

March 2019



TOWNTALK

The newsletter from Fleet Town Council



Your Personal Invitation

to the

Annual Residents' Meeting

Tuesday 26th March 2019

7.00 for 7.30pm

(Displays from Community Organisations and refreshments from 7pm)

at

The Harlington, Fleet

This is your opportunity to find out what your Local Town Council has been working on during the last year. Please come along and let the Councillors know what you like and don't like about Fleet and have your say on how Fleet should look in the future. This is your town and the Council wants to make it a place where we are all proud to live.

ALL FLEET RESIDENTS WELCOME

Fleet Town Council will be holding the 2019 Annual Residents' Meeting on Tuesday 26th March - last year for the first time we held the meeting on a Sunday, this was in response to members of the public asking not to hold the meetings in the evening so more people could attend, however the turnout was no larger.



We look forward to meeting many of you on the 26th March. If, however, you are unable to attend the meeting, copies of the presentations from the meeting will be available on our website...

... www.fleet-tc.gov.uk

The Agenda for the meeting will include updates on projects we've completed/are currently working on: Fleet Neighbourhood Plan, The Harlington Development, Garden of Reflection at Fleet Cemetery and an over 8's Playground at Basingbourne Park.

There will also be an Open Forum on Devolution and the future of the High Street. At the end of the meeting - your opportunity to ask questions.



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Action Day

Saturday 18th May

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Meeting at The Harlington

To help make Fleet a better place to live and work, we're looking for volunteers to help tidy up and improve Fleet Town Centre and the Parks. We are inviting both residents and organisations to be a part of the day. There's a variety of different tasks you can get involved with including: refurbishing benches, weeding, litter picking, painting railings etc... As usual, Fleet Town Council supply all the materials and equipment.

If you're interested, please contact us on Email: info@fleet-tc.gov.uk or Tel: 01252 625246. Alternatively just turn up on the day!



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What's new....

New Garden of Reflection

The final touches are now being completed on the new Garden of Reflection at Fleet Cemetery. This Garden provides a quiet space for remembrance and reflection and includes a new attractive garden for the burial and scattering of ashes, planting of memorial trees/bushes and installation of memorials and plaques. Previously, this part of the Cemetery was mainly grassed and could not be used for full burials due to the high water table.

On entering the Garden of Reflection through a rose planted brick and wrought iron arch, visitors will enter a delightful tranquil area with meandering accessible paths, seating areas for quiet reflection and bridges crossing a dry stream leading to a solar powered water feature. There is woodland planting for the scattering of ashes, memorial kerb stones will edge the paths and two garden areas either side of the archway for the burial of ashes and stone memorials.

Fleet Cemetery (Richard Close) is the only local authority Cemetery serving Fleet and the surrounding areas. With all the new developments in the area and the current rate of internments there are only enough grave spaces for the next 10-15 years however, the trend is moving from full burials towards cremations and this garden provides another area to accommodate this.

Our new memorials are now installed and ready to give a different option to remember your loved one by. There will also be a new children's area where families can relax and remember. Please see our website or contact the Cemetery Clerk for further information cemetery.clerk@fleet-tc.gov.uk / 07880 722941.



Basingbourne Park Over 8's Play Area

Children living around the Basingbourne Park area will be delighted to see that a new £53,000 Over 8's playground and teenage recreation equipment have been installed to complement the existing Under 8's playground.

The Over 8's play area is centred around a challenging timber multi-play unit consisting of 2 bannister slides, overhead and vertical ladders, horizontal climbing net, hanging and overhead grips and rope play. Completing this area is an accessible Basket swing, a fixed net climbing frame, an overhead twister, an accessible horizontal see saw and ski simulator, plus seating. The Teens will have their own area which will include an open youth shelter and a heavy duty goal and basketball hoop.

