

Welcome to Filton's new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Filton Town Council is pleased to welcome the appointment of Vicky Bartlett to work as our new PCSO in Filton. PCSO's are part of the government initiative in the fight against anti social behaviour, crime and the fear of crime.

Several PCSO's have been working in the Kingswood area and have proved so successful that the Community Safety Partnership together with South Gloucestershire Council have funded a further 6 to work in our part of South Gloucestershire.

Vicky Bartlett, our Filton officer started work recently and as the "eyes and ears" of the police in the community will be seen out and about in Filton in uniform and is keen to get to know as many people in

Fresh Food Retailers

The Filton fresh food project was set up to improve and extend the availability of fresh food in Filton, whilst recognising the local shops that already supply fresh food within the community.

The following are the shops in Filton who currently supply fresh food:

Filton Hill Area

Downs Bakery, 8 Church Road - Bakery and eggs
Farm Markets, 4 Church View - Fresh local meats, fresh fruits and vegetables

Buckleys Sandwich Bar, 132 Gloucester Road North - Sandwiches and Bread

Filton Park

Vittles Coffee Shop - Bakery
Happy Shopper - Bread and milk
Millhouse Butchers - Fresh meat and home made products

Filton Avenue Shops, Northville

Spar - 538-540 Filton Avenue - Fresh fruit & veg, bread and dairy products

Filton Avenue Shops, Conygre

McColls, 828 Filton Avenue - Fresh fruit & veg, bread and dairy products

Squad 1

Squad 1 is an event which runs every month for young people between the age of 12 and 22. It was set up by the Filton Community Safety Group, with Government funding, to try and resolve problems with anti social behaviour in Filton. The aim of Squad 1 is to provide a regular arena in Filton where young people can meet in a safe and positive environment and develop opportunities to be more involved with their community.

They meet at Filton Folk Centre and start the evening with a youth forum to discuss any important issues and bring ideas about future activities. The evening includes refreshments and activities which have already taken place including DJ and music technology workshops, football tournaments, competitions and swimming. Members have also organised trips to events chosen by themselves. New members are always welcome as are volunteers to help run and organise squad 1 with the youth leader, Tony Douglas. The dates of the next meetings are 1st November and 13th December.



Filton Festival 2004



Photo by R M Hutchinson

Once again west country favourites the Wurzels were the main attraction at the Filton Festival, organised by Filton 2000. The festival, which took place on Sunday 11th July was a huge success with fine weather bringing the crowds out to watch the entertainment.

In addition to the Wurzels, people attending were treated to a field gun display from the Filton branch of the Sea Cadets, the wonderful skills of a group of young Irish Dancers, donkey

rides, the Pride of Bristol marching band and colour guard, donkey rides, the Mall hot air balloon, stilt walker, Robbing Williams tribute, Jimmy Rodgers Fun Fair and a Mini Beer Festival.

As promised the Police provided a presence at most times and the amount of trouble experienced was reduced virtually to zero. Filton 2000 want to record their thanks to Filton



Photo by R M Hutchinson

Police for their help and support. Work has already commenced for Festival 2005 which will be held on Sunday 19th June



Top Canadian Marching Band visits Elm Park

The Calgary Stetson Marching Band took some time off from major competitions to join the Pride of Bristol Band to give an excellent display at Elm Park on Sunday 29th August.

The visit was organised by Pride of Bristol members and Filton Town councillors Andy Hewlett and Adam Monk in conjunction with Filton 2000



Photo by R M Hutchinson

Congratulations to Jack

Congratulations to John (Jack) Paterson who on his 90th birthday received a lifetime swimming pass to use at the Filton Sports and Leisure Centre.

Jack as he is known to his friends and to the staff of the leisure centre has been swimming at the pool since it opened in 1971 and was its first swimmer after it opened again in September 2002 following its refit.

Jack swims 3 times a week at the pool enjoying the centres early morning swim Dawn Dippers on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays between 7am - 9am.

The pass was presented by Alan Powell one of the centres Duty Managers during a surprise birthday breakfast party held at the pool by fellow early morning swimmers who wanted to wish jack well on his special day

Teddy Bears Picnic

This year's Teddy Bears picnic took place on 30th August this year..

