



TOWNTALK

Photo — Nigel Box

The newsletter from Fleet Town Council

Summer of Change

"What an eventful time it has been since our last Town Talk back in March. Has there ever been such a period of change?"



Jubilee Photos by: Ana Peiro - AFFCC

The COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, we had the hottest and driest Summer on record. We enjoyed the most fantastic Platinum Jubilee Celebrations; four days of fun and family fair. The weather was kind right until the end, a little rain dampened the final street party, but not the enthusiasm for Fleet residents to enjoy a major community event. A huge thank you to the organizing committee and all the residents of Fleet who turned out in support.

Then, tragically, out of the blue, our enduring Monarch was not well, but still she managed to accept the resignation of our then Prime Minister and receive our new incumbent Liz Truss. It was the Queen's last official act, but at 96 years old it was a dream that she could last forever and thankfully she passed away peacefully in one of her favourite residences.

We have all just witnessed a period of national mourning and a display of pomp and ceremony that showed just how much loved and respected our late Queen was. With great assistance from the Fleet and Crookham District Branch of the



Royal British Legion we were able to call a gathering of residents at the War Memorial to join in the National Moment of Reflection. Some 600 to 800 residents of all ages joined in the ceremony.

In that brief celebration of a life, one could sense the spirit of community that so often reveals itself in Fleet and makes it such a pleasurable place to live.

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New Executive Officer for Fleet Town Council



Following the retirement of the Town Clerk, Fleet Town Council has now recruited an Executive Officer, Rochelle Halliday, who will be joining the Council at the beginning of October. Rochelle has previously been Town Clerk for Hartley Wintney Parish Council and Yateley Town Council and will be a valuable new addition to the team. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our previous Clerk, Janet Stanton, for her many years of dedicated service and hope you'll join us in wishing her a happy (and peaceful) retirement.

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Within this cocktail of change we also had local elections back in May - the Town Council only renews itself once every four years. A number of long-standing Councillors decided to stand down and give some new blood the opportunity to bring some fresh ideas to the Council, but regrettably as only one of the five wards required an election, the remainder of our Councillors were returned uncontested.

Additionally, within this period of change our Clerk, Janet Stanton, who has diligently and effectively served the Council for 12 years, retired at the end of September, so on your behalf we wish her a long, full and happy retirement.

As there always is in life, there is good and bad. We have enjoyed lots of good things this summer, but whether the confinement of COVID-19 was a factor, we have suffered some extreme anti-social behaviour amongst some of our younger residents and some extremely noisy and fast driving by some of our not so young residents. Excessive drinking and drug taking are contributing factors. We are designated a low crime area, therefore we are only supported by a limited police presence. I know that many residents have been totally frustrated by the inability to report incidents to the police because dialing 101 can mean hanging on the phone for 45 minutes or more with no response. Back in May we had a visit by our Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones, who admitted to the failings of the 101 system but committed to improving it. It hasn't improved yet so we will be challenging Ms Jones to deliver.



People can report the following crimes by phoning 101 or filling in a form online at www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police

101/Online — Minor crimes or incidents:

- a stolen item - property damage - a civil dispute - if you suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood
- to share information about possible criminal activity in your area - antisocial behaviour - non-urgent enquiries



Fortunately, some residents have taken it upon themselves to supplement our limited police force. We have a dedicated group of local residents who operate a Community Speed Watch. This group provides valuable evidence that the police will act upon to confront repeat speeding offenders or bring the police radar team into the area.

Another group of active residents is the Neighbourhood Watch. The Pandemic hurt the membership and they lost a number of volunteers who helped keep in touch with the community. More members are needed as joining will help keep this a low crime area. With enough members in a road or area, a sign can be erected to warn criminals that they are being watched. Neighbourhood Watch is part of a nationwide organization helping bring security to local communities.



On a more positive note we are very lucky to have a whole body of volunteers to support all sorts of activity and good causes. Without them Fleet would not be such a good place to live. Fleet Town Council is committed to helping those groups in anyway that it can. We cannot thank them enough for their part in making Fleet such a great community spirited town.



Bob Schofield
Chairman of FTC

To close, another change we all have to get used to is "God Save the King". "

Join Up

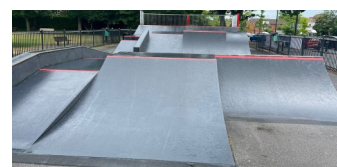
If you would like to **join Neighbourhood Watch** contact their secretary, John Guerin at Email: secretary.fleetnhw@gmail.com or David Bunclark at Email: chairman.fleetnhw@gmail.com. New members receive a welcome brochure containing useful information, a newsletter with police reports and local news, and details of how to contact them. Providing your e-mail contact will enable them to send you an electronic version of their newsletter.

