

## 2010 BAC 100

The Group that are organising the centenary celebrations of 100 years of aviation in the West of England have published a second brochure giving more information about the plans for 2010.



Obtain your free copy from Filton Town Council at the Council Office in Elm Park.

## Skate Park is taking shape



Work is finally under way on the Filton Skatepark. Designed by local company "Wheelscape", the park is expected to be open for the school holidays. Funded from grant, the park will add yet another fun and healthy activity to those already available at Elm Park. This will be a welcome addition, situated as it is close to the cycle speedway track, the home of the Filton Flyers Cycle Speedway Club. The Flyers is looking for new junior members, so why not go along on a Wednesday evening and have a go, bikes and safety gear provided.

## Filton Town Council News

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## The Council's vision for the future of the "Elm Park" Centre

developing a centre of sport and recreation for the whole community

The land and buildings at Elm Park are owned by the people of Filton and Filton Town Council is charged with their management and upkeep for the benefit of the residents of the town, a responsibility that the Council takes very seriously.

The sports and leisure centre is over 30 years old and needs a great deal of attention to make it viable for the next 30 years and make it appropriate for the needs of people at the beginning of the 21st Century. The Council recognised this when it carried out the renovation to the swimming pool 5 years ago (and added the learner pool), both of which are very well used. We are also conscious of the effects on Elm Park of the new facilities that have opened in recent years at both Horfield and Bradley Stoke, plus the growing interest in a variety of sports that will increase as we move towards the Olympic Games taking place in the UK in 2012.

### The Vision

Filton Town Council has publicised plans over the past 3 years for a complete make over of the centre. This will include a new changing village on the edge of the field by the cycle speedway track, a covered walk way around the centre to join the main reception to the facilities to the rear of the centre, the reuse of the changing room area for activity and conference rooms and the renovation of the hall and the pavilion to make them more comfortable and attractive to users.

We also have an opportunity to improve the playing fields, both for organised sport and for general recreation, whether that be informal play, dog walking or just enjoying the new surroundings.

The improvement of the Playing Fields is integral to the whole regeneration scheme, as we hope to attract people to the centre as a whole on a regular basis, be it to play organised sport, exercise, **more inside.....**



Pictured above is an impression of a view of Elm Park, following the improvements that we hope to be able to make.

We want to hear from you, please take advantage of the following opportunities:

<b>Display at Filton Festival</b> Sunday 13th July - 12:00 to 17:00hrs Northville Millennium Green	<b>Consultation Event -</b> Filton Sports and Leisure Centre Thursday 17th July 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm	<b>Display in reception area</b> Filton Sports and Leisure Centre from 7th to 16th July
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Visit the web site at [www.filton-town-council.co.uk](http://www.filton-town-council.co.uk) Write to Filton Town Council, Filton Sports and Leisure Centre, Elm Park, Filton BS34 1PS or e mail [lesley\\_reuben@filtontowncouncil.co.uk](mailto:lesley_reuben@filtontowncouncil.co.uk)

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[nhsstopsmokingservice@sglos-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:nhsstopsmokingservice@sglos-pct.nhs.uk)



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- Set a quit date
- Find ways to cope with cravings
- Use appropriate cessation products
- Stay smokefree

You are up to four times more likely  
to succeed using support from your  
local service.

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## Making the vision a reality

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walk or simply sit and watch these activities from the seating areas we propose.

We have mentioned the Council's plans for both the buildings and the fields at Elm Park in issues of Town Council News since April 2006. In this issue we explain them further and address some of the questions and concerns that have been raised with us so far about the delivery of these plans.



Elm Park playing fields as they look today

### Making the vision a reality

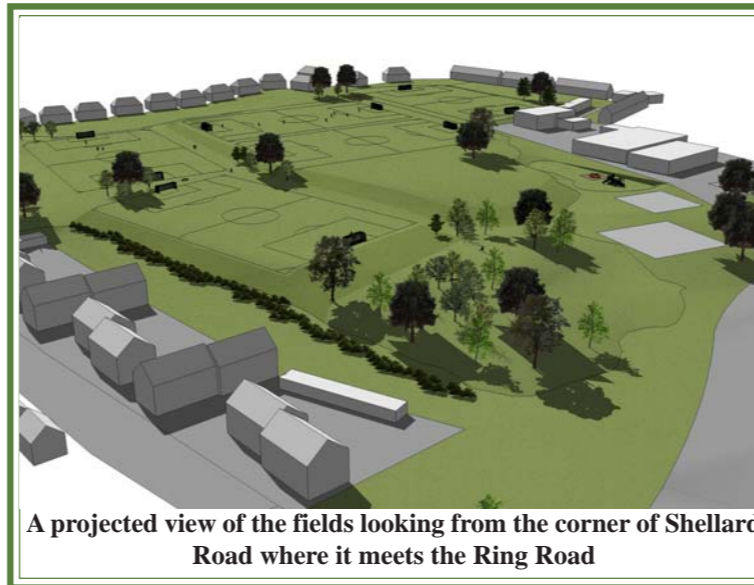
The work on landscaping the fields is a key part of the plan to provide a centre for all the family, both for formal and informal sport and recreation, whether it is a family picnic with some kite flying, walking the dogs or just enjoying a walk amongst the trees taking in the wildlife that we hope to create a habitat for

In order to achieve this new look for Elm Park it will be necessary to import approximately 120,000-135,000 m<sup>3</sup> of recycled soils into the site in order to level a number of areas to provide usable spaces for sport, undulating topography for runners and walkers and also to create visual interest and viewing areas. The overall volume will be dependant on the final design of the scheme

The period of development would last for between 12 and 24 months, although the Council would prefer the shorter period. During this period lorries would access the field through Elm Park and leave at the corner of Shellard Road where it joins the Ring Road, although other options might be possible. The work would be carried out in a number of separate phases to allow parts of the field to be publically accessible throughout this period.