Says Cllr Paul Einchcomb, Chairman of FTC Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee, "Fleet Town Council is very keen to promote young people's health and well-being. The installation of this much needed play and recreation equipment by the Town Council will provide facilities that support these aims and encourage a lifelong enjoyment of the outdoors.

This project is part of a Fleet Town Council programme of bringing new or improved outdoor recreation play into all the Fleet parks and the next project is a brand new playground in Calthorpe Park – a park serving a very large residential area which does not have any informal children's activities.

Finally and very importantly, I want to give the Council's thanks to an extra special group of local residents, The Friends of Basingbourne Park, who have given not only their support to this project but have also fundraised a staggering £12,660 towards this community venture. Thank you."



Dates for your Diary 2019

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| • Fleet Half Marathon - 17 March | • Action Day - 18 May | • Beer Festival - 3 August |
| • Annual Residents Meeting - 26 March | • Fleet Food Festival - 22/23 June | • Fleet 20 Cycle Ride - 8 September |
| • Fleet Rotary Fun Walk - 4 May | • Circus Wonderland - 26th to 30th June | • Firework Fiesta - 2 November |
| | • Fleet Carnival - 7 July | • Remembrance Day - 10 November |

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

March	April	May	June	July
6 - Council Meeting	3 - Council Meeting	8 - Council	5 - Council	3 - Council
11 - Planning Meeting	8 - Planning Meeting	13 - Planning	10 - Planning	8 - Planning
13 - RLA Meeting	23 - Planning Meeting	20 - Policy & Finance	19 - RLA	15 - Policy & Finance
25 - Planning Meeting		28 - Planning	24 - Planning	22 - Planning

Play unlimited Tennis for only £41 a year!

Why not buy a Tennis membership for Calthorpe Park? You can play Tennis as much as you like for just £41 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! To purchase membership visit www.calthorpeparktennis.com and set up an account. For those who only wish to play a game or two 'Pay to Play' Tennis is also available at £6.65 per court per hour.



Fleet Tennis League

The LTA, in partnership with Local Tennis Leagues also run a Tennis League in Fleet. The league 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. www.localtennisleagues.com



Changing Times...

"With volunteer numbers across the UK declining over the last decade (15%), Hart is proving no exception. High employment long commutes, busy family lives, bucket lists, U3A and the 480+ TV channels means that less and less people living in the district have time to volunteer on a regular basis. Fortunately, this doesn't mean that residents don't want to help in our community, it just means we need to look at different ways for people to get involved when time is short – step forward Time4Hart, a way for people to exchange skills, experience and interests. Individuals and organisations earn 'time credits' by giving practical help and support to others and then spend their credits when they need some help themselves. If you don't want to use all the time credits you earn, you can donate to the 'community pot' to be used by someone who may need a little extra help.

For more information contact the team on 01252 627070 or Email: time4hart@hartvolaction.org.uk We're also on Instagram/Facebook/Twitter " - by Hart Voluntary Action

Friends of Basingbourne Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 6th April in Basingbourne Park

Collect your clue sheets from the pavilion between 2pm & 3pm, follow the trail and then collect your prize! Both Infant & Junior Trails. Free Event!



Fleet Carnival - 7th July 2019

*"The carnival has been at the heart of Fleet community for over 60 years and has become a very much loved tradition. Each year a different theme is selected and 2019 is the year of **SPACE**. Our amazing chosen charity is **Autism Friendly Fleet** which raises awareness about autism in Fleet and surrounding areas by providing free training to local businesses and organisations. The carnival has a wide variety of attractions and events which cater for all ages. Entertainment includes a dog show, baby show, makers markets, live music, the much loved procession and lots more. Come and join us for what will truly be a wonderful day for the whole family."*

- Carnival Committee, event supported by Fleet Town Council

Join a Friends of Group

Friends of Groups are local residents interested in supporting the regeneration of a particular park/space through Action Days and other leisure/environmental projects. Some groups also hold events/social 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, please see the details below:

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

Fleet Cemetery - 07880722941
Email: cemetery.clerk@fleet-tc.gov.uk

An update on The Harlington Development

Consultation Results

The consultation ("Do you support the building of a new Harlington community complex on Gurkha Square?") again failed to excite a response from the majority of Fleet residents. Returns from only 18% of the electorate resulted in 60% of the responses rejecting development on Gurkha Square. 1,874 residents returned a NO vote compared to 1,245 voting YES. As a result of the consultation, it was decided at Fleet Town Council's December Full Council Meeting, to withdraw the planning application for Gurkha Square.