If you would be interested in **joining the Local Speed Watch** Team Email: sandycgrey@googlemail.com

Thank You

A big thank you to Fleet Phoenix and all the local youths who undertook the re-painting of the Skatepark in The Views during June in time for their Annual Scam-Jam event.

Pictured Right: The Views Skatepark



Ancells Green Gym

At July's Full Council meeting members of Fleet Town Council approved an S106 application being made to Hart District Council to fund a new Green Gym in Ancells Farm Park.

For information S106 is money contributed by developers to the local planning authority (Hart) towards the costs of providing community and social infrastructure to mitigate the impact of their development on the local community/infrastructure - the Gym would, pending approval, be funded by this developer money and not from Council Tax.

For good measure and public reassurance, a survey of local residents was conducted online during August and September to confirm that the Gym was still wanted and to see what equipment was desired and the location preferences within the park. The results of the survey are available to view as part of the September RLA papers at www.fleet-tc.gov.uk/agendas



Ancells Farm Park

Join a Friends of Group

Friends of Groups are local residents interested in supporting the regeneration of a particular park or open space through Action Days and other leisure and/or environmental projects. Some groups also hold events. Fleet Town Council has 5 Groups: Ancells Farm, Basingbourne Park, Calthorpe Park, Oakley Park and Fleet Cemetery. If you're interested in joining or require more information:

Ancells Farm www.ancellsfarm.org.uk
Email: membership@ancellsfarm.org.uk

Basingbourne Park
www.basingbournepark.org.uk/membership
Email: membership@basingbournepark.org.uk

Oakley Park Secretary Tel: 01252 617321
www.oakleypark.org.uk/membership
Email: oakleypark@live.co.uk

Calthorpe Park - please contact Fleet Town Council on
Email: info@fleet-tc.gov.uk or Tel: 01252 625246

Fleet Cemetery - please contact our Cemetery Clerk on
07880722941 or Email: cemetery.clerk@fleet-tc.gov.uk

Sensory Garden

Work has now started on the new Sensory Garden at The Views. This first stage of the Sensory Garden will include visual and scent elements through a mix of scented and different flowering plants to produce colour throughout the year.

The garden will also include new flowering cherry trees and benches in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee — two of the benches are very kindly being provided by The Fleet Rotary Club and one by The Fleet & Church Crookham Society.

South & South East in Bloom Awards

South & South East in Bloom is the largest horticultural campaign in the region. The aim is for participants to create lasting improvements to their local environment for the benefit of those that live, work and visit.

We are pleased to announce the following awards won at the 2022 Awards:



S&SE in Bloom Awards 2022

• Small Cemetery	Fleet Cemetery	Gold
• Small Conservation	Basingbourne Park	Gold
• Small Conservation	Oakley Park	Silver Gilt
• Small Park	Basingbourne Park	Gold
• Small Park	Oakley Park	Silver Gilt
• Large Park	Calthorpe Park	Silver Gilt

We'd like to say a massive thank you to all the Friends of Groups and to our grounds maintenance team for all their hard work, especially over the last year.

New Footpaths

Lea Wood Road / New Barn Close

A new footpath has been installed outside All Saints School, between New Barn Close and Lea Wood Road. The new rubber path meets SUDS (Sustainable Urban Drainage) standards which is permeable and will enable better access for all.

Oakley Park

Two of the main paths in Oakley Park have also had a new layer of tarmac put down. Both paths, leading from Albany Road, one beside the Pavilion and the other running up to Burnside alleyway, were in poor condition and not easily accessible however, both paths are now wheelchair and pushchair friendly.



All Saints School



Oakley Park

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - Fleet Town Council Meetings

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

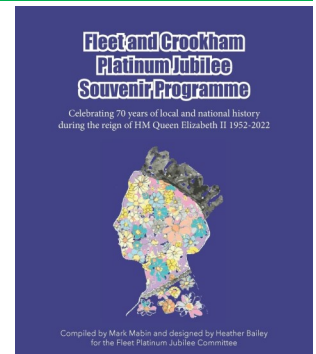
October	November	December	January	February
5 - Council	2 - Council	7 - Council	4 - Council	1 - Council
10 - Planning	14 - Planning	19 - Planning	9 - Planning	13 - Planning
19 - Policy & Finance	28 - Planning	21 - RLA	23 - Planning	15 - Policy & Finance
24 - Planning				27 - Planning

