced architects to develop designs, produce drawings and cost estimates for three options suitable to go out to public consultation. The three options are defined as:

- Essential maintenance to the existing Harlington, what needs to be replaced, repaired or refurbished to provide a sustainable building that functions in accordance with modern day building standards and has a medium to long term life span.
- A major refurbished Harlington that contains a new purpose built theatre with a 250 tiered and retractable seating auditorium and a minimum 100 seat balcony. A new stage with state of the art lighting and sound systems. The acoustics to be

- designed to accommodate a variety of performance types. The theatre to be supported by a full suite of back stage and front of house facilities together with a dance studio and second performance space.
- A new Harlington complex built on Gurkha Square to accommodate all of the above facilities but configured to deliver the maximum visitor experience unrestrained by any internal constraints.

The Tender advertised on the National Contracts Finder Data Base attracted a total of 17 submissions, all of a surprisingly high quality. The Harlington Working Group worked tirelessly over three days including a weekend to assess every tender against a standard assessment sheet. The rankings of the nine assessors were consolidated into a single ranking and the top four firms invited to an interview.

The interviews held over two days at the end of September were very interesting and highly informative. Two firms stood out as being of exceptionally high quality and fully appreciated the demands of the project. The final decision was a difficult one to make, but Burrell Foley Fischer (BFF) have been selected to take the Harlington Project forward.

BFF impressed the Working Group not only with their knowledge and experience, but their clear understanding of the need to develop a sustainable business plan and how The Harlington complex integrated into the local setting and added more value to the community than just being a theatre complex.

The programme that is in place will see the preliminary designs and costings together with the development of the presentation material complete by the end of January 2017. The public consultation will be held through February and early March. The final choice of scheme will be announced at the Annual Residents' Meeting on 28th March next year. Once that decision is made the implementation of Final Designs and the preparation of contract documents for construction work will commence.



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School Performances: 14th - 15th Dec

Tiered Seating

Tickets: £16 Adult / £13 Child & Concs / £49 Family (2 Adults/2 Children)



For more information or to book your tickets visit <u>www.theharlington.co.uk</u> or alternatively you can call the Box Office on 01252 811009. The Box Office is open Mon-Fri 10am-5pm or Saturday 10am-3pm.

Making a Difference...

Tennís at Calthorpe Park - Play Tennís for £36 a year!

In July the Tennis Courts in Calthorpe Park underwent resurfacing works and a new access system was installed. With the re-opening of the Courts in August, the Council launched a brand new offer whereby families are able to play Tennis at Calthorpe Park for just £36 per year!

The £36 membership fee entitles you to a unique 4 digit access code that can be used to access the Courts after you have made a Court reservation online (for which there will be no charge). You can play as much as you like for a year!

We hope that families will take advantage of this introductory offer to encourage children and youngsters to spend more time outside and be more active in their free time.



Says Paul Einchcomb, chair of Fleet Town Councils Recreation, Leisure and Amenities (RLA) Committee

"The Town Council is working hard to increase sports participation in the local area for residents of all ages. Tennis is a sport that can be played from the time you start walking, throughout your whole life, with friends or family, for fun or competitively. We hope that this introductory offer will encourage local people to pick up their rackets and get down to the tennis courts in Calthorpe Park."

To register for this exciting offer, please visit our new Tennis website <u>www.calthorpeparktennis.com</u> and set up an account. You can then pay the membership fee and start playing!

For those who only wish to play a game or two 'Pay to Play' Tennis will still be available, charged at £6 per court per hour.

The Council would like to again thank the Lawn Tennis Association as the resurfacing works were only made possible through their help and support, having given the Council a grant for £43,000 and a new booking + access system worth approx. £10,000.

Local Tennís Leagues

The LTA in partnership with Local Tennis Leagues are setting up a Tennis League for Fleet. Local Tennis Leagues involve adults of similar abilities playing friendly singles matches when and where it suits them. Results are submitted online and players can move into a different box in the league to play new players in the next round. Visit www.localtennisleagues.com for more information.