Unfortunately it rained very heavily on the day and the picnic was moved to the Pavilion at Elm Park Sports and Leisure Centre.

Whilst only a few children attended those who did thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment.



Photo by R M Hutchinson

Familys being entertained by Matt the Magic Man

Ratepayers Arms in Good Beer Guide

Filton Town Council were delighted to learn recently that the Campaign for Real Ale had decided to include the Ratepayers Arms in the new edition of the Good Beer Guide

The Ratepayers Arms is part of the Filton Sports and Leisure Centre in Elm Park and is open to the public and has just secured a children's certificate. We boast a total of 5 real ales normally featuring Butcombe and Courage Directors with up to 3 guest beers available.

The Ratepayers has a regular live music night in the bar most Sundays featuring traditional music, jazz, country, irish and local singer songwriters. The music normally starts at 8.45pm and there is no entry charge.





Children's Christmas Party Wednesday 8th December

Entrance £1.50 - all children's places must be pre-booked by Friday 3rd December
Children's entertainment; party food and a present from Father Christmas included

Tickets already going fast so book early to avoid disappointment

New Years Eve Party Dance to local band

'Party on Dudes'

Early evening fun and games for the children
Tickets: Adults £5; Under 16's £2; Under 2's Free; Family £12

Both will be in the Function Hall at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre

To book tickets or for further information contact Diane Hutchinson on 01454 626710

Filton Community Association (Registered Charity)



Anniversary Fayre



A fun Race Night
Saturday 30th October at 7.30pm
Filton Folk Centre, Elm Park, Filton BS34 7PS

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Filton Gardening Club Gardening exhibition

An exhibition of '60 plus years of gardening in Filton' will take place in the foyer of Filton Folk Centre, Elm Park, between 22nd and 30th October.

On display will be photographs, posters and artefacts which will revolve around memories of bygone days.

Admission is free but donations for expenses will be gratefully received, any memorabilia or photographs will be welcome to Noel Harris 9836500 or 9692025

Northville Millennium Green

A meeting to discuss how the green can be taken forward by and for the community is being held on Wednesday 20th October in the Pavilion at the Filton Sports and Leisure Centre, Elm Park.

All interested residents welcome

Correction: In the last edition of TCN we listed the Town Council Officers and omitted to include that Cllr Brian Freeguard is Vice Chair of the Planning Committee



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Filton Festival of Food

We have reported previously in Town Council News that the Town Council has been exploring the possibility of attracting a farmers market to Filton.



On the afternoon of Friday October 29th from 3.00pm to 7.30pm there will be a **festival of food** taking place at the Filton Sports and Leisure Centre in Elm Park.

A number of stallholders will be present for you to sample and purchase their produce including apples, bread, cakes, cheeses, meat and vegetables.

The event will also promote the local fresh food shops in the Filton area by making everyone aware of what is available locally. Filton Gardening Club will also have a display.

Survey & Prize draw

A **survey** of Filton resident's views on the local availability of fresh food is now underway so as to see whether local people would like to see more

Halloween Family Disco Saturday 30th October - 7.30pm

Tickets: Adults £4.00; Under 16's £1.50; Under 2's Free, Family £9 (2 adults and 2 children). Tuck Shop, Adult bar, Fun and Games for everyone

Tickets from Cllr Diane Hutchinson on 01454 626710

available through existing outlets or through a new shop or service. The survey is being conducted by a partnership of agencies – the Town Council, the Primary Care Trust, Filton People, Community Action and the South Gloucestershire Council.

All survey forms should be returned before October 29th to the Town Council offices at Elm Park, or brought along to the Festival to be entered into the prize draw to take place at 7.00pm on the evening. There will be prizes of quality food supplied by the stallholders and from a local business available.

Ratepayers Arms open for Food Festival

The Ratepayers Arms will be open on the day of the festival and will be **smoke free** between 3pm and 7.30pm when the festival is taking place.

A member of the Easy Breathing team from South Gloucestershire Council will be available to give advice

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