Dates for your Diary

- **Remembrance Sunday**
13th November 2022 — Fleet
- **Fleet Christmas Festival**
23rd November 2022 — Town Centre
- **Christmas Day Lunch**
25th December 2022 — The Harlington
- **Annual Residents Meeting**
21st March 2023 — The Harlington
- **Fleet Half Marathon**
26th March 2023 — Around Fleet

Platinum Jubilee Souvenir Programme

A small group of local volunteers, co-ordinated by Fleet Town Council brought you a jam packed 4-day event earlier this year to mark the unique occasion of the Platinum Jubilee. The commemorative Souvenir Programme is now ready to buy! Hard/soft back copies are available either from Livingstones on the high street (open Tue/Thur/Fri/Sat 10am — 4pm) or via Amazon by searching "Fleet and Crookham Platinum Jubilee Souvenir Programme".



Defibrillator Locations

We thought it time for a reminder of where Defibrillators are located around the town, should someone unfortunately need one.

Time Restricted Access

- Hart Shopping Centre
- Courtmoor School
- Velmead Junior School
- Outside most Doctors Surgery's
- Outside 22 Barbara Close
- North Hants Golf Club

24/7 Access

- Ancells Farm Community Centre
- Basingbourne Park
- Oakley Park Pavilion
- Calthorpe Park — Fleet Cricket Club
- Fleet Motorway Services
- Dentist (Elvetham Rd)
- Prince of Wales Pub
- Elvetham Heath Community Centre
- Hart Leisure Centre
- Side of what was W.C. Baker's (Fleet Rd)
- Outside 66 Church Road Fleet
- Fleet Railway Station
- Fleet Fire Station
- Albert Street Social Club
- Fleet United Reform Church
- All Saints Church Hall
- Hart District Council Offices
- Grange Estate Clubhouse
- Co-op, Ridgeway Parade



Download the App!

Search 'Save a Life' on the App Store.

The app uses GPS to show where the nearest Defibrillator is located and others in the area. It also features videos, CPR instructions and Q&As.

Christmas Day Lunch 2022

Fleet Town Council with help from Churches Together (Fleet) organise a free Christmas Day Lunch for those in Fleet & Church Crookham who would otherwise spend Christmas Day alone. If you've not attended before this includes: canapes/welcome drinks, Christmas Dinner, Dessert, entertainment and a gift from Santa himself. Transport can be provided upon request.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in attending the event, please contact us so we can add you to a list to be kept up to date with plans. Please contact - Email: info@fleet-tc.gov.uk or Tel: 01252 625246.

If you are interested in volunteering at the event, be it Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or both, please contact us on the same details above.



Christmas Day Lunch set-up



The gift of Tennis this Christmas

If you're looking for Christmas present ideas why not gift a Tennis membership for Calthorpe Park?

You can play Tennis as much as you like for just £44 per year!

The membership fee entitles each household to a unique 4 digit code that can be used to access the Courts after making a reservation online!



Calthorpe Park Tennis Courts

To purchase membership visit www.calthorpeparktennis.com or email us for help on info@fleet-tc.gov.uk.



Fleet CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Switching on Lights

23 NOVEMBER 2022
2PM TO 9PM

- Santa's Grotto at The Harlington
- Fabulous Festive Market
- Delicious Street Food - Don't eat before you visit
- Live Entertainment
- Community Stalls
- Special this year - Live Reindeer and Giant Snow Globe!

[HTTPS://WWW.FLEETCHRISTMASFESTIVAL.ORG/](https://www.fleetchristmasfestival.org/)

FLEET ROAD

- 100 stalls selling food, drink and gifts
- Street entertainers
- Giant Snow Globe
- Big Wheel, Helter Skelter and 'Kiddies' Rides
- and much much more

GURKHA SQUARE

- Live reindeer
- Live walk-through Nativity
- Performances from local choirs
- Switching on Christmas lights
- Santa's Grotto in The Harlington

HART SHOPPING CENTRE

- Christmas Hart of Craft Market
- Celebrations with complimentary mince pie and glass of wine

Parking:

All car parks except Gurkha Square will be open
Normal charges will apply

Buses:

Will be diverted from Fleet Road along Albert Street

Taxis:

Will operate as normal

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

(See the website for updated sponsor list)



Fleet Christmas Tree

A big thank you to: **Natta** for kindly sponsoring this year's Christmas Tree in Gurkha Square, **Cedardale Arboricultural Specialists** and **Buckland Farming and Contracting** for their professional service and for once again agreeing to undertake the installation of the Christmas Tree and **Hart District Council** for allowing the tree pride of place in Gurkha Square!

