



Fleet & Church Crookham Society Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2013

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Fleet & Church Crookham Society Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 24 April 2013 at 7.30pm

Church Crookham War Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane Church Crookham, GU52 8LD

Including a presentation from Debbie Twinn of Fleet Future explaining how the group aims to influence and shape the future of Fleet by working with the whole community to say how they want our town to develop – and then make it happen

The Fleet vision developed by this combined team will be used by local councils and other organisations to shape policy and spending decisions



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Welcome to our New Members

A warm welcome to our new members who have joined since publication of the last newsletter:

- Chris Bowering
- Paul Doughty
- Sarah Horton
- Sarah Rolls
- Richard & Margaret Ryder
- Craig Shanks

Meet the Local History Detectives

The Fleet & Crookham Local History Group is running its fascinating 'Meet the Local History Detectives' sessions in April. This your chance to meet members of the local history group, find out about the history of the area, bring photos, deeds and memories to share and ask questions.

The sessions take place at:

Fleet Library, first floor

10.00–12.30

Saturday 6 April

Saturday 13 April



Fleet & Crookham Local History Group



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Co-chairmen's Introduction

This issue of our newsletter is timed to arrive 4 weeks before our AGM – Wednesday 24 April. Our guest speaker will be Debbie Twinn who will talk to us about Fleet Future, the new initiative run by local people aiming to influence and shape the future of Fleet by working with the whole community to say how they want the town to develop. We attended several initial meetings of this group and are keen to encourage this initiative as part of Fleet and Church Crookham's development as a whole. Please do come along to the AGM to show your support for the Society and learn more about Fleet Future.

In our last issue we were looking for new committee members to fill the vacancies left by the resignation of our Treasurer & Membership Secretary, Kathy Wilson. We are delighted that Sarah Rolls has come forward to volunteer as Membership Secretary and Paul Doughty has also joined the committee as webmaster. A warm welcome to both of them. We are still on the look-out for a Treasurer. This role only requires a couple of hours a month, and can be fitted in around other commitments (the majority of our committee work full-time). Please do contact us if you are interested or know someone who might be willing to take this role.

We are pleased to welcome a number of new members to the Society (see page 1). Some of these heard about us through leaflet drops we did on the Edenbrook development off Hitches Lane and in Albert Street in Fleet town centre. If you think your street might prove fertile recruiting ground, or you would be happy to help with future leaflet drops, please do let us know. Generally a group of us works together to do a leaflet drop, so it is a fun communal activity, and the benefits of growing

our membership and thus our voice are very important to the future functioning of the Society. It is also worth noting that yet more members came from word-of-mouth of existing members. If you would like leaflets to give to neighbours and friends who you know are interested in where we live, please let us know.

We are especially pleased that the diversity within the committee has meant that we have been able to involve ourselves in some of the more positive aspects of life within Fleet and Church Crookham. With time constraints, it has been all too easy to be limited to defending the onslaught of development and pressures of infrastructure over recent years. It has therefore been refreshing to be involved in community projects that actually enhance the amenity for members and residents. Our work has been recently recognised with an award presented to us by the Civic Voice movement for community involvement to recognise the exhibition we facilitated with the help of the management of the Hart Shopping Centre for Civic Day last year.

Another project we have taken on is a trial to host 'social media surgeries'. The idea is to demonstrate the benefits that social media – Facebook, Twitter, blogging and so on – can bring to local community groups, in terms of meeting a younger and wider audience, with the aim of growing membership or support. We ourselves have almost as many 'followers' on Twitter who sign up to read what we are doing as members of the Society. The first of these surgeries will have taken place by the time you read this newsletter, and we hope to form new relationships with like-minded groups through this service.

We have ambitious plans for Civic Day this year to organise an 'Action Day' to regenerate some of the street furniture and facilities around the district. This will include anything from litter picking to repainting of benches, so if this appeals, the date for your diary is 22 June. Further details will be available from our website www.fccs.org.uk and at our forthcoming AGM on 24 April. We look forward to seeing you then.

Gillian Wain & Phill Gower



The Society's new-look display board on show at a Fleet Future event

Action Planned for Civic Day – Saturday 22 June

Saturday 22 June is Civic Day, where our national body, Civic Vice, encourages us to celebrate civic pride by getting out and about in our community and raise the profile of the Society and what we do.

