

Ratepayers Arms

Entertainment in the Bar

Sunday 7th May - Roger Lendon on Keyboards

Sunday 14th May - The Whole Band

Thursday 18th May -

musical tribute to John Lucena

Sunday 21st May - Charity Quiz

Sunday 28th May - Phoenix Hot 5

Sunday 4th June - Helena

Sunday 11th June - The Porter Boys

Sunday 18th June - Charity Quiz

Sunday 25th June - Phoenix Hot 5

Sunday 2nd July - Canada

Sunday 9th July -

World Cup Final on the big screen

Sunday 16th July - Charity Quiz

Sunday 23rd July - Ponchatrain

Sunday 30th July - Phoenix Hot 5

Karaoke Every Monday

For further information 01454 866697

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The Ratepayers Arms is a

Non Smoking Bar at Filton Sports and Leisure

Centre, Elm Park, Filton.

We are listed in the Camra
National Good Beer Guide



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Musical Tribute to the Life of John Lucena

In the bar at the Ratepayers Arms

John Lucena was employed as Filton Town
Clerk from May 1978 to January 2000 and
sadly died in January 2006.

Music played a big part in John's life and he was
instrumental in bringing regular live music to the
Ratepayers Arms.

On Thursday 18th May a number of musicians
who knew John well and play, or have played at
the Ratepayers Arms will be getting together in
the bar for an informal music "session". They
include members from Ponchatrain, The Porter
Boys, the Whole Band and the Phoenix Hot 5.



Assistant Site Manager Required

Duties will include:-

Sports Field and General Site Maintenance
Experience in some or all of the following
would be advantageous:

Use of a tractor and associated machinery, use
of small mowers, strimming and spraying,
preferably with appropriate certificates.
Training will be given where necessary.

Full driving licence necessary and the ability
to work both alone or as part of a team
essential.

Please call 01454 866698
and ask to speak to Lesley Reuben,
Town Clerk for more information

The closing date for
applications is Monday 15th May

Filton Cycle Speedway Club

Under 16? If so why not enter the competition
to win a brand new cycle speedway bike?

If so visit Filton Cycle Speedway Web Site at
www.filtoncsc.co.uk

Or visit the site to find out about the sport that
is coming to Filton



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Filton Annual Assembly

Tuesday 16th May, 7.30pm

in the Function Hall at

Filton Sports and Leisure Centre, Elm Park, Filton

Guest Speakers:

- ◆ Deborah White, Community Co-ordinator, South Gloucestershire Council on Town and Parish Plans
 - ◆ Representatives from "Filton People" to outline the work that the group does in the community
- and

Presentation of the Town Council Annual Report and Open Forum for residents to ask questions and give feed back

Filton Local Produce Group



Local Produce Markets

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

Thursday 25th May

Thursday 29th June

Thursday 27th July

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

opening at 3pm and closing at 6pm

Fair Trade goods are also available

Calling Local Businesses

Why not advertise on and support the Town
Council Web Site? For more information visit
the "Local Businesses page on:

www.filton-town-council.co.uk

Filton Community Festival

Sunday 9th July

Featuring James Rodgers Fun Fair

Donkey Rides, Filton Pop Idol

Helena,

and the ever popular Wurzels

organised by Filton 2000



The Ratepayers Arms

at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre
offers a range of real ales, bar snacks,
wine by the bottle and
a smoke free atmosphere.

Major sports events on the big screen
Music nights most Sundays

A quiz night usually on the third Sunday

Karaoke on Mondays

Listed in the Camra National
Good Beer Guide

Tel: 01454 866697



Annual Report

This is the second Filton Town Council Annual Report to the residents of Filton.

Over the past twelve months the council has continued to run the Filton Sports and Leisure Centre on your behalf. We have endeavoured to maximise the number of people using the centre and to improve the activities available, while maintaining fair and competitive pricing.

We have however, faced new competition with the opening of the Horfield pool and centre.

This competition, together with unpredictably large increases in electricity, gas and water prices, plus national agreements on salaries have resulted in a higher precept increase than we had hoped.

The precept increase for 2006/07 equates to only 13p per household on a Band D property and follows savings made over the year. We have also increased prices by 7% on leisure centre charges, while still remaining below other centres in the area. We have maintained the Filton Residents Card which represents even better value for those who obtain the card. We will continue to seek savings over the next year as we are always conscious of the high costs related to the centre.

During 2005 the Council submitted its application to be granted the status of Quality Council and we hope that we will be in a position to report a positive result at the Annual Assembly.

Looking forward to 2006, the council has published plans to build new and exciting facilities which you can read about elsewhere in this report.

There is also information about a feasibility study that has been carried out on the Sports and Leisure Centre, which could lead to big improvements.

The Council is also committed to publishing a Town Plan, which will be compiled by extensive consultation with residents. The method by which this will be achieved will be explained at the Annual Assembly.

We hope that you find this Annual Report to be informative about the work of the Town Council, both in the past year and in our plans for the future.

