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Leisure centre marks anniversary with open day

Residents enjoyed a lively open day at Elm Park Leisure Centre on Monday 25 May, as Filton Town Council marked one year since the centre reopened following a period of uncertainty.

The anniversary event attracted families and visitors from across the community, with a full programme of activities on offer throughout the day. Despite the very warm weather, there was a strong turnout, with many taking part in fitness sessions, swimming

activities and family-friendly events, alongside opportunities to explore the facilities.

A particular highlight for many visitors was the involvement of Bristol Rovers Community Trust, whose engagement activities proved especially popular with younger attendees and local football fans, adding to the celebratory atmosphere.

The open day provided an opportunity not only to showcase what Elm Park Leisure Centre now

offers, but also to reflect on the significant journey over the past 12 months.

The centre reopened following the insolvency of its previous operator, which had led to its closure and uncertainty about its future. Filton Town Council stepped in to secure a new

operating arrangement with Parkwood Leisure and Creating Active Futures, bringing the facility back into use through a phased reopening.

One year on, the centre has re-established itself as a key hub for health, wellbeing and community activity in Filton.



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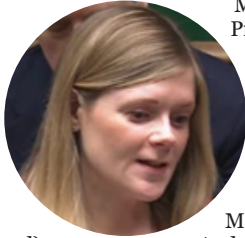
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MP vows to keep 'delivering for Filton' amid Labour crisis

By Lucy Frost

After a turbulent year and a bruising few weeks for Labour following local elections, Filton and Bradley Stoke MP Claire Hazelgrove (pictured)



says MPs should not be “seeking to bring about chaos and change at this time”. Nationally, Labour is undergoing mounting pressure, with senior figures stepping down and internal debates over the party’s direction.

Many MPs have called for Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer to resign, but with no active timetable or vacancy as of yet, Ms Hazelgrove states that she will be “carrying on as is... delivering for local people”.

Since the local elections, Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham has been confirmed as a candidate for the Makerfield by-election, giving him a second chance to become an MP.

His potential return has sparked speculation on his future influence over the party and whether he could mount a leadership challenge against Sir

Keir. Ms Hazelgrove said: “I and everybody across our Labour movement will be supporting [Burnham] as our Labour candidate in Makerfield because I want Labour to win whenever Labour is on the ballot.”

Speaking about the significant number of council seats lost across the country on May 7, Ms Hazelgrove said: “There’s no sugar coating it, that was a bad result elsewhere in the country.”

However, the situation in Filton was different. The Conygre by-election welcomed two new Labour councillors Andy Mills and Mac Elmorssy, in a direct contest with Reform, following the resignation of a Conservative and Green councillor.

Ms Hazelgrove said: “It felt important to show loudly and proudly who we are as a community, and that we reject division and want unity. I think if you choose the path of division and populism, you’ve given up and I don’t want that for anybody.”

Both Labour candidates

secured strong majorities against their Reform counterparts. Ms Hazelgrove attributes the success to “brilliant local candidates, hard work, and not taking any votes or support for granted.”

Next year, South Gloucestershire Council will hold its full council elections.

Hopeful for a Labour majority, Ms Hazelgrove said: “Genuinely, I’d be really keen to hear from anybody who is reading this, if they would be interested in standing to represent their community.”

Ms Hazelgrove also contrasted Labour’s approach to “a fragmented political picture” within Reform. She warned that such instability may “set our community back”.

Ms Hazelgrove said: “I want us to have the very best that we can have in our community and that’s what I work to try and do every day. Our community deserves the very best, and so that’s the conversation that we’ll be having next year.”



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Labour wins town by-election



Andy Mills, left, and Mac Elmorssy, right

By Lucy Frost

Filton Town Council has welcomed two new Labour councillors following the Conygre ward by-election on May 14.

In a direct contest with Reform, both Andy Mills and Mac Elmorssy won the election with majorities of more than 100 votes.

The newly elected councillors have filled the two vacant seats and will serve until at least May 2027, when the full council elections are due to take place.

Claire Hazelgrove, MP for

Filton and Bradley Stoke said: "I was really pleased to see people in Filton reject division and choose community, and now they're going to have two brilliant Labour town councillors, Andy and Mac".

Mr Elmorssy: "I'm grateful to say I'm now officially your local councillor for the Conygre ward.

"I'm looking forward to working for my community; together we will improve our home.

"Regardless of your political

views, I'm your councillor and I've signed up to help you.

"Let's push forward together to make our home a better and safer place for everyone. I'm especially glad as this is my home, and it's great to have seen such a welcoming reception to my candidacy."

Mr Mills: "Thank you to everyone who voted for me and Mac and I am really pleased to be representing you all on Filton Town Council.

"I am looking forward to helping make the community a better and safe place to live for everyone and to help improve the issues raised during our canvassing campaign.

"Also, we would like to thank Brian Mead, branch chair, for running our campaign in conjunction with Abi from FABS [Filton and Bradley Stoke]."

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Emergency card gives peace of mind to carers

Unpaid carers across the region are being encouraged to apply for a free Carers Emergency Card — a scheme designed to protect vulnerable people if the person looking after them is suddenly taken ill or injured.

