

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 4th Dec - The Porter Boys
Sunday 11th Dec - The Whole Band
Sunday 18th Dec - Charity Quiz
Saturday 24th Dec - Roger Lendon
Monday 26th Dec - Cook and Solomon

All profits from the Quiz go to the Jessie May Trust

Karaoke

In the bar at the Ratepayers Arms, every Monday evening starting at 7.30pm. This is a friendly fun evening for the budding Pop Idol and those who just love to sing..

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



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Planning on Line

The Town Council's Planning Committee are making every effort to make sure that you have your say about any planning issues in Filton which you have concerns about. A page has been set up on the Council's website where you can view any plans which are to be dealt with in the next Committee meeting and also where you can email the Chair of the Committee Cllr. Diane Hutchinson who will pass on your comments to the Committee.

Bluebells Pre-School

Bluebells Pre-School has moved to Shield Road School, Shields Avenue, Northville. There are spaces for 2.5 - 5 year olds. Morning 09.00-12.30; Afternoon 12.30-3.00; All day 09.00-3.00. Government vouchers accepted for 3-4 year olds. **Jaki: 01454 867189/07855 645708.**

Filton 2000 Events

Children's Christmas Party

Wednesday 7th December 2005



Filton Sports & Leisure Centre, Function Hall

3.45pm - 5.30pm
 Tickets - £2.50 each

Entertainment from Colin Dymond, Ace of Diamonds Party Food



Visit and present from Father Christmas

Family New Years Eve Party

Saturday 31st December

From 7.30pm until 12.30am

in the **Function Hall** at

Filton Sports and Leisure Centre

Elm Park, Filton

Adult £6.50

Child - Under 16's £3.00

Family £17.00 (2 adult 2 child)

Under 2's Free

Disco and family games

Free use of Filton Fun Hangar from 8.00pm to 10.00pm (for under 10's only)

Strictly no smoking

Tuck Shop (No buffet provided)

To book tickets for these events please contact Cllr. Diane Hutchinson on 01454 626710 or 07977 129351 43 Silverbirch Close, Little Stoke, South Gloucestershire BS34 6RN



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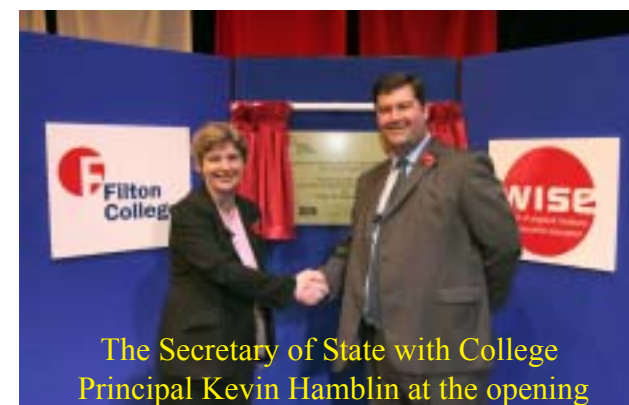
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WISE Building opened

The new West of England Centre for Specialist Education (WISE) was opened by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills, the Rt Hon. Ruth Kelly MP on Friday 4th November.

WISE was developed as a collaborative project between Filton College, Filton High School, Pro-5 Soccer and South Gloucestershire Council in



The Secretary of State with College Principal Kevin Hamblin at the opening

order to develop a new 14-19 Centre on the grounds of Filton High School.

The centre, as part of the whole Filton College set up will give Filton young people real opportunities in sport, art and the performing arts unrivalled in other parts of the region. It is also available for the community and Filton Male Voice Choir have already taken advantage of one of the music rooms for their weekly practice sessions.



Students performing songs from Les Miserables at the opening, in the new 250 seat theatre.

Please support the next

Filton Local Produce Market



in the **Function Hall** at **Filton Sports and Leisure Centre**

Elm Park, Filton on

Thursday 1st December

3pm until 6.30pm

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Filton Local Produce Market

The last produce market on Friday 23rd September was something of a disappointment for the organisers as there was a shortage of stalls and also a shortage of customers.

This was the third of the markets, organised by a group made up of representatives of Filton Town Council, South Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust, South Gloucestershire Council, St. Andrews Church and voluntary members of the community.

