

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JAN

- 5 Town Council Meeting
- 10 Development & Control Meeting
- 17 Policy & Finance Committee
- 19 Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee
- 24 Development & Control Meeting
- 26 Highways & Transport Committee

FEB

- 2 Town Council Meeting
- 14 Development & Control Meeting
- 16 Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee
- 21 Policy and Finance Committee
- 23 Highways & Transport Committee
- 28 Development & Control Meeting

MAR

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- 21 Policy and Finance Committee
- 28 Development & Control Meeting
- 30 Annual Parish Meeting

TOWNTALK

The newsletter from Fleet Town Council

January 2011

2011 is the start of something Good!!



It seems impossible that Fleet Town Council is only six months old, and for most of the 14 councillors it already seems like a lifetime. One would hope that starting with a near blank piece of paper would make life easy, but it isn't the new pieces of paper we have had to worry about but the crumpled old pieces that keep falling out of the cupboard!

We have all been trying to come to grips with what it is we have actually inherited, what is missing and what it would be nice to have. We fully appreciate that 14 people, however well intentioned cannot represent the views of 20,000 residents, diverse in age, background, interests and aspirations. So what we have decided to do is prepare an outline vision of where Fleet might be in 20 to 25 years. We do have to plan because implementing any change, improving and providing new facilities costs money and guess what – we don't have a lot! It is our intention to present a framework of the vision for Fleet and explain our thinking at our annual meeting to be held on March 30th. We will then go out to public consultation and seek your views; the more views the merrier, we need to understand what you want and what you value.

On behalf of all the members and staff of Fleet Town Council, may I wish you a happy new year.

Cllr Bob Schofield,

STOP PRESS

The Council has applied for and just been awarded a grant from Play Builder for a replacement playground at Ancells Farm. More information in the next issue!



Being Neighbourly



If you would like to join your local Neighbourhood Watch

or to set up a new Neighbourhood Watch Area, please contact: chairman@fleetnhw.co.uk

Developing sport in Fleet

Lucy Campbell has just been appointed Sports and Recreation Officer for Fleet Town Council. Look out for details of the new indoor and outdoor sports activities she will be organising.



ITS ALL NEW!

The Harlington has been rebranded and is under new management!

Alex Robins, the new Operations Manager says "Over the next few months you will start to see many improvements and changes. We will be bringing in new menus for the café, new courses, classes and activities for all ages and re-introducing entertainment to The Harlington – starting with Live and Unplugged acoustic evenings" — see back page. For more details, call Alex on 01252 811009

Visit The Harlington for:

- Morning coffee
- Lunches
- Afternoon tea
- Sports Courses
- Music classes
- Youth Theatre
- Playgroup
- Blood Donor Sessions
- or
- Hire one of the rooms or halls for:
- Meetings, Parties, weddings, charity or business events



Your Councillors — here to help...

Our Committees

Fleet Town Council operates through a series of committees.

The general public are invited to attend these meetings and find out about the activities of Fleet Town Council. At these meetings there is an opportunity to ask questions at the start of each meeting. If you would like to have your say (up to a maximum of 3 minutes), it would be very helpful if you could let the Town Clerk know (01252 625246) prior to the meeting.

Full Council Meeting

Cllr Bob Schofield – Chairman
All Fleet Town Councillors attend this committee. It is at this meeting that the overall Council policy is developed and strategic decisions made. All the committees below report to the Members of the Full Council.

Finance and Policy Committee

Cllr Bob Schofield – Chairman
The Committee regulates, manages and controls the finances and resources of the Council

Recreation, Leisure & Amenities Committee

Cllr Paul Einchcomb – Chairman
The Committee oversees the management and improvement of the Council's recreational facilities and Fleet Cemetery.

Highways and Transport Committee

Cllr Richard Appleton Chairman
The Committee works with the police, district & county councils and transport providers to resolve issues with highways and footpaths and public transport.

Planning and Development Committee

Cllr Chris Butler - Chairman
The committee considers and comments on all planning applications and planning policy matters and will facilitate the development of a Fleet-wide Parish Plan

The Chairman



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... and make Fleet a better place

Look what your new council has been doing since June 2010!



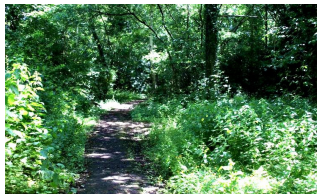
Caring for our Cemeteries

Fleet Cemetery is having a facelift. During the last 3 months, many trees have been pruned, the grounds tidied up and the notice boards cleaned. Unstable headstones have been made safe and there are plans for a new Ashes Plot during the coming year.

Improving our Parks ...

Oakley Park

- Having applied for and successfully won a grant, work starts to de-silt the pond in Oakley Park in the Spring
- Repairs to the Embankment on the stream have been completed



Calthorpe Park

For the first time, Calthorpe Park was used as the new venue for the firework display organised by Fleet Lions. This family event was enjoyed by approximately 6000 people and proved to be a better and safer venue.



Harnessing Community Spirit

Remembrance Sunday

Over 500 people gathered in Gurkha Square to take part in the Annual Service of Remembrance organised by the Royal British Legion. After the service, Fleet Town Council opened the doors of the Harlington and provided refreshments, served by volunteers, to all those who attended the Parade and Service of Remembrance.