During this time we will endeavour to retain as much public access as possible through the site to access both the leisure centre and the other facilities such as the Shield Centre. This would include access for informal play and dog walking.

We are very aware of the need to provide a varied range of activities if we are to encourage a healthy lifestyle and help to combat the problems of child obesity and the resultant killer illnesses such as heart disease. We

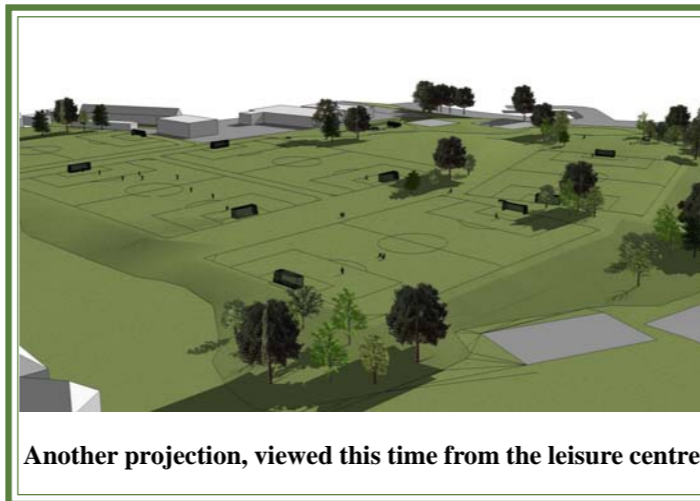


A projected view of the fields looking from the corner of Shellard Road where it meets the Ring Road

are also conscious that our country is hosting the Olympic games in 2012 and that sporting activity is expected to grow as a consequence.

High quality facilities both indoor and outdoor will attract local sports clubs and individuals to use our centre, with the added advantage of bringing in much needed revenue to ensure it's viability and it's long term future. We want the site as a whole to cater for both young and old, sports players and non-sports players alike and a range of sporting abilities.

It is possible to do all of this and provide the capital to achieve it. The levelling and landscaping of the fields is expected to deliver a large capital sum to the Council, which would be added to the proceeds of the



Another projection, viewed this time from the leisure centre

sale of the area of land on the corner of Shellard Road and the Ring Road. In addition we will be applying for grants, particularly in relation to our aim of vastly improving the energy efficiency of the centre and increasing the use of renewables to provide the energy that is needed to run the heating in the buildings and the swimming pool. The proposed works to the playing fields will provide the option of installing Ground Source Heat Pumps to achieve this goal.

### Where we are now

Planning consent has been granted for the building of a new changing centre to replace the poor changing facilities that currently exist, and for the area of land that we hope to sell in the future. An application was submitted for the work on the playing fields, but has been withdrawn in order for us to further discuss the proposals and the proposed facilities with you, the local community.

As such we now wish to discuss the following issues with you:

- Phasing Proposals
- Sports Facilities
- Landscaping
- Alternative Uses

**As such we now invite you to attend an exhibition on the 13th July which will form part of the Planning for Real stand at Filton Festival, members of the Town Council will be on hand to answer your queries relating to the site. Following this we have organised a workshop to discuss the proposals further if you so which, this will be held at the Filton Town Council Offices on **Thursday 17th July 2008 at 6:30pm**. We hope that a large number of residents will take part in our consultation.**

**We hope that you will be as excited as we are about the possibilities that we have to provide first class facilities for our young and old alike, for the whole family, to use for sport and recreation of whatever type you choose. All provided through capital raised by the work being done, together with projected savings in running costs achieved by reducing our carbon emissions by the use of natural energy sources.**

## Age Concern South Gloucestershire

We are a self-funding charitable organisation which aims to improve the quality of life of older people in South Gloucestershire.

**Alison Neil will be performing one of her highly acclaimed and very witty one-woman shows 'The Sixth Wife' Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm at BAWA, Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RG.**

'The Sixth Wife' is set in the night, as Katherine Parr waits for her husband, the king, to die. She takes the opportunity to reflect on her extraordinary life, her four husbands and the five earlier (previous or former) wives of her tyrannical husband, Henry V111.

Please come and enjoy this amusing and riveting tale – and also help Age Concern South Gloucestershire ensure it can continue its work for the older people of the area.

**Tickets at £10, or concessions for over 60's £9, are available from:**

**Sandra Day, Age Concern South Gloucestershire  
34 St Mary Street, Thornbury, Bristol BS35 2AT.**

**Telephone: 01454 857754.**

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