This year we have decided to put on **Action Days** in Fleet, Church Crookham and Elvetham Heath where we will encourage volunteers to join us in a day of activities to smarten up the three parishes, such as washing play equipment in parks, tidying up woodland areas, and smartening up parks and other public areas.



Even if you can't help on the day, there are a number of tasks that will need to be done before the event that we would welcome help with. Please phone Gillian on 01252 677536 for more information.

A variety of tasks will be available for all ages (children should be supervised by an adult) and abilities, and the Society will provide necessary equipment and full instructions. The tasks we do will be identified by working with the appropriate parish councils.

This a great opportunity to profile the aims of the Society and we would like as much support from our members as possible.



Proposed Changes to the Society's Constitution

At the AGM, the Executive Committee will be proposing two changes to the Society's constitution, and hope that members will support these changes. The full text of the current constitution is available on the Society's website, or from the Secretary, Judith Sutherland.

Clause 4.1

This clause currently reads as follows:

"The annual subscription of Members shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee, having regard to the financial requirements of the Society, and shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for approval."

The AGM takes place in April each year, but the subscription year begins in January. This means that the Executive Committee has to decide on subscription levels over nine months before the start of the subscription year. We would therefore like to remove the words "and shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for approval." Clause 4.1 would therefore read:

"The annual subscription of Members shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee, having regard to the financial requirements of the Society."

Clause 12.3

This clause relates to the winding up of the Society, and currently reads:

"On dissolution the minute books and other records shall be offered to the Civic Trust."

The Civic Trust has ceased to exist, and has been replaced by Civic Voice. We would therefore like to amend this clause to read as follows:

"On dissolution the minute books and other records shall be offered to Civic Voice."

Aldershot Urban Extension

News of 3850 new homes planned as an urban extension for Aldershot didn't immediately fill your committee with overwhelming enthusiasm!

We recently received an invitation to meet the developer and representatives of the Farnborough and Aldershot Societies for a presentation of the proposal. Having driven past derelict barrack buildings, a very sorry looking Cambridge Military Hospital, and the overgrown relics of a formerly glorious and extravagant Victorian military era on the way to the presentation, I was reminded that I should perhaps not set my expectations of preservation and regeneration too highly.

I was therefore very pleasantly surprised at the amount of care and attention to detail that Grainger plc has taken to preserve the heritage on what is a very comprehensive planning application. The Masterplan (inset) shows the site enclosed by the A325 Farnborough Road to the West, the Garrison Church to the North, the ski slope to the East and the ridge onto which the Cambridge Hospital sits to the South. The plan is to build 3850 new homes between now and 2026.

It was very pleasing to see that all of the prominent historical buildings are to be retained. The Cambridge Hospital was originally built in 1872, enlarged in 1897, and had a series of extensions built between then and the 1990s. It is planned that the building will revert to its 1931 form, removing the less attractive modern extensions and renovating to provide several options for occupancy, still to be determined. All other listed buildings including the Observatory are to be retained and will form the backbone of a new 'history trail' that will run through the site, thus remembering the site's important military heritage. Two new primary schools are also planned, together with a Neighbourhood Centre



Cambridge Military Hospital

that will contain a mix of retail, leisure and business space. A Site of Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS) is also provided to ease pressure on the nearby protected heathland

Improvements are also proposed to the sliproads of the A325, and a new junction created with the (A331) Blackwater Valley relief road. Unfortunately, it is in this aspect that we feel the plan fails. The proposed new junction only allows traffic onto the northbound carriageway of the A331. Whilst this provides an easy route for residents and construction traffic leaving the site towards the M3 motorway junction, returning traffic back to the site will need to negotiate the A325 through Farnborough or via Lynchford Road in North Camp. At peak times, or when the FIVE exhibition centre has major events on, we anticipate gridlock. We very much hope that Grainger will rethink this junction as it seems to ruin what is otherwise a first class regeneration for Aldershot. For further information see www.wellesleyaldershot.co.uk

Phill Gower

Photos from Grainger plc



The site plan



Observatory

Fleet & Church Crookham in Bloom

Fleet & Church Crookham in Bloom is currently planning its activities and competitions for 2013

Classes in Fleet & Church Crookham in Bloom for domestic premises remain as for previous years, that is:

- Traditional Summer Bedding
- All-year round garden (shrubs etc)
- Display of tubs and baskets

Additionally, there is the neighbourhood class for groups of houses in a close or other street which are then judged as a group against other entrants in that class. This is a class that we feel epitomises the concept of Fleet & Church Crookham in Bloom more than any other, since it encourages co-operation between neighbours as well as improving the visual impact of the whole area, not just a single garden.

