



TOWNTALK

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The newsletter from Fleet Town Council

SUPPORTING INFORMATION SHARING

Annual Residents' Meeting

JOIN US

Tuesday 21st March

7pm start

refreshments & community exhibition from 6pm

at The Harlington, Fleet

ALL FLEET RESIDENTS WELCOME



It will be thirteen years this year since Fleet Town Council came into being. It has been an interesting time, sometimes eventful and often frustrating in the sense that we haven't been able to meet everyone's expectations. Often that is because we have little to no control over controversial issues such as health, education, policing and even parking. We have always said when we cannot give a straight answer we will, at the very least pass on any query and lobby when we can.

This year we have arranged the attendance of representatives of some of those institutions over which we have no control but know residents are interested in: our local medical practices, Frimley Park Hospital, our local Police Force (we are promised an Inspector this year) and Hart Citizens Advice.

It is your opportunity to hear first hand what is happening in these various sectors and ask your burning questions. There will, of course, be an update on what has been happening at the Town Council and some of our future plans.

We look forward to meeting many of our regular attendees and hopefully some new faces. So, please do join us at 7pm on the 21st March. It should be an eventful evening. If, however you are unable to attend, copies of the presentation will be made available on our website www.fleet-tc.gov.uk

The outline **AGENDA** for the evening is as follows:

From 6pm - Free refreshments and an exhibition of local community groups/organisations

7pm - Welcome & Community updates including Fleet Phoenix, the local medical practices, Frimley Park Hospital, Hart Police and Hart Citizens Advice

8.10pm - An Annual Review and Future Work from the Town Council: *including events, projects and how we are supporting the community*

A short Q&A session will be held for questions relating to this section

8.30pm - His Majesty The Kings' Coronation - Plans for Fleet

8.35pm - Voter ID update from Hart District Council

8.40pm - General Public Q&A Session

9pm - Finish



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The Electoral Commission

Find out more at:

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

Remember,
I need photo ID
to vote

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station. This means that voters in Hart will now be required to show photographic identification at polling stations before they are given a ballot paper. This will affect all voters across Hart who vote in person or by proxy at the next local election due to be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

Which forms of ID can I use to vote?

You may already have a form of photo ID that is acceptable. You can use any of the following:

- Passport
- Driving licence (including provisional license)
- Blue badge
- Certain concessionary travel cards
- Identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- Biometric Immigration document
- Defence identity card
- Certain national identity cards

Expired photographic identification will also be accepted if the photograph is of a good enough likeness to allow polling station staff to confirm the identity of the holder. For more information on which forms of photo ID will be accepted, visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID or call their helpline on 0800 328 0280.

If you don't have an accepted form photo ID

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate...

...You can apply for this online at:

voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk

You can also apply in person at Hart District Council - please call 01252 774077 or

Email: elections@hart.gov.uk to make an appointment.

Information you will need to provide:

When applying for a Voter Authority Certificate, you will need to provide your:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- National Insurance number - found on payslips or official letters about tax, pensions or benefits
- A recent photograph

You should apply using the same name that you used to register to vote.

You can still apply if you don't know your National Insurance number, or don't have one. You will need to provide other forms of proof of identity, such as a birth certificate, bank statement and a utility bill.

Postal and Proxy Vote

Postal voters will not be affected and will be issued with their postal ballot papers as usual. If you choose to vote by proxy, then the person who you have trusted to vote on your behalf will have to take their own identification in order to be issued with a ballot paper.

SUPPORTING RESIDENTS

Fleet Link Bus Service

For those that may not know, the Fleet Link Bus is a bookable bus service for people living in the parishes of Fleet and Church Crookham that may have difficulty using or do not have access to a regular bus service.

The service runs at certain times through the week with options to travel to the high street, Morrisons and on certain days, trips to The Meadows/Camberley & Farnborough Kingsmead/Town Centre.

If you or someone you know would be interested in this service and how it could improve your quality of life, then you can register at rvs.org.uk/transport or alternatively you can call 01252 398451 Mon – Fri 09.30-12.30.



Despite Hampshire County Council having to make £800k savings from its passenger transport budget, Fleet Link Service levels will remain constant. Passengers indicated during their participation of the recent Hampshire County Council consultation, that they would be prepared to pay higher fares for individual journeys rather than lose the service. Continued on page 3...

Continued from page 2... Fleet Town Council, Church Crookham Council and Hampshire County Council worked together to ensure the rate of fare increase will be phased to reduce the impact, as far as possible, in this climate of rising costs. The service will also receive a boost through the purchase of an updated vehicle improving the quality of each journey.

Christmas Day Lunch

Fleet Town Council with help from Churches Together (Fleet) organised a free Christmas Day Lunch for those in Fleet and Church Crookham who would otherwise have spent Christmas Day alone. The event was another success with around 70 people, both guest and volunteer, participating on the day.