Cllr Roger Hutchinson
Chair of Filton Town Council

Xmas Lights

The installation of festive lights as part of the Filton Park regeneration, proved very popular last Christmas, so much so that the Town Council has decided to add to them by placing lights in other parts of the town. The Council will be looking at the areas in Filton Avenue Northville, Church Road/Filton Hill and the rank of shops in Filton Avenue North.

Missing old friends

During the past year we sadly recorded the deaths of Cllr Stuart MacCallum, ex Cllrs Jack Bloom and Audrey Monks and our ex Town Clerk John Lucena. All will be sadly missed.

Congratulations

To Cllr Adam Monk and wife Claire on the birth of twin boys Haydn and Robbie on 4th April 2006

Grants to local organisations

Filton Town Council has historically made grants to local voluntary organisations, provided that the organisation submits a balance sheet and that the organisation benefits Filton residents.

During last year grants were made as follows:

Pyramid Youth Club	£1650
Filton Ladies Group	£ 500
Scaffold	£ 500
Filton Library	£ 50
Northville Golden Age Club	£ 250
Pride of Bristol	£ 500
Filton People	£1300
Saturday Club	£ 300
SHE 7	£ 250
Childrens Playlink	£ 40
Childrens Playlink	£ 580
Filton Pensioners Assoc	£ 200
The Owl Club	£ 200
Grove Pensioners Club	£ 250
Night Bus	£6021.86
Four Towns Transport	£2000
Twinning Association	£ 650

In 2006 the total figure for grants has been reduced by £2,000 and the contribution to the night bus withdrawn as it is not felt that it represents value for money.

Annual Report 2005/06 Filton Sports and Leisure Centre

Swimming Pool

Teachers Courses

The centre became an approved centre for running courses for the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA).

The centre has now run 2 ASA Level 1 Teachers Courses in August 2005 and February 2006 will be running further courses in May 2006 and an ASA level 2 course in August 2006.

Swim Lessons

The leisure Centre runs 103 lessons per week the most it has ever run with approximately 780 children attending each week.



Filton's Dolphin Swimming Pool

Swimming Attendance

The leisure centre had in excess of 95,000 swims in the year 2005/6 despite being closed for re-grouting for the first 3 weeks in April and the opening of the nearby Horfield and Henbury Swimming pools in September 2005

Aqua fit sessions

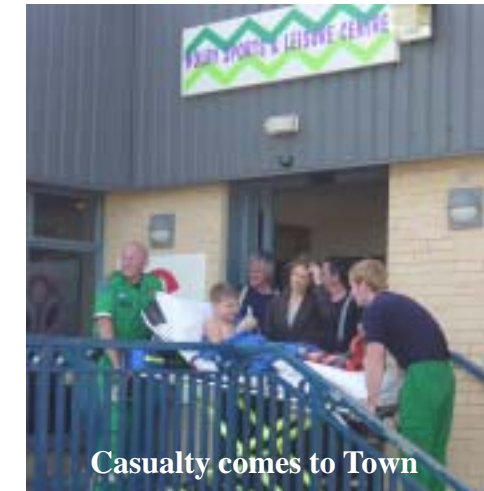
In January 2006 the centre introduced a new activity, Aqua fit. The Class is on Tuesday evenings and has proved very popular with over 30 people attending each week

Dry Sport

Toy Library

Filton sport and Leisure centre is now home to the local toy library, providing use of a room and the soft play area for the toy library on a Tuesday Morning.

Filming



Casualty comes to Town

In May 2005 the Centre changed its Name for one day and became Holby Sports and Leisure Centre as an episode of the popular BBC drama series Casualty was filmed at the Leisure Centre.



The very popular Fun Hangar

Children's Parties

The leisure centre held over 340 children parties in 2005/6 which were split into the following types of Parties :- over 270 Filton fun Hangar soft play parties, over 40 pool parties and over 30 bouncy castle parties with overall attendance in excess of 6000 children attending parties at the Leisure Centre

For further information call the centre on 01454 866686 or visit the Leisure pages on our web site

www.filton-town-council.co.uk

Gareth Hughes
Operations Manager

Keeping our grass looking good

In the last year it has been necessary to renew the tractor and cutters at a cost of £28,365. The council owns the fields at Elm Park, the Northville Millennium Green and the piece of land known as the land behind the Bulldog.



The new tractor in Elm Park

The old tractor had reached an age where spares were very difficult or impossible to obtain so replacement became a necessity.

Welcome to our visitors from St Vallier and Witzenhausen

On Friday 8th June Filton will be hosts to friends from our twin towns of St Vallier-sur-Rhone and Witzenhausen. During their stay Filton Twinning Association have organised a series of events and trips to make the visit interesting and enjoyable. Most of the visitors will stay with the families of association members, with a few in local hotels being hosted by members during the day.



The Council gives an annual grant, currently £650 to the association and this year a further £800 to sponsor one of the events. The Twinning Association maintains the links with St Vallier and Witzenhausen on the Council's behalf. Committee members also work hard on fund raising, raising about £1000 from a 40s dance at the Bawa Club, a quiz and an auction..