Tennis Coaching

The Council is also pleased to announce that as of October, Tennis Coaching will be available at the Tennis Courts in Calthorpe Park. Coaching will be provided by GD Tennis - to book call the office on **01189477885** or email: info@gdtennis.co.uk

October Half Term Tennis Camp

Mon 24th - Fri 28th Oct 2016

10am - 1pm daily
5-15 years - All abilities welcome
Multi-sports options
Special Offer: £15/day or £60/week

7 Week Course

Mon 31st Oct - Sun 18th Dec 2016

Mini Tennis Red (5-8yrs) Sunday 9am - 10am

Mini Tennis Orange/Green (9-11yrs) Sunday 10am - 11am

Junior Squad Sunday 11am - 12pm

Adult Coaching Sunday 12pm - 1pm

Special Introductory offer: 7 weeks for just £42

Book your FREE TRIAL today!

Christmas Lunch

Churches Together in Fleet, supported by Fleet Town Council, are organising a lunch on Christmas Day for those who are lonely and would otherwise be spending Christmas alone. The lunch will be held at The Harlington. If you're interested in volunteering for a few hours or if you would like to attend/know someone who would benefit from attending, then please email info@fleet-tc.gov.uk for more information when it becomes available.

... to the local community

Notice of Intention to Terminate Rights to Unused Grave Spaces in Fleet Cemetery

Under the Local Authorities' Cemetery Order 1977, a burial authority may in specified circumstances terminate the exclusive right of burial for a grave space which has been unused for 75 years or more.

The following persons or their representatives are invited to contact Fleet Town Council regarding the exclusive rights of burial in Fleet Cemetery, Richard Close purchased prior to 1940.

Major CB Hoey - Wood Grange, Stockton Road Clara Smith - Kings Road Kate Lewis Hay - The Firs, Fleet Road Mr A Wells - North Hants Golf Club Maud Elisabeth Pierce Col ACH Trevor Marton - Hitches Lane, Fleet JMB Hunter - Mill House, Bradfield, Essex Murray Gibbon - Dunmow Hill, Fleet

Mrs G Newall Watson - Lynmere, Fleet

Where the owner does not advise their intention to retain the right within 6 months of the publication of this notice, the exclusive right or burial will be terminated in accordance with the above order. For further details please visit our website at www.fleet-tc.gov.uk or contact us. Fleet Town Council, The Harlington, 236 Fleet Road, Fleet, GU51 4BY or cemetery.clerk@fleet-tc.gov.uk

Neglected Graves at Fleet Cemetery

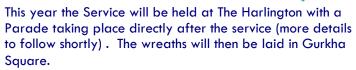
The Council would like to say thank you to Sleeping Leaves for adopting neglected graves to maintain in Fleet Cemetery. The Council would also like to thank the Friends of Group for all their hard work.

Fleet Town Council is responsible for the general maintenance within the Cemetery, however the owner of the exclusive rights is responsible for the maintenance of the memorial on the plot and to keep the plot tidy. Unfortunately some of the graves are sadly neglected as the families move away or are unable to visit. "Friends of Fleet Cemetery" is a group of volunteers that undertakes tasks such as tending to these neglected graves, tidying the Cemetery, growing plants etc. If you have a spare hour or so each week then you might consider joining the Friends of Group. If you are interested or have any questions Email: cemetery.clerk@fleet-tc.gov.uk or call 07880 722941.

Remembrance Day

Sunday 13th November

There will be Two Minutes Silence at the Gurkha Square War Memorial at 11am.



Fleet Town Council will then once again host refreshments in the Harlington for those on parade and the general public.

Firework Fiesta

Saturday 5th November

Calthorpe Park, off Reading Road North Gates open at 5pm with the show set to start around 6:30pm

New - this year you can also buy tickets online
For information on ticket prices and where to buy them
please visit

www.fleetlions.org.uk/fundraising/fireworkfiesta.