Other classes include public houses (and restaurants) and commercial premises.

Photo sfrom Graham Bowyer



A winning display from the Prince of Wales

Another class is for community gardens. This applies in particular to residential homes where a garden is tended and looked after by a group of residents.

Children's classes are always a source of much pleasure to the committee. We have classes for the infant schools and for the junior schools, with a different theme each year. The 2013 theme is 'Wildlife and Conservation'.

We have other classes for pre-school children, through childminders, nursery schools and playgroups. Again we have the same theme as for the schools.

We are always seeking new entrants in our residential classes. Entry forms are available in Hart Shopping Centre during April, May and early June, or by application to the Chairman, to be submitted to our competition co-ordinator by early July, for judging towards the end of July. Gardens to be judged must be visible from

a public place such as a footpath or road, and do not have to be

show quality. Judging criteria take many aspects into account, and so effort and originality are rewarded as well as visual impact.



Children from Tweseldown Playgroup with their entry

Results are communicated to everyone in early August along with invitations to the prize-giving ceremony to be held in October. This is always well attended and enjoyed by all.

Fleet & Church Crookham in Bloom is also seeking help with organising and running these competitions and with judging at the appropriate times.

Terry Egginton



A group of proud winners

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Farnborough Airport and the FACC

The latest Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee (FACC) meeting was held on 7 March 2013. TAG, the owner and main operator at Farnborough Airport, reported on its recent operations and plans to develop further opportunities at the airport.

As reported in the last newsletter, TAG has decided to submit a planning application to extend its hours of working for aircraft maintenance. Currently it has permission to maintain aircraft during normal operating hours, but it has decided that there is a need to maintain aircraft on a 24-hour-a-day basis. The extended hours for aircraft maintenance will be no-noise impact work, on stationary aircraft within the hangars or on the airport apron. TAG is very aware of the local noise sensitive environment for residents and no work will be permitted that requires noisy equipment, auxiliary unit support or engine testing.

Flight movements update

The latest report on operational flight movements (see table below) suggests that business at the airport is operating at a similar level to the previous year. There has been some growth in the number of large aircraft using the airport, especially in the 25- to 50-tonne take-off weight category and a decrease in smaller aircraft movements. Weekend flights movements are fairly steady, and are expected to be only slightly above those for last year.

It can still be said that the level of growth of flight movements over the past few years have been significantly lower than predicted, which is

thought to be related to the current global economic situation.

Review of the Public Safety Zone (PSZ)

The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has revised the PSZ for Farnborough Airport. This announcement comes 2 years after the planning permission to allow the airport to increase the number of flight movements from 28,000 to 50,000 flight movements per annum.

Remarkably the revised PSZ is virtually the same as the previous PSZ, despite the need to include the much higher annual flight movement figures as part of the calculation. Representatives from the CAA made a presentation to the FACC meeting, but they were not able to explain the changes to the model that would justify why the PSZ has not expanded. There was animated discussion at the FACC meeting. TAG agreed to provide their predicted flight movement figures and aircraft types for the next 15 years (until 2027) which were required for the PSZ revision. However, the lack of clarity about the revised PSZ model was of great concern to some members, so the Chairman was asked to invite a representative from the Department for Transport to attend the next meeting in June to explain further.

Airspace Change Proposal

TAG is working with the National Air Traffic Service (NATS) to progress with their Airspace Change Proposal at the airport. The expected benefits should allow predictable and consistent flight operations within a known air traffic controlled environment. This should enable improved aircraft fuel efficiency and the ability

