

Ratepayers Arms

Ratepayers Arms to become a no-smoking bar from 31st March

The Ratepayers Arms is the bar at the Filton Sports and Leisure Centre in Elm Park. It is **not** a private club so it is fully open to the public. To find the Ratepayers turn left as you enter the main gate and go to the rear of the building where there is an entrance to the skittle alley, snooker room and function hall.

As well as a good range of real ales, which changes regularly, we also sell wine by the bottle, a range of beers, wines, spirits, soft drinks, tea and coffee. Hot and cold food is also available.

Mon/Tues/Wed 6pm - 11.00pm
Thurs/Frid 6pm - 11.30pm
Sat 12 noon - 11.30pm
Sun 12 noon - 2.30pm & 7pm - 11.00pm

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



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Filton 2000 Events

Diary dates for 2006

Saturday 25th March - Pop Idol Auditions
Saturday 9th July - Filton Festival (including Pop Idol Final)
Saturday 28th October - Halloween Party
Saturday 2nd December - Worcester Fayre
Wednesday 6th December - Children's Christmas Party
Volunteers always welcome for information please contact
Cllr Di Hutchinson on 01454 626710
Next meeting Tuesday 21st February 7.30pm in Filton Library

Ratepayers Arms

Entertainment in the Bar

Sunday 19th Feb - Charity Quiz
Sunday 26th Feb - Phoenix Hot 5
Sunday 5th March - Ponchatrain
Sunday 12th March - Porter Boys
Sunday 19th March - Charity Quiz
Sunday 26th March - Phoenix Hot 5
Sunday 2nd April - Helena
Sunday 9th April - The Canny Duo
Sunday 16th April - Cook and Solomon
Sunday 23rd April - Charity Quiz
Sunday 30th April - Phoenix Hot 5

For further information 01454 866697

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Filton Twinning Association

40's Dance

with the Serenade Big Band
BAWA, Southmead Road, Filton



includes extracts from
"Put that light out"
by the Octopus Players
Saturday 1st April - 8.00pm till late

Prizes for the best 40's dress
Entry by ticket only
For tickets 01179 691883
01454 294595

Raffle Tickets £10

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Local Produce Markets



Organisers of the Filton Local Produce Market held at Elm Park on 1st December last year were so pleased with the success of the event that they have decided to try a regular monthly market in February, March and April. The December market was the fourth in an experimental series of events that have been arranged to test the demand and to try to find the most popular day and time to suit the needs of local residents

As the December market was so successful, the Filton Local Produce Group who have organised the events, has identified the afternoon of the fourth Thursday in each month as the most likely to succeed and start the regular markets on Thursday 23rd February from 3pm to 6pm.

The Group do want to stress that the markets are being organised for the benefit of Filton residents and can only continue if there is public support for them.

This began as a Town Council initiative based on a need that was identified through surveys within the town and the council are very keen that it should succeed, however we will only attract a good mix of traders and produce if the markets are well supported.

So we urge you to come to Elm Park on Thursday 23rd February between 3pm and 6pm in the Function Hall of the Sports and Leisure Centre.

Filton Local Produce Group



Local Produce Markets
in the Function Hall at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre, Elm Park Filton

Thursday 23rd February

Thursday 23rd March

Thursday 27th April

opening at 3pm and closing at 6pm

Buy good fresh food and products produced by a range of local suppliers.

Fair Trade goods are also available

Filton Pop Idol

 2006 

Four Categories this year

Ages 11 and under

Ages 12 - 16

Ages 17 - 24

Ages 25 plus

Auditions at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre

Saturday 25th March

Final at Filton Community Festival -

Sunday 9th July

Application forms available from
Filton Sports Centre, Town Council Office,
Ratepayers Arms or Filton Library

Entry fee £3

Closing date Friday 10th March

More information from:

Cllr Di Hutchinson on 01454 626710

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Public transport in Filton

Interested in using public transport but not sure where to get the most up to date information? Here is a short summary on public transport services in Filton:

- During peak times trains go every 30 minutes from Filton Abbey Wood station to Bristol Temple Meads the journey only takes 12 minutes, making it the quickest way to get around. For timetable enquires contact National Rail on **08457 48 49 50** or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk.
- There are buses every 10 minutes from Filton to Bristol. For timetable information call Traveline on 0870 608 2 608 or visit www.traveline.org.uk.
- Unable to use ordinary bus services? Then why not try Community Transport, a service run by voluntary organisations with help from the Council. To contact Four Towns and Vale Link Community Transport phone 01454 868529.