At the Award Ceremony for South and South East in Bloom, Fleet Town Council's Oakley Park won awards in two categories—Gold Gilt for Small Conservation Area and Silver Gilt for Small Park. This year Fleet Cemetery also entered and won a Silver Award in the Small Cemetery category. Friends of Ancells Farm Park achieved 'Thriving' and Friends of Oakley Park 'Outstanding' in the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category. Fleet Town Council would like to say thank you to our Grounds Maintenance Team and the Friends of Groups for all their hard work that made this achievement possible.





Upcoming Dates for your Diary

- Firework Fiesta 5th November 2016
- Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2016
- Christmas Festival 23rd November 2016
- Fleet Half Marathon 19th March 2017
- Annual Residents' Meeting 28th March 2017
- Fleet Carnival 30th June to 2nd July 2017

Open Air Cinema at The Views

On the 16th September a pop up Open Air Cinema was held at The Views by Silent Summer Screenings. At these screenings, films are shown on a giant inflatable screen with state of the art wireless headphones used to reduce noise pollution. The film, Dirty Dancing, was voted for by the public via Facebook.

The event was very successful with around 300 people attending. Any future dates will be advertised on Fleet Town Council's website, social media and noticeboard in The Harlington so keep an eye out if you're interested!



New Noticeboard at The Views

The Council has installed a new noticeboard at The Views so you can stay up to date with the latest news & events.



Hart District Council - Local Plan

By the time you are reading this newsletter Hart District Council will have decided, at a special Council meeting on the 20th October, on whether or not to initiate the public consultation for the long awaited Local Plan. The Local Plan will specify where and how many new homes will need to be built in Hart over the next 15 years, together with the infrastructure required to support such growth.

It is an extremely important document as it will drive planning policy and planning application decisions for Fleet.

The public consultation (minimum 8 weeks) is a key stage in developing the plan, to allow it to go to examination by an Independent Planning Inspector early next year. Hart District Council needs to know your views so please respond.

Details on how to respond and an on-line response form will be available at www.hart.gov.uk

Hart District Council - 01252 622122



CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON

Wednesday 23rd November

The Christmas Lights in Fleet Road provided by Fleet Town Council will be switched on at The Christmas Festival on Wednesday 23rd November.



The Christmas Market will start at

3pm and the Live Music and Entertainment will start at 4pm on the stage by Sainsbury's and 5.10pm on the main community stage in Gurkha Square.

As usual, in Gurkha Square there will be community stalls and on stage school choirs will be singing, Santa will make an appearance and the Cast of this year's pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs will switch on the lights at 6.30pm. In addition, this year, Churches Together have organised a live Nativity Scene and free children's crafts.

On the high street there will once again be a Giant Snow Globe, Reindeer Rodeo and children's rides.

For more information visit www.fleetchristmasfestival.co.uk

If you're cold on the night why not visit The Harlington Café for mince pies, mulled wine and other festive treats!!

If you haven't yet booked tickets to *Snow White* and the Seven Dwarfs, The Harlington Box Office will also be open!

This year The Harlington will also be hosting Santa's Winter Workshop where you can meet Santa! His elves are currently busy planning and will have more details for you shortly so keep an eye on www.fleet-tc.gov.uk



We would like to say a massive thank you to:

for kindly sponsoring

this year's Christmas Tree in Gurkha Square,



Cedardale for their professional service installing the tree,



W.C. Baker & Son for their invaluable help,



Hart District Council for allowing the tree pride of place in the square



and to the Christmas Festival Committee for all their hard work!

Hiring a Fleet Town Council Venue

Fleet Town Council offers two very different community venues

that can be hired out

The Harlington

and

Ancells Farm Community Centre
For availability call: 01252 811009

www.theharlington.co.uk

HARLINGTON

The larger of the two, The Harlington, situated in the town centre, can seat up to 300 people in its main auditorium or up to 500 people can dance the night away at your special celebration party.



The Auditorium

As well as this larger space, the venue has a function room and many smaller rooms, perfect when you need something a bit more intimate or you want to hold a small meeting. Both the Auditorium and Function Room have licenced bars with a selection of draught beers and ciders available...

New to The Harlington is a purpose built dance studio with its fully sprung dance floor which is now open and available for hire.