What now?

Ever feel you have been there before? At the start of 2017 we had no idea what the preference of the local residents was on the Repair, Refurbishment or the Replacement options for The Harlington. We are now aware that although many residents of Fleet wanted a new building, they were not happy with building on Gurkha Square. At the time this was the only location offered by Hart District Council (HDC). We are continuing to work with HDC who, in November 2018 offered the alternative location of Victoria Road car park. This is just one of the options Fleet Town Council will be exploring. To start the process, we have just launched a tender to undertake a detailed condition survey of the overall state of the building and of the integrity of the concrete frame, will it last another 40 to 50 years? We will keep everyone informed.



Buses in Fleet

From the 17th February there will be changes to the No. 7 and No. 10 Bus services. The no. 7 service - Aldershot - Fleet - Elvetham Heath service will only be running a limited service between Fleet and Hartley Wintney and the early morning commuter service between Elvetham Heath and Fleet Station has been withdrawn. The no. 10 service - Farnborough - Fleet - Church Crookham has been changed from once every 30 mins to once an "hour". You can pick up a copy of the new timetables from Fleet Library/Fleet Town Council's Offices or view online via www.busesinfleet.org.uk



Christmas Day Lunch

Fleet Town Council in collaboration with Churches Together (Fleet) once again organised a free Christmas Day Lunch for those in Fleet & Church Crookham who would have otherwise spent Christmas Day alone. The Lunch was a great success with over 70 guests and volunteers coming together to celebrate. The day included festive drinks, Christmas Dinner, entertainment including carol singing and a mini pantomime performance as well as a gift delivered by Father Christmas himself.



Photo Credit: Chris Martin

Fleet Town Council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved for making the Lunch so successful, we really couldn't have done it without you! In particular we would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who helped out prior to the event and/or on the day and to all of the generous sponsors for their donations: The Harlington, A & W Goddard, Hart Lions, Elvetham Heath Parish Council, Church Crookham Parish Council, Fleet Crondall and Crookham Welfare Trust, Imagination Displays, CH Cleaning Services, Waitrose, Tesco's, Cove Industrial Enterprises Ltd, Salamandar Gifts, Fleet & Church Crookham Society, the Hart District Councillors for the Fleet area, The Heron on the Lake, Marks & Spencer's and last but not least many members of the public.

Calthorpe Park Play Area

By the time you read this, a tender for a play area at Calthorpe Park should be underway. Calthorpe Park is currently the only park in Fleet without a children's play area and we hope this installation will be a great benefit to the surrounding residential area. For more on this project, visit our website www.fleet-tc.gov.uk



The BIG Conversation

Just before Christmas the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government launched a Future High Street Fund. Potentially £675 million to regenerate town centres to make them fit for purpose addressing the deficiencies in high streets to meet the impacts of internet shopping and the changing habits of residents. As one pundit put it *"we used to go out shopping and come home for a coffee, now we go out for a coffee and come home to do our shopping."*



This presents the opportunity for the District Council, the Town Council, the County Council, Fleet BID and Community Groups to come together to identify the "deficiencies" in our high street and put forward a plan to make the high street sustainable and fit for the 21st century.

Have we been here before? In 2009 Hart District Council consulted on a proposed regeneration of Fleet's high street which was not supported by the residents of Fleet and created the vacuum of the last 10 years.