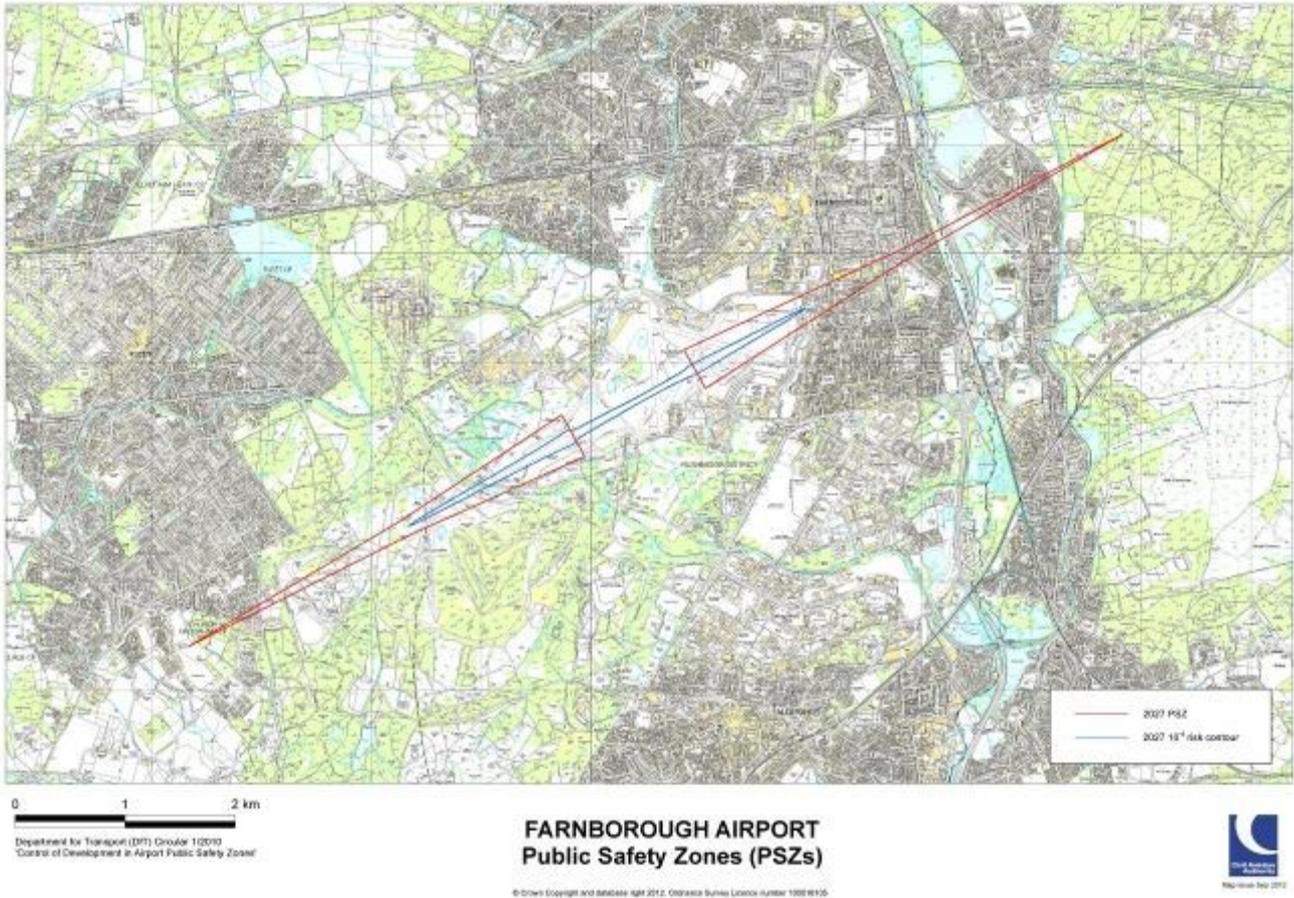
to segregate Farnborough air traffic from other airspace users.

There is a large amount of work necessary, including a series of stakeholder consultations, to help determine the range and extent of their proposals. Detailed options will then be drawn up and a major public consultation exercise is expected to be launched in August 2013. They expect to make their final decision early in 2014.

Table showing actual flight movements during 2012

Month	Flight movements		Weekend flight movements		25- to 50-tonne flight movements	
	Reported	Total	Reported	Total	Reported	Total
January	1520	1646	378	408	25	38
February	1769	1888	491	516	27	37
March	1918	2055	412	424	24	37
April	1569	1689	421	445	33	57
May	2097	2297	449	475	31	53
June	2433	2606	723	753	52	102
July	2211	3298	455	649	60	120
August	1918	2105	457	489	60	100
September	2076	2268	558	597	43	90
October	2125	2306	411	441	71	106
November	1834	1999	357	376	61	70
December	1547	1665	426	452	44	57
Total	23017	25822	5538	6025	531	867

There are 2805 more flights during the year as shown in the **total movement** column, which includes the VIP and diplomatic flight movements. This is an increase from the 2050 extra total movements that were reported during 2011.



