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**Have your say on local issues
the next meeting of
Southern Brooks
Area Forum**

will be held at

**Filton High School on
Tuesday 18th January 2005
starting at 7pm**

Filton Festival 2005

Filton 2000 have announced that the date of the Festival will be Sunday 10th July 2005 and not 19th June as stated in the last issue of Town Council News

**Xmas at the
Ratepayers Arms
Christmas Eve
Roger Lendon
on the Keyboard**

Boxing Night



**NEW YEARS
EVE PARTY
Filton Sports Centre**

31st December - 7.30pm-1am
Badminton Hall, Filton Sports Centre



Live music from local band called **Party on Dudes**
early evening fun and games for children. Buffet food provided.

Tickets available from **Ratepayers Arms** or Cllr Di Hutchinson
Tel. 01454 626710
Adult:£5 Child:£2
Family:£12 U16's:FREE

FREE use of the Filton Fun Hangar
Soft Play for ages under 10 between 8pm - 10pm

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Happy Landing for the Spirit of Flight

The transformation of Filton Roundabout took a step closer with the installation of the Spirit of Flight on 21st November and the switching on of the lights on Tuesday 7th December.

Specially commissioned by South Gloucestershire Council, working closely with Filton Town Council and Airbus UK it is a landmark feature at the busy gateway to South Gloucestershire.

Funded by Airbus UK and created by Oblique Partnership it is part of a much wider traffic improvement project on the junction of the A38 and the Avon Ring Road.



Photograph by Neil Phillips

The Spirit of Flight after the switch on, 7th December 2004

The sculpture was chosen after consultation with the Filton community. Residents were invited to comment on a shortlist of proposals, which influenced the final selection.

The Spirit of Flight was inspired by the skeletal structure of birds and seeks to draw comparisons with modern flight engineering. It is a striking steel structure, standing 7.5 metres and is lit at night by blue lighting.

The project was officially launched on Tuesday 7th December when the sculpture was illuminated. Children from Filton Library's Chatterbooks group, who have done drawings and written about "The Future of Flying" were there to switch-on the lights for the first time.

Their work and an exhibition about the project is on display in the library until 15th December.



Photograph by Roger M Hutchinson

The roundabout as it used to be

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See the New Year in and Filton Sports and Leisure Centre

**Filton Town Councillors
and Staff wish all Filton
residents a Merry christmas
and a Happy and peaceful
New Year**

Festival of food hailed a success

There was a good turn out of local residents at the recent Festival of Food event held at the Town Council's Leisure Centre on October 29th. A wide range of stalls were available and there was brisk trade. Local retailers included Vittles Coffee shop selling a delicious array of fresh cakes, and Farm Markets, from Church View, with their locally produced meat. Additional stallholders came from further afield, and created a real hubbub of interest in the main hall.

The Festival also gave local people a further chance to say what they would like to see provided in the area, and the general consensus is "We want more fresh food available in the Filton area!" In the hall there was the opportunity to vote for various ideas and top of the poll was the desire to see a regular farmer's market, with strong interest also for the alternative of a community market.

This poll, together with the results of the questionnaire circulated in the last edition of the Filton News has provided very useful information. The biggest demand was for more choice of fresh fruit and vegetables to be available in Filton, but there was also lots of demand for fresh fish and for better availability of meat and dairy produce. There was also interest to look into establishing a fresh vegetable box, or bag, scheme in the area. A summary of the results are available from Paul Chadwick (see contact details below) or the Town Council office. Congratulations to the winners of the main prize draw - Mrs. S Gale (guided tour and lunch for 4 at Rolls Royce) and Mr. A Williams (large box of produce).



Photograph by Roger M Hutchinson

Another Farmers Market in Spring

The group of agencies supporting this project include the following – the Town Council; 'Filton People'; the Primary Care Trust; 'Community Action'; South Gloucestershire Council. This partnership is now working to organise another 'Farmers Market' type of event before Easter, in the same venue. We will look to increase the variety of stalls, by having more fruit & vegetable stalls, and having at least 1 cheese stall.

We will also be contacting those who said they would be interested in being kept informed to invite them to join us on a visit to the Hartcliffe Food Co-op in the New Year to see how they organise their own box scheme from their community shop.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Paul Chadwick (Area Facilitator) on 01454 868153 (Wed-Friday) or via e-mail

Filton 2000

Halloween Party

The Filton 2000 family disco for Halloween proved to be a sell out for the second year running. The party had lots of fun and games early on with an opportunity for parents to join in the dancing later. Parents were wrapped up as Mummies, children got dressed up for the fancy dress party and adults made scary faces as well as some children getting very wet in the traditional apple dunking. . Everyone had a great time, with music and dancing from the disco.



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Christmas and New Year Opening Times 2004 /5

The Swimming pool closes at

3pm Friday 24th December and reopens at 8am Wednesday 29th December

Open: 8am to 4pm Wed. 29th

Open 8am – 3pm Friday 31st

Open 9am -4pm Thursday 30th

Closed Saturday 1st January

Open as normal Sunday 2nd January 9am to 6pm

Bank holiday Monday 3rd January Open 8am - 4pm

Tuesday 4th January onwards open as per normal

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

to all our Customers



Congratulations to Lesley

Congratulations were the order of the day for Filton's Town Clerk Lesley Reuben at the October meeting of the council. A bouquet of flowers were presented to Lesley on behalf of councillors, following her marriage to Kirmet Reuben. The marriage took place in Cuba on 15th October and a celebration party was held in the function hall at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre on 23rd October



Children's Christmas Party



This year's children's Christmas party organised by Filton 2000 was attended by 80 local children and held on Wednesday 8th December at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre. The children were entertained by Alfredo the Magical Clown which was followed by tea and then a visit from Father Christmas who had a present for everyone!!