Times have changed and shopping is no longer the sole purpose of the high street. The Fund prospectus suggests *"People want local high streets to provide convenience, a sense of community and to add value through services not offered online....they are the locus of some of the highest levels of social interaction"*

Not unsurprisingly the prospectus introduces housing into the mix and uses the word "densification" which is a euphemism for "flats" but, it does recognise that infrastructure is important and makes reference to *"improving transport access, traffic flows and circulation in the area."*

What do you think our high street should look like? We'll come back to that later.

The Town Clerk and Chairman attended the Spring Conference of the National Association of Local Councils. There were two hot topics. One was the Government's Future High Street Fund and the other was Devolution. Services which have been the domain of the County and District Councils are being passed down to Town and Parish Councils but, without the associated funding! Local residents pay for the service or it dies. One such example is the County Council's withdrawal of funding for non eligible children on the school bus from Ancells Farm to Velmead School. The service can be continued but, with a significant contribution by parents and the Town Council agreeing to make up any shortfall in the County's cost of running the service.



Do you have a view on what you would be happy to support at the local level if a higher authority withdrew its traditional funding?



It is a slightly hackneyed term, but we would like to start a "Big Conversation". We proposed to use the Annual Residents' Meeting on the 26th March to initiate a debate and hear your views on the two topics of the Future High Street and Devolution. What would you like to see or not to see happen to Fleet's high street?

What services would you be prepared to, or not to fund at the local level which have previously been supplied by higher authorities?

There will be the usual presentation on what the Town Council achieved last year and how your money was spent, but the main event of the evening will be hearing your views on the two key topics.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it on the 26th March. If you cannot make it, we would still like to hear your views and we will make it possible for you to communicate with us in as many ways as possible.

Although we are coming into Spring, this is the first Town Talk of 2019 so, a very belated Happy New Year!

What's on at The Harlington



STAND UP FOR SATURDAY



COMEDY CLUB

Featuring the top acts from the UK comedy circuit

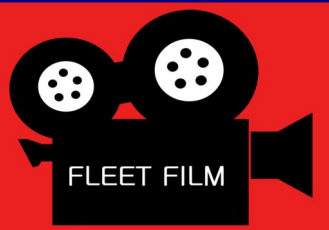
Tickets £12.00 in advance £14.00 on the door

Xmas Tickets - £17.50 in advance

SATURDAY

16th March
13th April
18th May
15th June

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

11th & 25th March
8th & 29th April
13th & 20th May

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

19th March
16th April
21st May

Show: 8:00pm



Monthly Roller Disco

Tickets just £5 per person (including skate hire).
Purchase on the door only.

Bar open with snacks available.

For more information visit www.discoskate.co.uk

Daytime Games & Fun on Skates, 10th April, 2pm - 6pm

FRIDAY

15th March
26th April
17th May

Time: 6 - 9pm



JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW

The only show to be endorsed by the Cash family is back on top form with a brand new production for 2019. This show is simply the biggest and best celebration of Johnny Cash in the world today.

Tickets: £22 Cabaret Reserved



SATURDAY

23rd March

Show: 8:00pm



Geno Washington & the Ram Jam Band

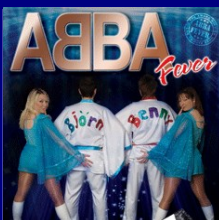
Whether it's Geno Washington and the Ram Jam Band or Geno Washington and the Yo Yo's you can be sure of one thing and that is a barnstorming live show that never lets up in intensity or excitement and delivers the goods every time!

Tickets: £21 Seated / £16 Standing

FRIDAY

29th March

Show: 8:00pm



ABBA Fever

A 5 piece live band with 5 part harmonies, the show transports you back to the 70s through the biggest hits of the world's favourite band. Live vocals, stunning musicianship, authentic costumes and exciting choreography all contribute to a spectacular show which gets audiences to their feet night after night.