To join Filton Twinning Association call Robert Smith on 0117 962 3943

Allotments

Over the past year the Council has invested in the allotments at Mortimer Road by putting in a water supply and renewing the perimeter fencing. The council added capital to that raised by the allotment association itself, through grants to improve the security and secure the car park for the use of tenants rather than casual parking for people using the station.



The new fence and gates at Mortimer Road Allotments



Allotments at the Station Road site

In addition the council is pleased to be able to announce that we are very close to reaching an agreement with Bristol City Council to take over the management of the Station Road Allotments. The City Council had considered selling the land for development, but with the help of members of the City Council, we secured agreement on a lease, which will be at a very low cost to the Council.

Advertise on the Filton Town Council Web Site
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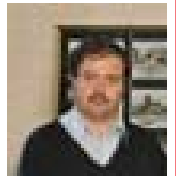


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Planning for the Future

The Town Council is continually reviewing the facilities in Elm Park and is conscious that on top of normal maintenance there is a need to refurbish a number of the facilities, particularly the Pavilion and the toilets that serve the Ratepayers Arms and the Function Hall. It is also necessary to ensure that the facilities match up to the competition from other centres nearby.

The Council has therefore commissioned a feasibility study to look at how the centre could be developed to improve facilities for current users and to attract new ones. The study looks at the whole of the centre, it suggests that a new changing village could be built nearer to the field and the current changing area redeveloped to add more space for parties and meetings or into a bar and the current Ratepayers Arms used differently. It also considers turning the remaining squash court into 2 rooms by putting a floor in to create an upstairs room and using the downstairs one as a games room with access from the Ratepayers Arms if it remains in its current position.



Filton Sports and Leisure Centre, Elm Park

Redevelopment of the Town Council Office to create more space is long overdue and this could happen in its current position or where the changing rooms are situated at the moment. Work has also been done on looking at methods by which we could link the wet and dry parts of the building so that users could walk through under cover.

No costings have yet been done and the plans allow for a phasing of works, some of which would qualify for grant funding through the Big Lottery or other sources.

Notice Boards



One of the new notice boards

In order to increase the availability of information about the council and forthcoming events, the council is increasing the number of notice boards in the town and replacing old and worn out ones.

New boards have already been put up at Charborough Road, Shields Avenue and in Elm Park and others will be sited in Filton Park, Filton Avenue near the shops at the bottom of Conygre Road, Filton Avenue, Northville shops and in Church Road.

Northville Millennium Green

The Northville Millennium Green is becoming a growing asset to the council. It has become a very popular venue for dog walkers as well as for informal play for families.

Over the past twelve months the council has added litter bins at each entrance to the green, although this doesn't mean that there is no litter in the field as some people don't seem to know what the bins are for.



It was good to see the display of daffodils, planted last autumn by councillors and other volunteers. More will be planted this autumn and Millennium Green Group Chair, Cllr Judith Hutchinson, is busy growing other flowers for planting out shortly. It is still the intention to add to the hoggin paths, install seats and possibly add the Millennium Forum shown on the original plans.

Redevelopment of the Elm Park Field

In the last issue of Town Council News we reported on plans to redevelop the fields at Elm Park and to add new facilities and vastly improve existing ones. Work on planning the cycle speedway track is going well and we are on track to stage an opening match on Sunday 9th July as part of the Filton Community Festival. It is hoped that the first meeting will take the form of an International battle between England and Poland.



The new boules piste taking shape

The meeting will be sponsored by Mead Engineering, who are working with the council to build the track, redevelop the BMX/ Skateboard Park and level, drain and terrace the football pitches, which would include some high mounds and planting to create habitat. This would change the landscape of the field which drops 10 metres from top to the low point at the bottom. If agreement can be reached it will be a very cost effective way of massively improving the facilities that are available to local clubs and residents.

Work has already commenced to make way for the cycle speedway track with the moving of the boules terrain to a better site under the trees by the tennis courts. The Council is encouraging a diversity of activities and a new petanque team, "The Ratepayers Arms A" is now playing in a local league.

Ratepayers Arms goes Smoke Free



On the 31st March the Ratepayers Arms became the first "Smoke Free" bar in South Gloucestershire. The picture shows Councillors and staff kicking the dog end out on the day that smoking became a thing of the past in the Ratepayers.

We have also recently installed Sky TV, including Sky Prem Plus, so we are able to show all of the big football matches on the big screen as well as other major sporting events such as Rugby, Cricket and Speedway Grand Prix as well as other sports that customers want to see.

Filton Town Council Web Site

The Town Council Web site continually increases it's popularity with over 100,000 visitors per month. The site has recently been revamped and pages added. Visitors can now check up on the latest news from the Council, find out what events are taking place on our "what's on" page, see places of interest in Filton at "Filton on Film". You can find out all the times and events at the leisure centre and swimming pool, view all of the council minutes and policy documents and we have just added the annual statement of accounts which can be viewed and downloaded. Planning applications are listed with a link to the South Gloucestershire site for easy access to plans in Filton.

We would welcome advertisements from local businesses and the rates can be found on the site. Local voluntary organisations are listed free of charge, as are forthcoming events. Follow the contact link through the site to give us details.