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day - we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you also to those who made a donation/grant - Fleet Town Council/The Harlington, CH Cleaning Services, Elvetham Heath Parish Council, Church Crookham Parish Council, the RVS and several members of the public. A special thank you also to Elvetham Heath Parish Council for letting us use the Community Centre for the Christmas Eve food preparations.



Christmas Day Lunch set-up

SUPPORTING HEALTHY LIVING

Oakley Park Trim Trail

Work to install a Trim Trail (an outdoor exercise/obstacle course) at Oakley Park has now been completed. Thank you to the Friends of Oakley Park for their fundraising efforts to make this possible.



Calthorpe Park Tennis

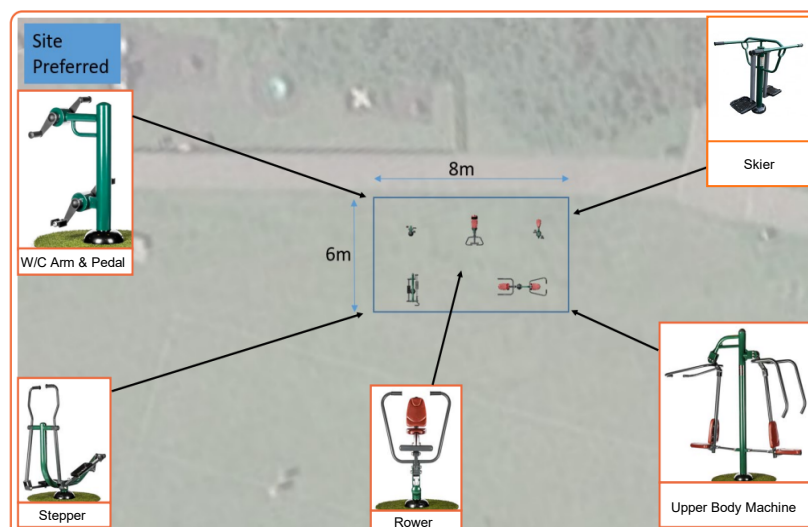
If you're looking to get in more exercise or love Tennis, why not sign up for our Tennis Membership scheme? You can play Tennis as much as you like for just £49 per year! The membership fee entitles each household to a unique 4 digit code that can be used to access the Courts after making a reservation online!

Pay to Play Tennis is also available!

To purchase membership and/or book a Court visit: www.calthorpeparktennis.com



Ancells Farm Green Gym



As you may recall from our last Town Talk in July 2022, the 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 - September to confirm that the Gym was still wanted and to see what equipment was desired and location preferences within the park.

At Decembers RLA meeting Members considered the equipment, location and revised cost. It was approved that the following equipment be installed: 1. Stepper, 2. Disabled Arm & Pedal Bike, 3. Upper Body Machine, 4. Skier and 5. Rower, located by the footpath, across from the under 8's play area.

Equipment will be ordered and installed once the S106 funding has been agreed by Hart District Council.

Fleet Town Council 2023/24 Budget & Precept

Fleet Town Council maintains a range of facilities and services for residents, including The Harlington, playgrounds and award winning public open spaces, supporting the High Street, and the cemetery.

The 2023/24 budget has been planned in a difficult financial climate; post COVID and in a period of high inflation. Consequently, the Council agreed at their meeting on 4th January 2023, that the precept will be increased for the coming year. This increase represents an extra **19 pence per week** (Band D) for the continuation of services and enables the Council to plan for the future.

What we will spend for Fleet town next year...



How it will be funded...



For the full budget visit
www.fleet-tc.gov.uk/Finance/Finance.aspx

Band D Contribution
£116.98 per year /
£2.25 per week

TOWNTALK MARCH 2023

Fleet Town Council Meeting Dates

March 1 - Council 13 - Planning 15 - RLA 27 - Planning	July 5 - Council 10 - Planning 19 - Policy & Finance 24 - Planning
April 5 - Council 11 - Planning 24 - Planning	August 14 - Planning 29 - Planning
May 3 - Council 9 - Planning 17 - Policy & Finance 22 - Planning	September 6 - Council 11 - Planning 20 - RLA 25 - Planning
June 7 - Council 12 - Planning 21 - RLA 26 - Planning	October 4 - Council 9 - Planning 18 - Policy & Finance 23 - Planning

A full list is available at
www.fleet-tc.gov.uk

Dates for your Diary 2023

- **Annual Residents' Meeting**
21st March — The Harlington
- **Fleet Half Marathon**
26th March — Around Fleet
- **Circus Wonderland**
April - The Views
- **HM The King's Coronation Celebrations**
Events in Fleet on 7th May
- **Fleet Carnival**
1st July - High Street/Calthorpe Park
- **Lions Fireworks Fiesta**
4th November - Calthorpe Park
- **Remembrance Sunday**
12th November — Fleet
- **Fleet Christmas Festival**
November - Fleet High Street
- **Christmas Day Lunch**
25th December — The Harlington



JOIN OUR TEAM

Hiring Now!