Tickets: £17 Seated / £15 Standing

SATURDAY

30th March

Show: 8:30pm



The ELO Encounter

Roll over Beethoven, because the greatest tribute to Jeff Lynne's Electric Light Orchestra is here! The ELO Encounter promises a night filled with rock, roll and Blue Skies that would make even Mozart mambo and Bach boogie!

Tickets: £17 Seated / £15 Standing

FRIDAY

5th April

Show: 8:30pm

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



WRESTLE >>> FORCE

Suitable for the whole family, WrestleForce presents a 2 hour extravaganza of action, comedy and all around incredible interactive fun!

To book tickets with WrestleForce's Box Office: 07717 858226
Online: www.wrestleforce.com

Tickets: £12 Adult / £10 Concs /£35 Family (at least one child)

SATURDAY

6th April

Show: 5:00pm



Stacey Kent In Concert

The internationally acclaimed, Grammy-nominated vocalist, Stacey Kent, returns to the UK for a very select number of 2019 dates, featuring music from her latest release 'I Know I Dream' (Sony Music/Okeh)

Tickets: £22 Reserved Seating

SATURDAY

20th April

Show: 8:00pm



Martin Kemp + special guests

The Spandau Ballet star will be taking to the decks, spinning all the best of the hits from the 80s, presenting the biggest 80s night to hit Fleet in Spring 2019!

Tickets: £19 Advance/ Concert Standing

Limited VIP: £45.00 – includes a queue jump, meet & greet with Martin Kemp!

SATURDAY

27th April

Show: 8:30pm

Back again 27th Sept



BIG COUNTRY The Crossing – 35th Anniversary Tour

Steeped in a stunning catalogue of proud and stirring hit songs such as 'Fields of Fire', 'Chance', 'In A Big Country' (which sold 2 million), 'East Of Eden' and their biggest UK hit 'Look Away', along with massive albums such 'The Seer', 'Steeltown', 'Peace In Our Time' and the triple Grammy –nominated, 'The Crossing', Big Country continue to look beyond the next horizon.

Tickets: £25.00 Concert Standing

FRIDAY

10th May

Show: 8:00pm



LEGEND

LEGEND are seven great musicians and singers dedicated to the life and music of the late, great Bob Marley. The musicianship is flawless, with that irresistible reggae groove compelling you to move!

Tickets: £17.00 Seated / £15.00 Standing

SATURDAY

11th May

Show: 8:30pm



☆☆☆ ULTIMATE ELTON ☆☆☆

Some tribute artists look like their idol, some sound like their idol. Paul Bacon as Sir Elton John does both! Close your eyes and you won't believe your ears, open your eyes and you won't believe them either!

Tickets: £17.00 Seating / £15.00 Standing

FRIDAY

7th June

Show: 8:30pm

Courses and Classes

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

* **Len Tyler Music School** - For children from birth to age 9

www.nmflowerdew.wixsite.com/lentylermusicschool

* **Rock Choir** www.rockchoir.com

* **Ceroc** www.cerocplus.co.uk

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

Venue Hire

Fleet Town Council offers two very different community venues that can be hired out:

The Harlington

-Main hall seats up to 300 or 500 standing

-Many differently sized rooms available for hire & a fully licensed bar

-Purpose built Dance Studio

-Home to regular music, drama, fitness & dance classes

Ancells Farm Community Centre

-Main hall can be divided to meet user needs

-Meeting rooms & outside garden

-Home to a local preschool, dance academy, Beavers/Cubs/Scouts as well as sports, fitness and dance classes

For availability or more info please call: 01252 811009 or visit www.theharlington.co.uk

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What are the different Councils responsible for?

Fleet Town Council

- 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 Park, Edenbrook & The Views
- 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
- Notice Boards

Hart District Council

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

Hampshire County Council

- 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	0333 005 0134
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 – Ranil Jayawardena	01256 702468
Fleet Link Bus Service	01252 518090	Police	101
Fleet Town Council	01252 625246	Refuse	01252 622122
Hants County Council	0300 555 1375		