Volunteers Wanted

- If you are interested in helping out with the Christmas Festival and Light Switch-on event please contact info@fleet-tc.gov.uk in the first instance.
- The Temporary Traffic Management team, co-ordinated by the Fleet Lions, oversee the road closures at major events such as the Carnival, Remembrance Sunday, Fleet Christmas Festival etc. They are looking for new help to ensure events such as these are able to take place in the future. If you would like to know more please Email: fltm@fleetlions.org.uk

Christmas Office Closure

Fleet Town Council's Offices will be closed for Christmas from 12 noon on Friday 23rd December 2022 until 9am on Tuesday 3rd January 2022. If you have an urgent problem during this time, please try contacting The Harlington on 01252 811009 or Email: info@fleet-tc.gov.uk and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



Is your business interested in having a stall at the Fleet Christmas Festival?

Applications are now open! Fill out the Stallholder Application Form at www.fleetchristmasfestival.org to secure your space now!



The Harlington continues to support the local GP's by providing space for vaccines and health checks.

STAND UP FOR SATURDAY



COMEDY CLUB

Featuring the top acts from the UK comedy circuit

Normal Tickets £13 in advance

Christmas Comedy £20

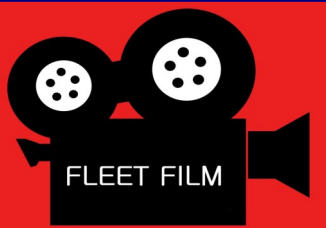
SATURDAY

22nd October

12th November

3rd December

Show: 8:30pm



A Social Cinema Group showing award winning films from around the world

Tickets available on the door £6

Membership available - £45 / year

Information visit www.fleetfilm.co.uk

MONDAY

10th & 24th October

14th & 28th November

9th & 23rd January

13th February

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

18th October 8pm

15th November 8.30pm

6th December 8pm



The JAM'D

The Jam'd are now the UK's best known and most popular tribute to the live performance and sound of The Jam, and are totally committed to giving an unforgettable, authentic performance with all the energy, passion and style of the Woking 3.

Tickets: £18.00 (Standing)

FRIDAY

4th November

Show: 8:30pm



THE BOHEMIANS

The worlds most exciting Queen tribute band. Formed in 1996, The Bohemians produce a show that combines the musicianship, costumes and energy of the world's greatest band. The show is a high-energy comprehensive re-enactment of Queens Greatest Hits.

Tickets: £22.00 Seated / £20.00 Standing

FRIDAY

11th November

Show: 8:00pm



BAD MANNERS

This legendary British Ska band is still fronted by the man himself Buster Blood vessel and always deliver a powerful energetic show leaving the audience exhausted but thoroughly content. If you want a big noisy ska-fuelled party, with added helpings of nostalgia, then look no further than the mighty Bad Manners.

Tickets: £22 Concert Standing

SATURDAY

19th November

Show: 8:30pm



80's Rewind : The Christmas Party Ft. Wild Boys

Rewind back to the 80s this Christmas with entertainment and live music from Wild Boys! With a DJ & compere after the band finishes, prizes for Best Dressed & Best Dancer... this party night may never end!

Tickets: £20 Concert Standing

FRI & SAT

25th & 26th

November

Show: 8:30pm



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@theharlingtonfleet



@TheHarlington



MAINLY MADNESS : The Christmas Party

Back by popular demand, this group of Two Tone loving musicians are bringing the Madness experience to The Harlington this December for the Annual Mainly Madness Christmas Party!

Tickets: £20 Concert Standing

FRIDAY

2nd December

Show: 8:30pm



2022 Pantomime: Snow White

10th to 29th December

Various Show Times (listed to the right)

Tickets — Adults: £16.00 - £19.50 Concessions: £15.00 - £17.50
Family (2 Adults 2 Concessions): £60.00 - £70.00



10th	1.30pm / 7pm
11th	4.30pm
13th-16th	10.30am / 7pm
17th-18th	1.30pm / 7pm
20th-23rd	1.30pm / 7pm
24th	11.30am / 4.30pm
27th-29th	1.30pm / 7pm



AC/DC-UK

AC/DC UK have established themselves over the past decade as one of the world's most electrifying acts. Complete with inflatable Rosie, AC/DC UK churn out all of the biggest hits alongside a few fan favourites at every show!