Administration Support Officer
(Fleet Town Council) 30 hours per week
More details at
www.fleet-tc.gov.uk/Vacancies.aspx
Closing date 19th March 2023

Casual Bar Staff / Ushers
(The Harlington) casual shifts
More details at
www.theharlington.co.uk/Vacancies.aspx

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Action Day

Fleet Town Council will be holding one of its Action Days on Saturday 29th April to tidy up the Town Centre in time for His Majesty The King's Coronation Celebrations. The Action Day will be held 9.30am to 12.00 noon meeting outside The Harlington. Activities may include: painting railings, refurbishing benches, weeding and litter picking. All materials/equipment supplied. If you're interested in volunteering or for more information please contact us on 01252 625246 or Email: info@fleet-tc.gov.uk



Action Day Volunteers



Fleet 7 May 2023 2pm to 10pm Coronation Celebration

Classic Car Procession followed by a Coronation Parade with marching bands down the high street into Calthorpe Park where there will be:

- Over 30 delicious food and drink stalls
- Loads of free attractions for all the family including two giant inflatable assault courses
- Stage with live entertainment
- Community stalls celebrating our volunteers!
- Fabulous firework display

www.fleetcoronationcelebrations.org

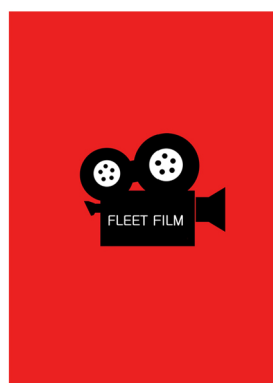
The Harlington is home to, and supports a wide variety of organisations, activities and events for the benefit of the Community. These include:

- **Various music, drama, dance and fitness classes** for a range of ages including: *Monkey Music, Rock Choir, Ceroc, Funtime Dance & Drama, Rebecca Fraiz Classical Ballet, Salsa Steps, Bodyline Aerobics, Over 50's Aerobics and Vicky Ewen Fitness*. More details can be found at www.theharlington.co.uk/courses_and_classes
- **NHS Baby Weighing Clinic** - Book in service (most Tuesdays) - Tel: 01252 813842 or Email: hp-tr.fleetandyateley@nhs.net
- **National Blood Donors** - Upcoming sessions are: 11th April, 2nd & 23rd May, 11th July, 8th August, 5th September and the 3rd October. You can check your eligibility and register to give blood at myblood.co.uk
- Clubs/lectures such as: **Fleet Townswomen's Guild** (www.the-tg.com) held every 1st Wednesday of the month
The Arts Society (www.tas-hart.org.uk) every 2nd Wednesday of the month
U3A (<https://flu3aweb.wixsite.com/fleetu3a>) every 3rd Wednesday of the month
- **Sasha's Project**: a drop-in crisis centre for young people who are struggling with their mental health
Tel: 07741 117655 or Email: angela.forster@sashasproject.charity
- **Fleet Phoenix**: a local charity that co-ordinates music projects, youth clubs and mentoring projects as well as community outreach programmes to youths within Hart. Tel: 01252 812308 or Email: info@fleetphoenix.co.uk
- Not for profit events run for the community such as **Fleet Film Club** and **Fleet Jazz Club** (more information on these below)



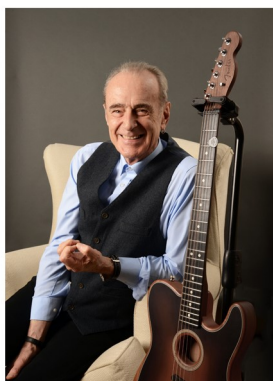
Fleet Jazz Club
Various artists
3rd Tuesday of the month
8.00pm

Fleet Jazz Club holds monthly jazz performances from some of the UK's finest jazz musicians on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, in a "jazz club" environment at The Harlington in Fleet. The club has an enthusiastic and growing membership since it started in January 2013, and we are always very happy to see new people too.



Fleet Film
Mon: Mar 13th & 27th, Apr 3rd & 24th, May 8th & 22nd, Jun 12th & 26th
8.00pm

Fleet Film is an award-winning film society serving Fleet and district with a unique programme of films from around the world, including many acclaimed films that rarely reach mainstream cinemas. We also show short films, annually present awards to local film students and have other special events, including outdoor cinema. Why not come along and see how different we are from the average cinema?