During the main consultation period in late summer, TAG is planning to hold public exhibitions across the areas affected, when members of the public can call in and talk to the staff. It might also be possible to arrange for a presentation to residents in the Church Crookham and Fleet area. More information will be available after the June meeting. We will do all we can to notify all members about these local events.

Meanwhile, updates about progress for the airspace change proposals are being provided on the FACC website: www.facc.org.uk/news.

Motions to address other aviation activity at Farnborough Airport and transparency of risk contour modelling process

One of the FACC members raised two motions at the FACC meeting. The first was to ask for VIP and diplomatic flights to be included in the 'reported flights' at Farnborough Airport. At present it appears that these flights are not included on the overall flight movement reports

nor in the calculation of the PSZ, which was the substance of the second motion. The matter about other aircraft movements is given only limited consideration in the planning agreement and it was probably assumed that there would continue to be a relatively low number of VIP and diplomatic flights each year. However, it has become clear that the number of these flights is quite significant and the number seems to increase each year. This raises the question about how these flights can be factored into the risk assessment at the airport. It is not possible to make accurate risk contour calculations for the airport when the model excludes a significant number of other flight movements. It was agreed after some detailed discussion that this motion would be brought back to the next meeting for a considered vote.

The second motion sought to have the FACC express its concern over the lack of transparency over the PSZ process. Again this motion has been put back to the next meeting

TAG Aviation complaint/enquiry service: 01252 526001 / complaints@tagfarnborough.com

Anyone who has concern about a particular flight, the direction, height, noise or timing should ring or email to register their concern. The complainant must provide their name and address to receive a written explanation, as well as details of their concern, time, date and description. The telephone is serviced by an answerphone 'out of hours'. It is important that people notify TAG of their concerns so that this data can be recorded and reported. It is part of their agreement with the local planning authority that they keep track of public concern and that they report this on a quarterly basis to the local planning authority. They also make this known to neighbouring local planning authorities and they report to each FACC meeting.

in order for there to be more clarity of precisely how this concern should be expressed.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will take place on Thursday 27 June 2013 at 14.00 at the Park Centre BAe Systems. FACC meetings are held three times a year, in March, June and October (dates are on the FACC website). These meetings are open to the public, who are welcome to observe. Members of the public are permitted to ask questions during a 15-minute session item toward the end of the meeting. The Chairman may permit members of the public to speak during agenda items. The new-look website for the FACC is at www.facc.org.uk

Please contact Jenny Radley if you have any issues or questions that you would like to discuss or to be raised at future FACC meetings

Current planning permission for Farnborough Airport

Operating times:

Monday – Friday 07.00hrs–22.00hrs
Weekends and bank holidays 08.00hrs–20.00hrs

- Up to 50,000 flight movements per year (a movement is either a landing or a take-off)
- No more than 8,900 movements per year can be at weekends and bank holidays
- No more than 1500 movements per year can be large aircraft (50–80 tonnes). No more than 270 movements of large aircraft can be at weekends
- Airshow and Royal/Diplomatic flights are exempt

Jenny Radley

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Hartland Park Update

A demolition contract has been awarded to Brown and Mason who commenced work onsite in February; work is expected to last a year. Working hours will be 08.00–18.00 Monday to Friday only. The site will be worked in 11 zones, generally working west to east. No more than two zones will be worked at any one time. The schedule includes all asbestos to be removed in the first 12 weeks.

The duration for completion of each zone is a function of the density and type of building which dictates that the majority of the work is in the NW sector of the site (nearest Pondtail). This one zone will take 9 months to clear. All material that can be reused on site as fill material will be retained and the majority of the material taken off site is expected to be steel.

The maximum predicted vehicle movements is fifty 40-tonne covered vehicles per week; typically 10 per/day. All vehicles will access and leave the site via Minley Road and J4A of the M3.

