

Sunday evening at the Ratepayers Arms

The Ratepayers Arms is the bar at the Filton Sports and Leisure Centre in Elm Park and can be found by going to the car park at the rear of the building, behind the Dolphin Swimming Pool and next to the "Fun Hangar".

Sunday 3rd July - Cook and Solomon
Sunday 10th July - The Canny Band
Sunday 17th July - Charity Quiz
Sunday 24th July - Ponchatrain
Sunday 31st July - Phoenix Hot 5
Sunday 7th August - Brendan Monaghan and Niall McLean
Sunday 14th August - Helena
Sunday 21st August - Karen Kennedy
Sunday 28th August - Phoenix Hot 5

The Ratepayers Arms is listed in the Camra National Good Beer Guide



Filton Town Council Web Site hits another monthly high!

In our March issue of Town Council News we reported that the number of hits on the Town Council web site had reached almost 40,000 in January.

We thought that was good until we received the figure for May to find that it had soared to **70,731**.

If you haven't yet visited the site please do so as it contains lots of information about the Town and it's communities.

If you own or run a business in Filton how about taking an advert on the site, with that many hits it must be worth a modest investment.

To advertise in Town Council News and/or on the Council's very popular web site call the Council Office on 01454 866698 or e mail

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www.filton-town-council.co.uk



Filton Community Festival

Sunday 10th July
Elm Park Playing Fields

Sponsored by Airbus UK and the Evening Post

Annual Firework Display
(Saturday 9th July 10pm approx)

For further information contact
Cllr Di Hutchinson on 01454 626710

Nothing to do in Filton? Age 13+

The Pyramid Youth Club
470 Filton Avenue

Monday	8 - 10pm	Club Night
Tuesday	6 - 10pm	Judo
(Members £1.50. Non members £2)		
Wednesday	6.30 - 7.30pm	Girls Dance Group
	7.30 - 9.30pm	Table Tennis coaching
	7 - 10pm	Group Practice
(Dance members 50p, Non members £1, TT and Group practice members club subs, Non members £1)		
Thursday	8 - 10pm	Club night
Friday	8 - 10pm	Club night
		Club Nights

3 Pool Tables, 2 Table Tennis Tables, Play Station and Nintendo computers. Basketball, Football and other hall games. Cookery, Art and Craft

Club Nights - Visitors 70p per night

No change at the General Election

Sitting MP Doug Naysmith was re-elected at the recent General Election to serve the Bristol North West Constituency. Doug's office number for constituents is 0117 950 2385.

However it will be all change at the next General election when South Gloucestershire will have 3 constituencies within it's own boundaries and Filton will be in the new constituency of Filton and Bradley Stoke. This will be made up of the current South Glos. wards of Filton, Patchway, Bradley Stoke, Almondsbury, Pilning and Severn Beach, Downend and Staple Hill.

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Another Aviation milestone for Filton as the Airbus A380 takes to the skies



The A380 takes off for the first time.

The 27th April 2005 was another landmark day for the workforce of Airbus UK in Filton when the mighty A380 airliner took to the skies from Toulouse in southern France on it's maiden flight..

Workers at the Airbus factory in Filton were able to see the take off on big screens within the factory and as our picture shows, they were all delighted with it's success..

The A380 is the world's largest commercial airliner with a range of 8,000 nautical miles, the A380 offers a step change in standards of efficiency and comfort in air travel for the 21st century. The 555 seat passenger aircraft features

two full-length twin aisle passenger decks and is also available as a capacious freighter version.

We all well remember the last major event in Filton with the return home of Concorde 216.

When, we wonder will we see the A380 make a visit to the Filton site where the wings for this great aircraft were developed.



Airbus UK workers at Filton celebrate the maiden flight

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£200,000 to spend on sport and leisure in Filton

A result of the building of the North Bristol retail park on the combination ground site opposite the runway is that Filton will receive a sum of £200,000 to spend on sports and leisure facilities in the town.

The money will come from a developers contribution of a total of £400,000 which replaced the original agreement to give the council the area of land known as the Triangle at the rear of Conygre Grove, as public open space. An assessment of the cost of accessing the land proved to be very costly and therefore the cash donation was agreed instead.

The first £200,000 has already been given to Filton Town Council, to complete the total needed for the refurbishment of the Dolphin Swimming Pool. The rest of the money will be released as the development reaches a certain level of occupation.

Whilst the money will go to South Gloucestershire Council, Filton Town Council have been asked to carry out the consultation on the way that the money should be spent.

A public meeting took place in 2002, which was attended by representatives of organisation within the town and a number of suggestions were made, some of which have now been completed, such as the BMX track

Working with community group, "Filton People", considerable success has been achieved in attracting grants for major projects and it may be that some of the money should be used to help part fund further grants. We will also be looking to partnership working with local companies where possible. The following is a list of projects identified either in the original consultation, through suggestions made by residents and needs identified by the Town Council with estimated costs:

- * **Completion of the BMX/Skateboard Park - £60,000**
- * **Bowling Green - £70,000**
- * **An all weather pitch for football, hockey etc. - minimum of £400,000**
- * **Refurbishment of parts of the Sports and Leisure Centre such as the Pavilion and the Function Hall - £70,000+**
- * **Further provisions within the Millennium Green. - £30,000**

Smaller items such as new and replacement bus shelters, seats and other public amenities that would benefit the community.

We want to know what you think so please give us your views and/or suggestions by writing to:
Lesley Reuben, Town Clerk, Filton Town Council
Filton Sports and Leisure Centre
Elm Park, Filton, BS34 7PS
or e mail

lesley_reuben@filtontowncouncil.co.uk

Please note that this money can only be spent on capital schemes it **CANNOT** be used to reduce the precept.

Folk Centre future is unclear.

We reported in a recent edition of the Town Council News that the Community Association had decided that in view of serious financial difficulties facing the centre, the Town Council should be asked to take the Folk Centre over and that the Community Association be wound up.

Whilst the Town Council remains willing to ensure that the centre remains in the ownership of and available to the people of Filton, the Charity Commissioners have put some obstacles in the way. The matter is in the hands of solicitors engaged by the Community Association and we all hope that the matter can be resolved before the Association runs out of funds to keep the centre open.

Filton or Holby?



Visitors to the Filton Sports and Leisure Centre must have wondered if they were in the right place when they saw "paramedics" wheeling a patient out of the "Holby Sports and Leisure Centre" and putting him into a Holby General ambulance.

People who happened to be passing would have seen stars of the BBC series Casualty, "paramedics" Josh and Woody filming in an episode of the popular programme at our own local Dolphin swimming pool.

The Town Council were contacted by the BBC to see if we would be prepared to make the pool available for a film set and we were only too delighted to help. Casualty has filmed at the site before and this was a welcome return. The episode filmed at Filton is expected to be screened sometime in September.



Dolphin Pool hits the headlines with the annual Splashathon



Above is the cutting from the Bristol Evening Post reporting on the success of the Splashathon.

Photos in the cutting are by Barry Stewart.

Pre-school children from the Bluebells nursery, currently based at the Folk Centre took part in this years Splashathon at the Council's Dolphin pool recently.

The event is staged annually to raise money for a charity called Tommy's which researches problems in pregnancy and provides an information service for pregnant women and new mothers.

The children obtained sponsors for splashing around in the pool and parents paid a fee to attend the event, which included a pool side sing-a-long.

Filton Town Council swimming teacher Vicki Graham was delighted with the success of the event.

For more information about the Dolphin Swimming Pool call 01454 86686 or visit the leisure pages of the Town Council web site

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