The Harlington is the ideal venue for all occasions and is also the home of regular music, drama, fitness and dance classes, many of which are held in the newly opened Dance Studio.





Ancells Farm Community Centre



At the heart of Ancells Farm is the Community Centre. This centre features a main hall that can be divided to suit individual's requirements as well as meeting rooms and an outside garden.

This hub of local activity is ideal for meetings, local clubs and suitable for all types of celebratory parties. It is also the home to a local pre-school, a dance academy, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as well as sports, fitness and dance groups.



Harlington Facelift

Staff in The Harlington have been busy decorating, why not pop in to the café or check out the new Function Room & Bar at one of the great shows detailed on pages 6 & 7.



Courses and Classes

The Harlington offers a wide range of Courses and Classes including:

- Len Tyler Music School <u>www.lentylermusicschool.co.uk</u>
 For children from birth to age 9
- Rock Choir www.rockchoir.com
- Ceroc <u>www.cerocplus.co.uk</u>
 A fusion of Salsa/Ballroom/Hip Hop/Tango/Jive
- Funtime Dance and Drama
 Children and adult classes throughout the week www.funtimedanceanddrama.co.uk

A full list of Courses and Classes can be found at: www.theharlington.co.uk

What's on at The Harlington



STAND UP FOR SATURDAY



COMEDYCLUB

Featuring the top acts from the UK comedy circuit

Tickets £12.00 in advance £14.00 on the door

December Comedy with live band *The Mushrooms*Tickets £17.50

SATURDAY

19th November 3rd December 21st January 18th February

Show: 8.30pm



A Social Cinema Group showing award-winning Films from around the world

Tickets available on the door. £6 Information visit www.fleetfilm.co.uk

MONDAY

14th & 28th Nov 9th & 23rd Jan 13th & 27th Feb

Starts 8:00pm



Featuring some of Britain's finest Jazz musicians

3rd Tuesday of the month

Please visit www.theharlington.co.uk for prices

TUESDAY

6th December Show: 8:00pm



Monthly Roller Disco

Tickets just £6 per person (including skate hire). Purchase on the door only.

Bar open with snacks available.

For more information visit www.discoskate.co.uk

FRIDAY

18th November 20th January Time: 6 - 9pm

FRIDAY 30th December

Time: 6 - 10pm



Nearly NYE Glow Party Roller Disco

Tickets: £7



TALENTS OF BRITAIN

Featuring some of the brightest stars in British Comedy, Music, Dance & Cabaret.

Line-up includes stars from The Voice, BGT & X Factor including: Stavros Flatley, Francine Lewis, Paul Burling, Russ Williams, Bruce AirHead, Kev Orkian, Shelley Rivers, Jon Clegg, Aimie Atkinson, Steve Hewlett & Ricky K

Tickets: £17.50 / £15 under 16s

SUNDAY

12th November

Show: 7:30pm



ABBA Fever

A 5 piece live band with 5 part harmonies - the show transports you back to the 70's through the biggest hits of the world's favourite band.

£15 Reserved Seating / £12.50 Standing

FRIDAY

25th November

Show: 8:30pm

Box Office: 01252 811009 www.theharlington.co.uk



Bad Manners

If you want a big noisy ska-fuelled party, with added helpings of nostalgia, then look no further than the mighty Bad Manners, still fronted by the man himself, Buster Bloodvessel.

Support acts: Rat Race and Max Splodge

Tickets: £15

SATURDAY

26th November

Show: 8:30pm



JAMES BOND CONCERT BAND

With top musicians, dancers, and an informative and highly amusing compere, this show as everything you could want for a fabulous night out – and one that you will be talking about for years to come.

Tickets: £19/£17 Concessions

SUNDAY

27th November

Show:7:30pm



MAINLY MADNESS Christmas Party

A tribute to Madness and a celebration of 2 tone & ska

Tickets: £16.50 Reserved Seating / £14.00 Standing

FRIDAY

2nd December

Show: 8:30pm



80'S REWIND - THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rewind back to the 80s this Christmas with entertainment and live music from Wild Boys and our special guest Vanessa Hunt! With a DJ & compere after the band finishes, prizes for Best Dressed & Best Dancer, you can even send in your 80s pictures to add to our 80s projection screen... this party night may never end!

