

# Sign of times at Britain's only council boozer

**New signs** From left, operations manager Gareth Hughes, chair of the town council Roger Hutchinson, sign artist Graeme Robbins, town clerk Lesley Reuben and site manager Terry McCormack



THE Ratepayers Arms in Filton — believed to be the only pub in Britain to be run by a town council — is celebrating the unveiling of its new sign.

Bristol artist Graham Robbins, who painted the sign, has also created a number of others, including one for the Old Duke, in Bristol.

Labour Filton town councillor Terry Pomroy said: "We are listed in the Camra good pub guide and we are the only pub in South Gloucestershire to be

completely smoke free. The new sign has gone down exceptionally well with the regulars who enjoy live music once a week and a regular quiz night."

Council chairman Roger Hutchinson said: "I don't know of any other council that runs its own pub. "We are listed in the national good beer guide."