Each of the markets have been somewhat experimental in nature, trying to find the right day, the right times and a good combination of stall holders, with varying degrees of success. Each of our markets to date have been on a Friday and stall holders have been keen to get away in order to get ready for Saturday morning markets. At the same time customers seem to prefer the market to run into the evening in order to be able to shop after work.

The organisers are aware that there was some criticism of the last market, but it is important for any long term market to be run by local people and not rely on employing someone from another market to do the organising.

It is equally important for the community to give it support. Surveys in the past have shown that Filton people want a regular market with fresh produce available and that is what we are trying to provide. So please come out and support the market on Thursday 1st December between 3pm and 6.30pm.

Bulb Planting

A bulb planting session took place in the Northville Millennium Green on Saturday morning, 29th October

Organised by Millennium Green working group co-ordinator, Cllr Judith Hutchinson, Town Councillors, dog walkers and other local residents brought along their trowels, spades and planters



together with some bulbs. Over 400 bulbs were planted, including daffodils, crocuses and it is expected that this will bring a splash of spring colour to the green.

In addition to the planting the Town Council has placed litter bins at each of the entrances to the green and in due course will add some seats so that people will be able to enjoy the open space even more. A trim trail and other additions are also being planned.

Advertise on the Town Council Web Site

The Town Council Web Site hit a new high in October with 83,599 hits for the month. It is in the process of being re-designed and the new site will be more attractive to advertising with both static, listing and moving ads. Why not check the current site out at www.filton-town-council.co.uk and think about advertising with us.

Filton Sports and Leisure Centre Holiday Opening

Leisure Centre

24th - 27th December closed

Swimming Pool Closed from 24th December to 2nd January 2006

2nd Jan 2006 9a.m. - 4p.m

Dry Sport : 28th - 30th December

9a.m. - 4p.m. 31st 9a.m. - 3p.m.

New Years Day - closed

2nd Jan 2006 9a.m. - 4p.m

Tuesday 3rd Jan 2006 back to normal

Ratepayers Arms Opening :-

Christmas Eve 11a.m. - 3p.m.

Evening 7p.m. - 1a.m.

Christmas Day 12 - 2p.m.

Evening 7p.m. - 11p.m.(Ticket only)

Boxing Day 12 - 2.30p.m.

Evening 7 - 12am

New Years Eve 12 - 3p.m.

Evening 7p.m. - 1a.m. (Ticket only)

New Years Day Closed lunchtime

Evening 7p.m.- 11p.m.

Filton Regeneration

Filton Town Council has been co-ordinating the regeneration group that has been responsible for deciding how to spend the money that has been made available by South Gloucestershire Council for Filton Park. The improvements will include new lighting, reduction in signs, seats and litter bins. The group are still investigating a cheaper landscaping scheme for the car park than originally proposed and a small scheme to tidy up the green at the entrance to Gaynor Road. Some Christmas lights will be going up on the lamp posts in Filton Park this year and the



Filton Park before the work commenced

Town Council has decided to buy lights for other shopping areas in the town for next Christmas. These works and the paving works are expected to be finished by Christmas and the major road surfacing work, which is why the regeneration has been able to take place, will be carried out in early 2006

Capital programme

Following consultation through Town Council News and with organisations within the town, the Council will be submitting the following to South Gloucestershire to secure the £200,000 capital from the developers contribution from the combination ground:

- Completion of the BMX/Skateboard Park
- Earth mounds for more advanced BMX riders
- Further provision in the Millennium Green
- Extend the play area, to attract more young people
- Improvement of Boules Piste
- Provide new notice boards and town maps in key parts of the town
- Junior sports pitch to encourage younger people to undertake sports.
- Removal of hard area at the bottom of Elm Park
- All weather facility to have some ring-fenced access for children/young people; should not be totally used by adults
- Christmas Lights in shopping areas

Notice Boards

Filton Town Council is to invest some of the capital available from the developers contribution from the combination ground on new notice boards and Town Maps.

A number of sites have been identified, some being replacements in Charborough Road and Shields

Avenue, but also new ones in Filton Park shopping area, Church Road shopping area, Northville shops on Filton Avenue, Conygre shops on Filton Avenue, shops at the junction of Filton Avenue and the Ring Road and the green in Conygre Grove.

This should improve the advertising of events such as the produce market, inform residents of decisions of the council and be available to local organisations to advertise events, room permitting.

Town plans are also being produced to go with some of the sites to highlight some of the places of interest.

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