

Ratepayers Arms

Entertainment in the Bar

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
Sunday 7th May - Roger Lendon on Keyboards
Sunday 14th May - The Whole Band
Sunday 21st May - Charity Quiz
Sunday 28th May - Phoenix Hot 5

Karaoke Every Monday

For further information 01454 866697

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20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MEANS FREE CHIPS FOR ALL AT THE JOLLY FRYER

To celebrate the anniversary of the Jolly Fryer's 20 years of service to the people of Filton and the surrounding area.



Bought by Stamatis Lomvardos in 1986 this family run business is located in Filton Avenue, Northville. Although Stamatis has now retired the business continues, being run by sons Andreas, Nikos and Spiros, pictured above.

As well as the traditional fish and chips the Jolly Fryer also offers doner kebabs, traditional greek salad, chicken and spare ribs.

The anniversary is a major landmark for Andreas, Nikos and Spiros and to mark the occasion they are giving free chips not only to regular customers but to any Filton resident on

MONDAY 24TH APRIL.

Filton Sports and Leisure Centre Dolphin Pool

New Aqua fit Class

TUESDAYS

8.30pm - 9.15pm

£3.40 a session

(Includes a free swim 8.15 - 8.30pm & 9.15 - 9.30pm)

Tel.01454 866686

for more information



BODYWISE – THE PERFECT GYM



FOR THE SERIOUS ATHLETE

A new state-of-the-art BodyWISE gym is set to become the number one training venue for the regions athletes following it's official opening for membership on Saturday 28 January.



BodyWISE is one of the best equipped performance fitness suites in the South West.

The Gym is based within Filton College's £17.5million sports campus – WISE (the West of England Institute of Specialist Education).

Over 250 students at the Bristol Academy of Sport, which trains young sporting stars, use the facilities at BodyWISE.

Why not visit one of our open days on:

Sat 22 Apr 2006 10am-1pm

Sat 13 May 2006 10am-1pm



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"NO SMOKING" AT THE RATEPAYERS' ARMS FROM MARCH 31ST

Filton Town Council has decided that the Ratepayers Arms and all other parts of the Filton Sports and Leisure Centre should become smoke free in advance of the legal ban that will come into force next year when legislation will have gone through Parliament.

The ban at the centre therefore came into force on Friday 31st March, making the Ratepayers the first bar to ban smoking in South Gloucestershire.

The Council has taken the decision in the light of the increasing public opinion and public acceptance that smoking is harmful to the health of both smokers and non-smokers. The bar isn't large and segregation is impossible, however the council believes that it is important not only to give customers a better environment in which to enjoy a drink and a sandwich or a meal, but it is also important to give that protection to council staff.

Whilst the council recognises that this might be an unpopular move with some smokers we hope that members of the community that don't use the bar might do so now that there is the guarantee of a smoke free atmosphere.

The Ratepayers Arms is a public bar and is therefore open to all, it is not a club, although many people believe that it is.

We serve a wide range of beers, including a regular change over of real ales, which has ensured our listing in the Camra Good Beer Guide. Wine is available by the bottle or the glass and we serve a wide range of spirits, soft drinks plus tea and coffee.

Stewards John and Heather Beese serve an extensive bar menu, rolls and a range of crisps, nuts and other nibbles.

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On Sundays there is a range of entertainment, with music on most Sundays which includes Jazz, Folk, Country and Irish. There is a Charity Quiz, run by the Independent Order of Foresters to raise funds for the Jessie May Trust, usually on the third Sunday and every Monday we have a karaoke night. See details of music nights on the back page.

The Ratepayers Arms is a public bar and therefore open to all Filton residents, if you haven't been in why not give it a try?

FILTON LOCAL PRODUCE GROUP LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET



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

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

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IMPROVING OUR PLAYING FIELDS

Filton Town Council is consistently looking to improve the facilities it has and to add to them. The Council believes that the encouragement of sport and physical exercise is vitally important to the health and fitness of all.