- Details about all public transport services in South Gloucestershire are available on the Council website www.southglos.gov.uk. Free internet access is available in all South Gloucestershire libraries.

- Remember if you are over 60 you are eligible for a concessionary travel pass, providing half price bus fares. This pass will give **free** travel on buses from April 2006 for travel after 9am Monday to Friday and all day on weekends and Public Holidays. To apply for a pass, complete an application form available in libraries or any Council office.

Cycle Speedway coming to Filton

Filton is to bring a return of cycle speedway to the Bristol area with a new track opening in Elm Park. The sport has been very popular in the area in the past and is in a period of expansion nationally. The new track is the brainchild of ex Somerset Rebels Speedway promoter, Cllr Andy Hewlett, who rode for the Easton Cycle Speedway Club in his younger days.

The track will be built on the land where the boule piste is, which is next to where the BMX/Skateboard Park is to be built. The boules will be moved into the land next to the tennis courts under the trees.

Initially the track will be basic with floodlights, public address and possibly a clubhouse being added later. A club, "Filton Cycle Speedway



Club" has been formed and it is intended that the track should be ready for it's first league match at Easter. The participation of local youngsters is key to the future of the club and training sessions for boys and girls will take place on a regular basis.

There is a chance for under 16 year olds to win a brand new cycle speedway bike by suggesting a name for the new team, entry is by visiting the club web site

www.filtoncsc.co.uk

The Council is also planning to use the track for the hire of pedal go-karts as an additional family attraction to the excellent facilities already provided at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre

**For further information either visit the web site or phone
Andy Hewlett on 07717 858585**

Annual Assembly

This year's Annual Assembly will take place in the Pavilion at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre on Tuesday 16th May.

Amongst the items for discussion will be the decision by the Town Council to compile a Town Plan and an explanation on how this will be achieved.

The Council hopes to include a presentation by a South Gloucestershire Council Officer who is an expert in Town Plans and by a representative from "Filton People" who may also outline the new structure of their organisation.

The next copy of Town Council News will be delivered with the Council's Annual Report and will include details of the Assembly.

The Assembly is open to all Filton residents to attend and in addition to the presentation of the Annual Report, time will be set aside for questions and comments on the work of the council and other issues affecting the Town.

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84 years of service to Filton

Filton Town Council stood for a minute of silence at the start of the January meeting in memory of Jack Bloom, John Lucena and Audrey Monks who died during the month.

Dr Jack Bloom

Jack Bloom served as a member of Filton Parish Council from May 1967 until his resignation in May 1993.



Head of Science at Filton High School for many years before retiring in 1974. Following retirement Jack represented Northville Ward on Northavon District Council in addition to his membership of the Town Council. A resident of Nutfield House in Filton, Jack helped many people and was greatly admired, being awarded the MBE in 1994. He was a Lawn Tennis Association coach and a keen gardener.

John Lucena

John Lucena who died on Friday 27th January, aged 66 was Filton Town Clerk from 8th May 1978 until he retired for health reasons in January 2002.

John had been a member of Sodbury



Rural District Council and was well known for his interest in music, bringing jazz and country music to the Ratepayers Arms, or the Key Ring Bar as it was called at the time. Among the projects that John dealt with as Clerk was the refurbishment of the Dolphin Swimming Pool, being a key person in the submission of the lottery bid which brought a grant of over £750,000 to the town.

Audrey Monks

Audrey Monks passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday 31st January 2006 at the age of 78, at Yeovil District Hospital. Audrey served on



Filton Town Council from May 1979 to May 2003. Audrey was an active member of Filton Twinning Association for many years. Audrey and Roy had been married for 57 years and also leaves sons Ken and John and Daughter Christine. In 2004 Audrey was very proud to receive the South Gloucestershire Community Award on the nomination of the Town Council.

Web Site Revamp

Filton Town Council Web Site had 100,000 visitors last month and this month we unveil a new look to the site.

The new site will include all that appears on the old one but will be more flexible and more attractive.

The Filton on Film section is being expanded with the inclusion of more places of interest and the site should be more attractive to advertisers who have a far wider audience than when the site was launched originally. So come on all of you local shops, hotels, guest houses, pubs and other businesses, how about advertising on your local town web site. We have recently had enquiries about the Town Guide through the site from people in countries across the world, the most recent being an ex Filton resident now living in Canada.

Details of local groups are listed free of charge and we are going to add a "What's on" section for groups to advertise forthcoming events such as dances, socials, whist drives, flower cactus and dog shows etc. so please tell us about your events as early as you can by contacting us through the web site or by telephone:

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