

## Ratepayers Arms

### Entertainment in the Bar

Sunday 19th Nov	Charity Quiz
Sunday 26th Nov	Phoenix Hot 5 Jazz
Sunday 3rd Dec	Helena
Sunday 10th Dec	Tom Jurgens
Sunday 17th Dec	Charity Quiz
Sunday 7th Jan	The Porter Boys
Sunday 14th Jan	Canada
Sunday 21st Jan	Charity Quiz
Sunday 28th Jan	Phoenix Hot 5 Jazz

**Karaoke Every other Monday**

For further information 01454 866697

[www.filton-town-council.co.uk](http://www.filton-town-council.co.uk)

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



## FILTON LOCAL PRODUCE GROUP

### LOCAL PRODUCE MARKETS



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

**THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**

**THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER**

**THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY**

Buy fresh food and natural products  
produced by a range of local suppliers.  
opening at 2.30pm and closing at 5.30pm  
Fair Trade goods are also available



## Di's Childminding Service

Member of NCMA & Ofsted Registered  
Vacancies now available  
Telephone 01454 626710 for further information

*Filton 2000* presents:  
**Little Red Riding Hood**  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
@ 6.30pm  
Venue: Filton Community Centre, Elm  
Park  
Tickets:  
Adults £6.00  
Children £4.00  
Including free tea/coffee/juice and  
mince pie  
For tickets please visit the  
Filton Town Council Office or  
Telephone Cllr. Diane Vowles on  
01454 626710

For a wealth of local information please visit the  
Filton Town Council Web Site  
[www.filton-town-council.co.uk](http://www.filton-town-council.co.uk)

## Filton Town Council News

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## Filton Sports Hub

Filton Town Council have commenced talks with sports clubs that use facilities in Filton, with a view to setting up a sports hub.

Two other hubs exist in South Gloucestershire and the Council is taking advice from the Sports Development Officer of South Gloucestershire Council.

A hub gives the opportunity to clubs to work together to share expertise and volunteers to help all clubs thrive. This is really important to ensure that we can maintain and extend the sporting and leisure opportunities available in Filton.

The Council is anxious to ensure that the facilities at Elm Park are improved, particularly because of the need to find other attractions because of competition from Bradley Stoke and the new centre at Horfield.

A strong desire to make a large contribution to helping in the battle against obesity and resultant poor health is behind the hub and the possibility of being able to apply for grants will help the Town Council to achieve the improvements currently being considered for the centre.

The planned improvements have been flagged up in previous editions of Town Council News and you can read more about them inside this issue.

**The next meeting will be on Thursday 7th December in the Pavilion at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre, Elm Park at 7.30pm**



Filton Sports & Leisure Centre  
Elm Park, Filton BS34 7PS  
Tel (01454) 866686

## Dolphin Swimming Pool

Special Christmas Swimming Offer

**Everyone swims  
for just £1**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December  
10am - 6pm  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
9am - 3pm



Filton Sports and Leisure Centre  
Dolphin Pool  
Elm Park, Filton BS34 7PS

### New Year New You

Start the New Year with our Aerobics Classes

**Try out our Brand New  
Aerobics Class**

**Legs Bums and Tums**

Mondays and Thursdays 5.45 - 6.30pm  
Cost £3 a session

Class is for all ages 14 years and Over

**Or have a splashing time  
in our Aquafit Class**

Tuesdays 8.30pm - 9.15pm

£3.40 a session

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

Class suitable for Non Swimmers  
Participants must be 16 yrs. and over for Aquafit

Tel.01454 866686 for more information  
Booking Essential Due to High Demand for places

## CHRISTMAS AT THE RATEPAYERS ARMS

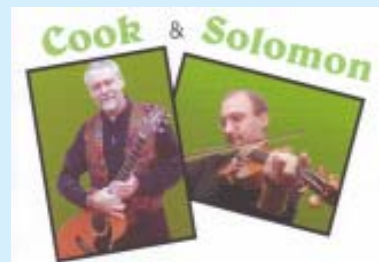
Filton Sports and Leisure Centre,  
Elm Park, Filton

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Sing along with  
Roger Lendon  
on Keyboards**

### BOXING NIGHT

Ratepayers Arms favourites  
**Cook and Solomon**



Enjoy the community bar, good music  
and a smoke free atmosphere

## Filton Sports and Leisure Centre Improvements

The Ratepayers Arms celebrated its 25th Birthday on 19th November and it is clear that after 25 years parts of the centre are showing their age.

In 2002 the Council carried out major improvements to the swimming pool, including the addition of a new learner pool, which has proved to be very popular.