In the last issue of Town Council News we announced that we were proposing to build and open a cycle speedway track. We have since been looking at the practicalities of this and whilst we had hoped to open in April, other possible improvements have been discussed which would put that date back a couple of months.



Football pitches

- ♦ Our football pitches are poorly drained, slope considerably and do not have a very even surface.

It is proposed to alter the levels of the ground by creating banks and terraces. Whilst creating these level playing surfaces, new land drains would be installed.



Landscaping

- ♦ The area is very bleak and windswept and provides very little habitat for wildlife (birds in particular)

It is proposed to introduce areas of substantial tree planting that will:

- create a more attractive landscape
- provide a habitat and food for birds

- provide seasonal focal points for childrens activities

- provide shade for hot summers

It is also proposed to create grass banks to:

- provide better noise shielding
- provide inclines for keep fit activities
- enclose proposed activity areas.

Keep fit jumps and benches may also be featured.

Cycling Facilities

As reported before we are proposing to construct a cycle speedway track (that's pedal cycles not motor cycles) and to develop a club that will involve all age groups in training and racing. The track may also be used for joint parent and child pedal karting.

As promised we will complete the BMX/Skateboard Park but it will need to be moved further down the field. It would be surrounded by high grass banks that could be used for BMX and mountain biking.

Surplus Land

There is a piece of land at the corner of Shellard Road and the Ring Road which currently has a tarmac area which is in need of a lot of money spent to reinstate it. The Council is therefore exploring the possibility of obtaining planning permission and disposing of it.

CLLR STUART MACCALLUM



Stuart passed away suddenly on Tuesday 21st February at the age of 56. Stuart had been a member of the Town Council, representing the Conygre Ward since 1983, having also served as a member of Northavon District Council from 7th May 1987 until May 1995. Stuart, who was employed at Rolls Royce for 32 years, was well known within Filton and worked hard for his local residents. He was a long term member of Filton ex Servicemen's Club, where he often took his elderly parents. Stuart enjoyed a game of skittles, playing for the Filton Wanderers and Brahms and Lyst teams and recently enjoyed a skittles trip to Weymouth. He loved his varied trips across the world, having done a tour of Australia not many years ago, a visit to family members in the USA and other trips into Europe. He will be sadly missed by fellow councillors and staff at Filton Town Council.

DUKE OPENS FUEL TEST FACILITY AT FILTON

His Royal Highness the Duke of York was in high spirits when he paid a flying visit to Filton site to open Airbus UK's £16 million fuel systems test facility.



Town Council Chair Cllr Roger Hutchinson welcomes the Duke to Filton with Doug Naysmith MP and the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire looking on

The Duke said he was delighted to be at Airbus UK – "one of the United Kingdom's leading companies and one that is right at the forefront of research and technology and one that I hope will grow in the years to come.

"This fuel test facility is just one of a number of investments that are taking place at Filton on behalf of Airbus. I would just like to congratulate Airbus on what it has achieved over the last few years with its family of aircraft, but also, more importantly, wish Airbus every success in its drive for research, or greater research and greater technology in the United Kingdom, and I know that you will be successful."

The facility is believed to be the only one of its kind in the world and allows Airbus to test all of its aircraft fuel systems in one building, rather than spread across the Filton site.

CHINESE NEW YEAR



South Gloucestershire Chinese Association held their New Year celebrations at the Folk Centre on Sunday 29th January.

Our photograph above is of the association choir singing both Chinese and English songs to welcome in the Year of the Dog.

Other entertainment included a Chinese Folk Dancer, a demonstration of martial arts and a pop group.

FILTON POP IDOL 2006

The closing date for the 2006 Filton Pop Idol has been extended to Friday 28th April, with auditions taking place on Saturday 6th May

Four Categories this year

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Ages 11 and under | Ages 12 - 16 |
| Ages 17 - 24 | Ages 25 plus |

**Auditions at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre
Saturday 6th May**

**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 28th April

**More information from:
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