The demolition contractor does not plan to have a concrete crusher onsite and material will be broken down using hydraulic breakers to rubble approximately 300 mm diameter that will be used to fill sumps, basements and below ground voids. Surplus material will be stockpiled on site for future use.

The current plan is to demolish to ground level only, primarily to make the site safe. The plant onsite will comprise 12–15 hydraulic breakers fitted with vibrating breakers for brick and concrete or hydraulic shears for cutting steel. The majority of main steel sections will be flame cut and lowered to ground level.

It is estimated that there will be a maximum



The Pyestock site in its days as the National Gas Turbine Establishment

of 60 operatives on site which will tail off to approximately 40 on completion of the asbestos removal. Dust control will be provided by water sprays; the contractor has stated that no dust will leave the site. Wheel-wash facilities for vehicles will be provided but deemed generally unnecessary because of the network of hard-surfaced roads existing on the site. The old waste water plant has been refurbished to treat liquid wastes (mostly oily water) on site.

Noise levels will be monitored 24 hours a day at the site perimeter and will comply with planning conditions. Brown and Mason will have a liaison officer onsite during all working hours and his contact number is advertised on sign boards around the site. Any public concerns should be addressed to him in the first instance.

Cllr Bob Schofield
Chairman Fleet Town Council

Fleet Station to be Rebuilt

Residents with long memories will recall that in the 1960s, when the main railway line through Fleet was electrified, the old railway station was pulled down and the present station erected using prefabricated materials. Also, the old railway sidings were

removed to make way for the current car parking on the south side of the station. Never a pretty sight, some 40 or more years on, the station buildings and facilities are long overdue for improvements. As recently as 2009, Network Rail raised the possibility of obtaining funding to improve Fleet Station, especially since the station was at or near the top of a list of stations that needed improvements. The problem, as ever, was where to find the money.

Perhaps it is no coincidence, but with national government being urged to combat the current prolonged economic downturn by accelerating investment in infrastructure projects, the UK Department for Transport (DfT) has backed Network Rail's National Station Improvement Programme (NSIP), so that funding has now emerged that enables projects such as the Fleet Station improvement to go ahead.

The NSIP is a 5-year programme, primarily funded by the DfT, that aims to deliver £165 million worth of station improvements to a minimum of 150 medium-sized stations in England and Wales. Its core objective is stated 'to achieve a noticeable improvement to the rail passenger perception of stations by focusing on high footfall, low passenger satisfaction stations'. Clearly, Fleet Station fits into this category like a glove.

It is understood that altogether, some £6.2 million will be invested to improve Fleet Station. A contribution of £300,000 from Hart District Council/Hampshire County Council S.106 developer contributions was required (and has been approved) to secure this funding.

Improvements should include provision of the following:

- New main station building incorporating new or replacement facilities including a new ticket office, an enlarged booking hall, staff facilities, store rooms, toilet facilities, a canopy over platform 2 and a brick totem (column) incorporating an analogue clock.
- A new covered footbridge and lifts suitable for use by people with disabilities, compliant with 'Access for All' legislation.



Artist's impression of the new-look station

- A single-decked car park over the southern ('down') side car park to provide a further 150 parking spaces.
- Additional and improved cycle facilities (space for another 48 bicycles)

However, at the time of writing, Network Rail has only provided details of the

new station and footbridge/lifts that are to be built. News about the promised extra car parking and cycle facilities is still awaited. This seems likely to take some time coming. Network Rail has advised that South West Trains will be responsible for finalising the plans for the car parking and cycle facilities. They are understood to be discussing these with the highway and public transport authorities since issues connected with access to the station will need to be taken into account.

Under planning rules, the proposed improvements to the station itself fall into the category of 'permitted development', in this case as authorised under the London and South Western Railway Act 1834. However, subsequent legislation means that development that involves the erection, construction, alteration of any building, bridge, etc, requires the prior approval of the local planning authority although approval can only be withheld on specifically narrow grounds.

For those interested in finding out more about the proposed work, Network Rail's planning application can be accessed on the Hart District Council website by entering planning application reference 12/02605/PDUND.

With Hart having raised no objections to the proposed improvements, it is understood that the rebuilding work should start in May 2013 and be completed by March 2014.

Network Rail plans to put up posters at Fleet Station towards the end of April that will provide full details of the work that is to be carried out.