Tickets: £15

FRIDAY

9th December

Shows: 8:30pm



The Rollin Stoned

The costumes are shamelessly camp gaudy and fab, the instruments genuinely vintage and the wit irreverent. Classic crowd pleasing hits spiced with eclectic selections from the deeper recesses of Stones Album archives.

"About as true to the originals as you can get"

Tickets: £16.50 Reserved Seating / £14 Standing

SATURDAY

10th December

Shows: 8:30pm



Christmas Movie Marathon

New for 2016 You can now watch your favourite Christmas movies on the Big Screen, with Tiered Seating!

The Muppets Christmas Carol Starting at 10:30am

Home Alone Starting at 2pm

It's a Wonderful Life Starting at 5pm

Die Hard Starting at 8:30pm

Tickets: £5 per showing



MONDAY

19th December

Various times



Your Councillors

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What is Fleet Town Council responsible for?

- Ancells Farm Community Centre
- Cemeteries and Burials
- Christmas Lights
- Floral Displays
- Grants
- The Harlington
- The Harlington Coffee Shop
- Parks & Play Equipment at: Ancells Farm, Basingbourne, Calthorpe & Oakley Parks and The Views
- Pavilions at: Ancells Farm, Calthorpe, Basingbourne, and Oakley Parks.

January

- **Planning Applications Consultations**
- Residents' Annual Meeting
- Skate Park at The Views
- Tennis Courts in Calthorpe Park
- War Memorial
- Football Pitches
- Notice Boards

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

- **Full Council**
- Jenny Éclair
- Planning Meeting
- 12 Talents of Britain
- 19 Comedy Club
- **Planning Meeting**
- 25 Abba Fever
- 26 Bad Banners
- 27 James Bond Concert Spectacular

14 The Great Pretender 21 Comedy Club

Council Meeting

9 Planning Meeting

- 23 Planning Meeting
- 27 Jenny Éclair
- 28 Rule the World

December

- **Mainly Madness Xmas Party**
- **Comedy Club**
- **Planning Meeting**
- **Council Meeting**
- 9 80's Rewind Xmas Party
- 10 The Rollin Stoned
- 14 24 Pantomime: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- 19 Planning Meeting
- 19 Christmas Movie Marathon
- 21 RLA Meeting

February

- **Council Meeting**
- 3 Richard Herring
- 4 Fleetwood Bac
- 13 Policy & Finance Meeting
- 13 Planning Meeting
- 18 Comedy Club
- 24 Wrestleforce
- 25 Navi: King of Pop
- **27 Planning Meeting**

A full list of Fleet Town Council meeting dates is available at www.fleet-tc.gov.uk

For more shows visit www.theharlinaton.co.uk

Police — Beat Surgery Dates 2016

Redfields Garden Centre 10:00—11:00 Elaines Café—Linkway 14:30—15:30 13:00—14:00 Hart Shopping Centre The Keys 10:00—11:00 Lusso Café—Ancells 15:30—16:30

Dates were not available at the time of going to print but will be published on

www.hampshire.police.uk

Useful Telephone Numbers

Ancells Farm Com Centre 07702 834701 Basingstoke Hospital 01256 473202 Birth/Death/Marriage Reg 0300 555 1392 **Bus Permits** 0300 555 1376 Citizens Advice Bureau 01252 617922 Council Tax 01252 774444 Electoral Registration 01252 774077 Fleet Cemetery 01252 625246/ 07880 722941 Fleet Link Bus Service 01252 518090 **Fleet Town Council** 01252 625246 0300 555 1375

Hants County Council

Frimley Park Hospital 01276 604604 The Harlington & Box Office

01252 811009 Hart District Council 01252 622122 Hart Leisure Centre 01252 629974 Hart Shopping Centre 01252 811834 Hart Voluntary Action 01252 815652 Library 0300 555 1387 MP - Ranil Jayawardena 0207 219 3637

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