We now have to consider the rest of the building and have been looking at possible improvements, the first part of which would be an upgrading of the changing rooms.

To do this we are looking at the possibility of a changing village, located outside the main building, where the old tennis hut is currently sited. If this goes ahead we would want it to be self sufficient in electricity using solar panels and turbines. It would have other features such as a "green" roof and the use of "grey" water, making it friendly to the environment.

The Council is also conscious that customers have to walk around the building in the cold and wet to use the sports facilities. A feature that we are considering, therefore, is the construction of a covered walkway allowing access to the whole building from the swimming pool entrance.

Current thinking would see the conversion of the remaining squash court into a games room with a meeting room above. The snooker tables might be relocated, allowing that room to become a

lounge with a patio for the bar, but with dual use as a meeting or small function room.

The Pavilion is in serious need of refurbishment and, added to the current changing room area with folding doors, could become a versatile area for meetings and functions or indoor sporting activities.

Funding will, of course have to be found, so the council is firstly seeking outline planning permission to develop the piece of land at the corner of Shellard Road and the Ring Road. We will also seek grant aid for the other work.

These ideas have previously been mentioned in Town Council News as has the work planned for the fields.

Plans of these proposals will be displayed in the swimming pool reception area throughout December.

The next stage of the work on the fields will be a planning application for the skateboard park, which is already funded through a developer contribution.

Plans will also be drawn up for the levelling and draining of the football pitches and planning permission applied for in order that the Council can provide first class facilities for the clubs that hire them.

Drawings are not yet available but will be displayed when ready, which will be advertised at the centre and on Town Council Notice Boards.

## New sign at the Ratepayers Arms

A unique pub sign can now be seen outside the Ratepayers Arms at Filton Sports and Leisure Centre.

The sign, was designed and painted by Graeme Robbins, who is based in Westbury Park and replaces an metal one which was not as easily visible to people looking for the bar.



The "Ratepayers Arms" name is thought to be the only bar of that name in the country, making the sign unique.

## Success for St. Andrews

Young people often get a bad press so it's good to be able to celebrate the achievements of young people in Filton. Here are two success stories from St. Andrew's methodist church .

Firstly, a group of young people in the Handstands Puppet Team competed in a regional puppet festival and were the only team in their particular category to be given a Silver Award. If you would like to know more about the puppet team's work please contact 0117 9692036 .

Secondly, Six young people from the midweekers group at the youth centre went with two leaders to Kingswood



to present an application to build a new narrowboat, to their specification. South Gloucestershire Council officials were extremely impressed with their presentation and offered them £45,000 from the youth opportunities fund for their project which will enhance the face to face work with the young people. We look forward to hearing all about the new boat when it is finally delivered.

## Are you a local business?

Why not advertise on our popular web site. The site has steadily increased its hits, topping 130,000 in July and 120,000 in September.



Filton 2000 are running a trip to the Worcester Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December. The coach will leave Filton Sports and Leisure Centre at 9.00am and expects to return at approximately 6pm. Tickets are £11.50 from Cllr Diane Vowles on 01454 626710

## Charborough Road School

Filton Park

Saturday 9 December 2006 (10.00 am - 12 noon)

Christmas Bazaar

Santa's Grotto, Secret Workshop, Cakes,

Christmas Trees, Plants,

Refreshments, lots of other stalls and attractions

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Elm Park, Filton BS34 7PS

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Christmas and New Year Opening Times  
2006 / 2007

**Dolphin Swimming Pool, Dry Sport and  
Filton Fun Hangar**

All Centre activities will be closed between  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December inclusive

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December  
The Dry Sport and Fun Hangar

Will be open 10am – 4pm (last entry 3.30pm)

The Pools will be closed all day on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December but will be  
open on the 30<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 6pm and 31<sup>st</sup> December 9am - 3pm

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
Dry Sport and Fun Hangar

Will be open 10am – 3pm (last entry 2.30pm)

All Leisure Centre activities will be closed  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 onwards

All Leisure Centre activities will be open as normal



Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
to  
all our Customers



## Ratepayers Arms

Filton Sports and Leisure Centre,  
Elm Park, Filton

See top sporting events on the big screen in  
your own local bar.

Watch the top football games

Top class Rugby

and other sports

Available on Sky Sports and  
Prem Plus throughout the week  
and at weekends

## New Year's Eve at the Ratepayers Arms

Enjoy an evening in the bar  
or dance to "Del Boys" Disco  
in the Function Hall

Admission to the bar and disco  
will be by ticket costing £5 from  
the bar, or from the  
Town Council Office  
next to the swimming pool.



Pay us a visit and see  
for yourselves at:

[www.filton-town-council.co.uk](http://www.filton-town-council.co.uk)