

TALK from THE TOWN COUNCIL

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Spring is here—or is it!

The Storms in Fleet

Dealing with the aftermath of the recent storms has kept Fleet Town Council and its Grounds Maintenance Team busy taking emergency action and maintaining the parks and open spaces as a result of flooding, fallen branches, trees and fences.



Says Bob Schofield, Chairman of Fleet Town Council, "I have lived in Fleet for over 40 Years and this is most certainly the worst flooding and tree damage I have seen during this time. On behalf of Fleet Town Council I would like to thank the local Friends of Parks Groups and the neighbouring residents who have been our eyes and ears advising immediately of storm damage. Some have even been out in the pouring rain and winds working to ensure the safety of local residents and users of the parks."

Moving the Finishing Line....

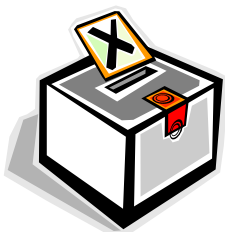
The Finish Line for the Fleet Half Marathon in Calthorpe Park has been moved but don't worry the course is still the same length.

Fleet & Crookham Athletic Club, the organisers of the Brooks Fleet pre-Half Marathon, has been working with Fleet Town Council to find a way to minimise damage to the grass as happened in March 2013 when bad weather caused parts of the park to become a mud bath. Luckily, the grass was not permanently damaged and that was due to the joint speedy efforts of Fleet Town Council's Grounds Maintenance Team and members of the Fleet & Church Crookham Athletic Club.

However, a solution to this problem has been found. A revision to the layout of the park including moving the finishing line has been made and allows the runners to finish the race on the new cycle track in the park and not on the grass. Also the Finishing area facilities have also been moved to a new drier location by the tennis courts.

Bring the family out and support the runners in the 33rd Fleet Marathon on Sunday 16 March which starts from Reading Road North at 10.30am and ends 13.1 miles later in Calthorpe Park.

Please remember, to ensure the safety of the runners, there will be road closures on the day for more information and a copy of the route, please visit www.fleethalfmarathon.com



Making a difference to Fleet ...

Do you want to get off the side lines and make a real difference to the local community you live in. Then why not step up to the plate and become a Fleet Town Councillor.

Elections will be taking place on 22 May for 19 people to become Fleet Town Councillors. These are voluntary roles and no experience is necessary except that you must have a passion for making Fleet a better place to live, work or visit.

With around 30,000 residents, Fleet Town Council is one of the larger Councils in the area and is responsible for The Harlington, Ancells farm Community Centre, 5 parks, 4 pavilions, the cemetery, the town centre floral displays and Christmas lighting as well as helping to shape the future of Fleet

Nominations must be received at Hart District Council by 24 April, 2014. If you would like more information on how to become a councillor or require a nomination form, please contact the Elections Department at Hart District Council Tel: 01252 774077 or visit www.hart.gov.uk.