Assurances have been given that throughout the demolition and construction work, the station will remain fully operational. Concern has been expressed that facilities such as the newspaper and refreshment kiosk might be interrupted. We have asked South West Trains, who are responsible for station facilities, to confirm that such facilities will continue to be provided throughout the demolition and construction period.

John Pearson

Fleet & Church Crookham Society Activities October 2012 – March 2013

- 22 October **Fleet Town Council Planning Committee meeting.** Society represented by Colin Gray where applications discussed included erection of new 41 unit sheltered housing scheme for over 55s following demolition of existing older people's housing scheme at Wickham Court, Wickham Road, Church Crookham (objected to on bulk and lack of parking); demolition of buildings to rear of site at Co-Operative Stores, 150–156 Aldershot Road, Fleet (concern about impact on trees); and erection of assisted living extra care accommodation for the frail elderly including communal facilities and car parking on the junction of Kings/Fleet Roads which attracted several objections by Fleet Town Council.
- 2 November **Fleet Town Team [Fleet Future] launch** attended by Phill Gower and Gillian Wain. During the meeting, Liz Bourne from Action for Market Towns gave a brief presentation outlining the process for creating a town plan and gaining public support and input to drive the process forward. Volunteers were sought to create a Town Team.
- 5 November **Fresh Start.** The Society is alerted to a change in the catering contract at Campbell Place (run by Sentinel Housing) with local charity Fresh Start being replaced by another catering provider. Committee members investigate the reasons for the change and Fresh Start management provide a detailed report to them on the matter.
- 11 November **Fleet Civic Service of Remembrance.** Committee members attend and a wreath is laid on behalf of the Society at the war memorial in Gurkha Square.
- 12 November **Hart Voluntary Sector Forum.** Society represented by John Pearson where topics discussed included the Have Your Say in Hart grants.
- 12 November **Fleet Town Council Planning Committee meeting.** Society represented by Colin Gray & Phill Gower where applications discussed included erection of a dwelling and detached double garage at Chelwood, Stockton Avenue, Fleet.
- 17 November **Fleet Festivities stewards' briefing** attended by members of the committee acting as event stewards.
- 21 November **Fleet Festivities.** Members of the committee acted as event stewards and road closure operatives.
- 23 November **Executive committee meeting,** where topics covered included the Society's response to the Hart's core strategy and plans for Fleet Future.
- 24 November **Fleet Future public event** to launch gathering the public opinion on changes to Fleet town centre. The Society manned a display board during the event (see photo, right).
- 26 November **Fleet Town Council Planning Committee meeting.** Society represented by Phill Gower where applications discussed included erection of a two-storey side and part-front extension at 3 Florence Road, Fleet (objection on over development, impact on street scene and concern that this is an independent dwelling within the exclusion zone of SPA).
- 4 December **Joint meeting of the Aldershot, Farnborough, Farnham, Fleet & Church Crookham and Yateley Societies.** Society represented by Colin Gray and Gillian Wain. This was the second joint meeting of the societies where matters discussed included the effect of the Aldershot Urban Extension plans, activities that societies have found useful in attracting members and monitoring the new NHS Clinical Commissioning Group activities .
- 10 December **Fleet Town Council Planning Committee meeting.** Society represented by Colin Gray and Phill Gower where applications discussed included erection of a detached two-bedroom dwelling on land adjacent to Lima, Upper Street, Fleet (objected as large building on a small plot) and Wickham Court again.