The Francis Rossi 'Tunes & Chat' Tour
Saturday 6th May
7.30pm

Status Quo legend Francis Rossi is taking up his acoustic guitar to bring you a selection of well-known hits and some previously not-performed-live-before tunes. It'll be a unique evening in which Francis will reprise fan favourites from a remarkable 50+-year career. Expect original-style, acoustic versions of Quo classics, threaded together with chat in this music based evening. VIP packages are available for those wishing to meet Francis before the show.



Marti Pellow
Pellow Talk, The Lost Chapter
Sunday 19th November
7.30pm

"I've been thrilled with the response to Pellow Talk. It has been the most intimate show I've done..... I wanted to do some more shows in this way and The Lost Chapter is a reimagined show that connects you, the audience, with me, the songwriter." It's Pellow Talk – The Lost Chapter, an exploration of the songwriter, and the songs that make the man. VIP packages are available, even a meet & greet option!



Stand Up for Saturday Comedy Club
Saturdays: Mar 18th, Apr 15th,
May 20th & Jun 17th
8.30pm

Coming to The Harlington each month (excluding August), Stand up for Saturday Comedy Club is a fantastic night of live comedy entertainment. With new guest stars each month the show is a massive hit and often sells out in advance - so be sure to purchase your tickets early!

Acts subject to change



The Doors Alive
Friday 31st March
8.30pm

The band recreate the sound, look, presence and magic of a real 1960's Doors concert, perfectly and effortlessly transporting the audience back in time with classic hits such as "Light My Fire", "When The Music's Over", "Riders On The Storm", "The End" and many more. Having formed in 2005, The Doors Alive have over 1,000 shows under their belt to date.



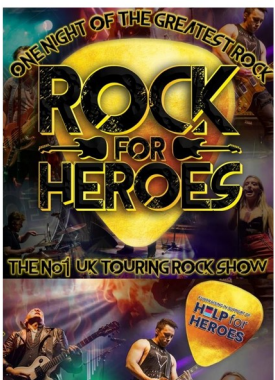
90s Rewind
Saturday 22nd April
8.30pm

Rewind back to those dance anthems of yester year with entertainment and live music from Ultra 90's, the first and only 90's dance tribute show in the UK and possibly the World! If you're a fan of those old skool classics, this is the party you've been waiting for. Ultra 90's will keep you dancing all night long and always bring the house down every time they play here.



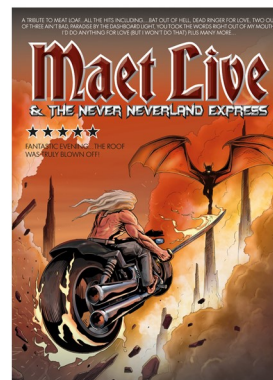
Legend
Friday 28th April
8.30pm

LEGEND are seven great musicians and singers dedicated to the life and music of the late, great Bob Marley. Legend's two hour show covers the very best of Bob Marley's timeless classics: Is This Love, No Woman No Cry, Waiting in Vain, Exodus, I Shot The Sheriff, Jamming, Could You Be Loved. These are just a few of his million selling hits brought to you in this fantastic two hour tribute to the acknowledged master of reggae.



Rock For Heroes
Saturday 29th April
8.30pm

Rock For Heroes - The No 1 UK Touring Rock Show is back baby! Rock For Heroes transports you back to the memories of hearing these iconic bands for the first time, celebrating the legendary members of the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame! Brought to you by a 7-piece live band, this show is full of incredible singers and musicians who will have you laughing out loud whilst rocking out in the aisles.



Maet Live
& The Never Neverland Express
Friday 5th May
8.30pm

An incredible full 7-piece live band, recreating a spectacular theatrical performance, with over 2 hours of epic Meat Loaf featuring Craig Halford the Dead ringer for Meat Loaf! Formed over 12 years ago shortly after lead singer, Dead ringer for Meat Loaf Craig Halford has appeared on ITV's 'Stars in Their Eyes' and Channel 4's 'The Last Leg'.



Ultimate Elton
& The Rocket Band
Friday 12th May
8.30pm

Rapidly established as the foremost Elton John tribute act in the UK, 'Ultimate Elton and The Rocket Band' present an uncannily accurate reproduction of the classic live shows of one of pop music's most successful and best-loved artists - performances that also often feature some of Elton's actual costumes, bought from his 'Out the Closet' sales!



Black Sabbitch
Saturday 13th May
8.30pm

Direct from California and back in the UK, after a successful 2022 tour! Since 2011, Black Sabbitch have been selling out shows and wowing even the most difficult to please Sabbath worshipers, gaining the respect of critics, fans and musicians alike. They have become festival favourites, consistently performing with some of the world's biggest acts.



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What are the different Councils responsible for?

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- 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	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