Christmas

Fleet Town Council:

- contributed a grant to Fleet Festivities towards the cost of this event
- provided all the Christmas lights along Fleet Road
- worked with generous sponsors and managed the provision of a Christmas Tree in Gurkha Square



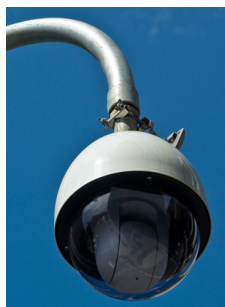
Transforming our town

Fleet Town Council provided and maintained a glorious display of flowers throughout the summer months along Fleet Road.



Making Fleet Safer

Fleet Town Council funds the CCTV coverage throughout the Town Council's parks and liaises with the police on incidents of vandalism.



... Councillors in the spot light

RICHARD ROBINSON

"I have lived in Fleet since 1984, having previously lived and worked in Scotland and South Wales. I am married with 3 children, now grown up and away from home. Most of my working life has been in the petrochemical industry, managing my company's financial information centre, before taking early retirement. Since then I have worked with a national charity in Fleet and am a volunteer at a local advice centre. My interest in parish politics is to see improved democracy and accountability on the part of councillors and to ensure the electorate is properly involved in decision making. If you want to discuss any issues, please contact me."

HELEN PERTHEN

"I'm your youngest councillor. I live in the Central Ward of Fleet with my 2 little girls Amelie and Sofia and their Daddy James. I moved to Fleet because I love the friendly atmosphere, the carnival, the festivities, the half marathon, the fresh air and green trees, the pond and the canal. I got involved in the local council because I'm keen to see that our council tax is used efficiently and to provide things that are valued by the people who pay for them. I believe in transparency and accountability, encouraging independent trade in our town centre and maximising usage of council assets. I'm full of energy and drive to move things forward and I'd love to hear what's important to you, the people of Fleet — just contact me"

STEVE FORSTER

"I love living in Fleet. With my wife and 2 teenage daughters, we benefit greatly from the lovely community and the extensive facilities in and around the town. Fleet Pond is important to us for leisure, and I aim to ensure that FTC continues to invest in the local environment, parks, recreation and leisure facilities. I'm working to help FTC maintain the right balance on local issues, such as building development, traffic & congestion, speeding, and roads maintenance. At the same time I'm also trying to support the retailers in Fleet, and the many excellent local community groups working with disadvantaged groups. I'm particularly interested in transport issues (locally, and for commuters), and in getting more local people involved in defining and actively supporting the direction of the town's growth."

... more in next issue

Come and find out more about the Council at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in The Harlington at 7.30pm on 30 March 2011

NEW

to

THE
HARLINGTON

Live and Unplugged



Enjoy an evening
of acoustic music
with friends in
the relaxing
surroundings of
The Harlington
Café-Bar

Wednesday 2 February

Wednesday 16 February

Wednesday 2 March

Wednesday 16 March

Doors Open 7.30pm

Free Entry

Licensed Bar & Snacks

The Harlington, 236 Fleet Road,
Fleet GU51 4BY
Tel: 01252 811009

Who does what in Fleet

Fleet Town Council

- Ancells Farm Community Centre
- Annual Town Meeting
- Cemeteries and burials
- Christmas Lights
- Grants
- The Harlington
- The Harlington Coffee Shop
- Notice Boards
- Parks & Play Equipment at: Oakley, Calthorpe, and Basingbourne Parks, Ancells Farm and The Views
- Pavilions at:
Oakley Park, Basingbourne Park, Calthorpe Park and Ancells Farm
- Skate Park at the Views
- Sports courses
- Sports Development
- Tennis Courts—Calthorpe Park
- Tourism
- War Memorial

Hart District Council

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Building Control
- Bus Permits
- CCTV
- Car Parks and Fines
- Council Tax Enquiries
- Electoral Registration
- Gypsies and Travellers
- Housing / Homelessness
- Leisure Centres
- 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
- Footways
- Highways
- Libraries
- Minerals
- Social Services—Adult, Children
- Street Lighting
- Trading Standards
- Transport
- Waste Disposal

Useful Telephone Numbers

Ancells Farm Com Centre	07702834701	Hants County Council	01962 841841
Basingstoke Hospital	01256 473202	The Harlington	01252 811009
Birth/Death/Marriage Reg	0845 6035637	(previously the Harlington Centre)	
Citizens Advice Bureau	01252 617922	Hart District Council	01252 622122
Council Tax	01252 778003	Hart Leisure Centre	01252 629974
Electoral Registration	01252 622122	Hart Shopping Centre	01252 811834
Fleet Link Bus Service	0845 6024135	Hart Voluntary Action	01252 815652
Fleet Town Council	01252 625246	Library	0845 6035631
Frimley Park Hospital	01276 604604	MP – James Arbuthnot	01252 627473
Fleet Town Council		The Point Youth Club	01252 812308
Tennis Courses	07713 505049	Police	0845 454545
		Rubbish/special collections	01252 622122