Tickets: £19 Concert Standing

FRIDAY

27th January

Show: 8:30pm



oasish

The most authentic oasis tribute there is! Since forming in 2004, Oasish have taken the tribute world by storm. The attention to detail is incredible and many have hailed them as being better than the real thing!

Tickets: £19 Concert Standing

SATURDAY

4th February

Show: 8:30pm

THE HARLINGTON



REAL MUSIC FANS, SUPPORTING LIVE MUSIC

The Harlington & The Underground Music Club presents....

These are unprecedented times for the music business and after over two years of reduced activity for our grass roots musicians, it's time to get this show on the road. There is now a responsibility for venues, promoters and audiences to get behind our independent musical artists and to show our support. To this end, The Harlington, in association with The Underground Music Club are hosting a series of shows in support of independent musical artists. Autumn Gold is a series of shows that will bring the best of the UK independent music scene to our local audience. These bands may not be household names yet, but we can guarantee the very highest quality of entertainment, to make your Sunday afternoons a memorable experience. We urge you to support not only these fine artists, but your local venues too.



Dom Martin Band Plus Special Guests: Brave Rival

A Savage Life Tour. *Dom Martin* — Jaw dropping, entirely natural sound with an unforced/unschooled skill on acoustic guitar, matched with an authentic 'Belfast Blues' voice. *Brave Rival* - brand new rip-roaring rock and blues.

Tickets: £15

SUNDAY

23rd October

Show: 2:00pm



IAN PARKER BAND

Ian Parker is an original song writing craftsman, delivering lyrically intelligent songs with a distinctive bitter-sweet vocal. He has the ability and willingness to share with his audience, naked honesty and genuine emotion; a rare quality that sets him apart.

Tickets: £15

SUNDAY

20th November

Show: 2:00pm



Elles Bailey Band

Elles continues to confirm her status as the hardest-working woman in blues, rock and roots music. While others buckled and bowed under two years of disruption and inactivity, Elles continued to write several new chapters in a remarkable story.

Tickets: £17.50 General Admission

SUNDAY

27th November

Show: 2:00pm

Your Councillors

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What are the different Councils responsible for?

Fleet Town Council

Website: www.fleet-tc.gov.uk

Tel: 01252 625246 Email: info@fleet-tc.gov.uk



- Ancells Farm Community Centre
- Cemeteries and Burials
- Christmas Lights
- Floral Displays
- Fleet Link
- Grants
- The Harlington
- Parks & Play Equipment at: Ancells Farm, Basingbourne, Calthorpe, Oakley Park, Edenbrook & The Views
- Notice Boards
- Pavilions at: Ancells Farm, Calthorpe, Basingbourne and Oakley Park
- Planning Application Consultations
- Annual Residents' Meeting
- Skate Park at The Views
- Tennis Courts in Calthorpe Park
- War Memorial
- Football Pitches

Hart District Council

Website: www.hart.gov.uk

Tel: 01252 622122 Email: enquiries@hart.gov.uk



- Abandoned Vehicles
- Building Control
- CCTV
- Car Parks and Fines
- Council Tax Enquiries
- Electoral Registration
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Housing / Homelessness
- Fly Tipping
- Leisure Centre
- Licensing
- Noise Pollution
- Pest Control
- Planning
- Recycling / Refuse / Special Collections
- Street Cleaning / Litter
- Taxi / Private Hire Licensing

Hampshire County Council



Hampshire
County Council

Website: www.hants.gov.uk Tel: 0300 555 1375

- Bus Permits
- Blue Badges
- Education — Pre-school, Infant, Junior, Secondary, Further, Higher and Adult
- Environment
- Highways and Footways
- Libraries
- Minerals
- Social Services—Adult/Children
- Street Lighting
- Trading Standards
- Transport
- Waste Disposal

Useful Telephone Numbers ...

Ancells Com Centre	07702 834701	Frimley Park Hospital	01276 604604
Basingstoke Hospital	01256 473202	The Harlington	01252 811009
Birth/Death/ Marriage Reg	0300 555 1392	Hart District Council	01252 622122
Bus Permits	0300 555 1376	Hart Leisure Centre	01252 629879
Citizens Advice Bureau	03444 111 306	Hart Shopping Centre	01252 811834
Council Tax	01252 774444	Hart Voluntary Action	01252 815652
Electoral Registration	01252 774077	Library	0300 555 1387
Fleet Cemetery	01252 625246/ 07880 722941	MP –	
Fleet Link Bus Service	01252 398451	Ranil Jayawardena	01256 702468
Fleet Town Council	01252 625246	Police	101
Hants County Council	0300 555 1375	Refuse	01252 622122
		NHS Helpline	111