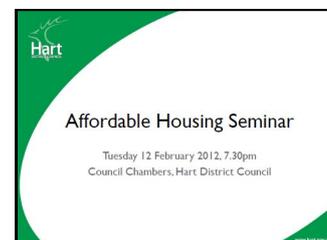


Photo from Gillian Wain



Photo from Fleet Future

- 19 December **Fleet Station redevelopment.** Society alerted by a member to rumours that the station kiosk would be closed for the whole of the redevelopment works. Matter investigated by John Pearson (see page 9).
- 5 January **Promoting the Society.** Committee members do a leaflet drop about the Society to 200 residences on the Edenbrook estate.
- 7 January **Fleet Future meeting.** Society represented by Gillian Wain, where the steering committee was elected and preliminary results from the launch event in November were presented.
- 7 January **Society's comments on the draft Hart District Council Core Strategy** submitted. The thrust of the Society's response was to highlight the lack of infrastructure in the towns.
- 10 January **Executive committee meeting**, where topics covered included the redevelopment of Fleet Station and leafleting residents about the Society.
- 10 January **Civil Aviation Authority notification on revising Public Safety Zones (PSZs)** at Farnborough Airport. Society's comments submitted by Jenny Radley.
- 14 January **Fleet Town Council Planning Committee meeting.** Society represented by Phill Gower. No objections raised to any planning applications meaning that all applications were considered in less than 45 minutes.
- 28 January **Fleet Town Council Planning Committee meeting.** Society represented Phill Gower. In a bizarre twist the committee noted 'lack of bat survey' against virtually every application.
- 11 February **Fleet Town Council Planning Committee meeting.** Society represented by Phill Gower where objections were raised to the Aldershot Urban Extension due to inadequate infrastructure improvements – notably transport.
- 12 February **Affordable housing seminar.** Society represented by Phill Gower to hear a presentation by Thames Valley Housing regarding changes in the affordable housing delivery.
- 22–24 February **Civic Voice leadership weekend** attended by Gillian Wain, where delegates received further training on developing membership, recruiting volunteers and representing their society.
- 25 February **Fleet Town Council Planning Committee meeting.** Society represented by Colin Gray where an in-fill application to create an additional dwelling in the Blue Triangle sparks objection.
- 25 February **Fleet Tweetup** – a gathering of people and organisations who follow each other on Twitter in Fleet organised by Fleet Sirius Lions. Society represented by Gillian Wain and Phill Gower.
- 26 February **Executive committee meeting**, where topics covered included plans for the AGM, and we welcomed new Membership Secretary Sarah Rolls.
- 27 February **Have your Say in Hart Grant** – Church Crookham and Ewshot event. The Society pitched for a grant for the Church Crookham Action Day but was sadly unsuccessful.
- 28 February **Aldershot Urban Extension:** presentation In association with Aldershot and Farnborough Societies. Phill Gower attended a presentation by Grainger plc for the extensive redevelopment of disused barrack site in Aldershot to create 3850 new homes (see page 4).
- 3 March **Promoting the Society.** Committee members do a leaflet drop about the Society to 200 residences in Albert Street and Upper Street.
- 5 March **Climate Week Event** at Hart Council offices. Society represented by John Pearson where the Environment Agency gave a presentation on flooding risks in Hart.
- 7 March **FACC meeting.** Society represented by Jenny Radley where topics discussed included the request that VIP and diplomatic flights be included in the 'reported flights' (see page 6).
- 7 March **Press coverage in the Star-Courier** of our Civic Day Award given in for our 2012 event.
- 17 March **Fleet Half Marathon.** Committee members act as marshals.



Diary of Forthcoming Events

Mon 22 April	Fleet Town Council Annual Residents' Meeting, evening, Harlington
Tue 23 April	Fleet & Church Crookham Society social media surgery, 18.00, Harlington coffee shop. Ring Gillian on 01252 677536 for more details
Wed 24 April	Fleet & Church Crookham Society Annual General Meeting, 19.30, Church Crookham War Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane, Church Crookham
Thu 23 May	Church Crookham Annual Parish Meeting, 19.30, War Memorial Hall, Sandy Lane
Sun 26 May	Wildlife day at Fleet Pond. Lots of things to see and do. Games and trails for youngsters. See the different fish the pond supports. View the herons nesting on Fir Tree Island. Jointly organised by Hart Countryside Service and Fleet Pond Society.
Sat 22 June	Society Action Days in Church Crookham, Elevtham Heath and Fleet to celebrate Civic Day – see page 3
Thu 27 June	FACC meeting, 14.00 at the Park Centre BAe Systems, Farnborough
6–7 July	Fleet Carnival

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Acronyms used in our newsletter

BC	Borough Council	SANGS	Sustainable Alternative Natural Green Space
DE	Defence Estates	SINC	Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation
DfT	Department for Transport	SPA	Special Protection Area
FACC	Farnborough Aerodrome Consultative Committee	SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest
FTC	Fleet Town Council	TAG	Techniques d'Avant Garde Aviation, owners of Farnborough Airport
(H)DC	(Hart) District Council	RBC	Rushmoor Borough Council
HWT	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust		
NHW	Neighbourhood Watch		
PSZ	Public safety zone (of Farnborough Airport)		

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