The card works by alerting a 24-hour emergency call centre, which can then arrange support for anyone who depends on the carer's help.

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The scheme is open to anyone caring for a family member or friend who couldn't manage independently, and there is no charge to apply.

For more information, visit www.carersbsg.org.uk/CEC or call CarersLine on 0117 965 2200.

Cllr quits Labour as it 'no longer serves area'

By Lucy Frost

Councillor Dan Harris has left the Labour party after saying that "it no longer serves the interests of local people" and "a slow fuse was lit".

Cllr Harris, right, posted to the Filton News and Views Facebook group on March 22, explaining that he will continue to serve Filton, but as an independent.

In the post, which has since been deleted, Cllr Harris also commented:

"Your [South] Glos Councillors do not represent you."

In response, South Gloucestershire councillors Alex Doyle and Adam Monk, who both represent Filton, said they were disappointed by Cllr Harris' remarks.

They said: "It is disappointing to hear Dan feels like this. Dan never raised these concerns with Alex or I at any time.

"If Dan would like to provide us with detail on how he feels we can improve he is welcome to attend one of our weekly

surgeries held in Filton Library every Saturday from 10am to 11am or email us."

Cllr Harris explained that his departure was partially due to what the Labour party is doing nationally, but disagreement with some local councillors also contributed to his decision.

He said: "There are certain councillors who genuinely care, and there are certain councillors there to push an agenda."

Hoping to contest in the 2027 election as an independent, Cllr Harris said that without a national picture to focus on, "it's Filton and Filton only".

Despite his recent departure, Cllr Harris reflects on his time with Labour positively.

He said: "There's no real animosity between me and the Labour party as such.

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Action on tackling South Gloucestershire fly-tipping 'kicked into the long grass'



by BBC LDRS team for Filtonvoice

Action on tackling fly-tipping in South Gloucestershire has been "kicked into the long grass" according to Conservative councillors.

Several measures that would reduce fly-tipping in the district were considered and could be adopted, if money to pay for them is found in future.

Leading councillors at South Gloucestershire Council hit back and said the district had a relatively low rate of fly-tipping, compared to other parts of the country. And an extensive communications campaign is planned, to advise local residents on what they can do to help.

The row was sparked after a long-running effort to look into the root causes of fly-tipping, and what the council could do to tackle the problem. The scrutiny committee produced a series of actions, which were endorsed by the cabinet on Monday, May 11.

Councillor Liz Brennan, leader of the Conservative group, said: "Why is the focus on telling residents to behave better, using existing budgets, while real enforcement against rogue waste carriers and organised waste crime is pushed into the long grass and dependent on funding that may never arrive? There aren't any real, tangible outcomes."

Last July councillors voted to approve a motion, as all the political parties agreed the problem needed action. This included writing to the government to ask them to change the law, as the income from fines gets sent to Westminster rather than stay in South Gloucestershire. If the council kept that income, the money could be used to ramp up taking action even further.

Labour Councillor Sean Rhodes, cabinet member for communities and local place, said: "There will be another round of budget resource

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applications soon. Bring them forward then. I will certainly be speaking to officers about the items in here that we don't have the resources for at the moment, to see which ones we can potentially find a way of budgeting for in future years."

In the shorter term, discounts will be given to low-income households for bulky waste collections from the council. And more flexible options will be on offer for students leaving their digs at the end of term, as this tends to be a hotspot for fly-tipping with old bulky items left out on the street.

Cllr Rhodes added: "Because of the transitory nature of student life, keeping that consistent message of how to deal with particularly bulky items at the end of their time in accommodation, is a really hard message to get across. So having additional resource to address that is really valuable. And we are planning to launch a much broader communications campaign.

"You will be prosecuted if we

can find any evidence of where this fly-tipping has originated from.

"We will go through the process of prosecution, and not many other authorities do this.

"That's why I think we have such a good record on fly-tipping in South Gloucestershire."

Potential measures which don't have any funding at the moment include buying more CCTV cameras to catch people fly-tipping and hiring more enforcement officers to tackle the issue.

These could be funded from the next financial year, beginning in April 2027. In the meantime, the council is encouraging residents to quickly check online if waste carriers have a licence.

Other potential measures include delivering an educational package for schools, and improving online reporting for fly-tipping as the current system is "outdated, slow and frustrating". Meanwhile, subsidising waste disposals for small businesses has been ruled out as too challenging.

Lanes can be a magnet for fly tippers

Filton has long suffered issues related to fly tipping.

The large number of residential streets with accessible back lanes has meant that some areas have been badly affected in recent years.

Residents in streets backing on to one back lane which was a magnet for fly tippers and other anti-social behaviour campaigned to have gates installed last year.

The lane behind in Charles Road, Filton Avenue and Hunters Way had been targeted by fly tippers in the past and in one case, rubbish and five fridge freezers from a rental home were dumped in the lane..

In 2024, three students living in Filton were handed 12 months conditional discharges each and ordered to pay a total of £332 in fines and costs after South Gloucestershire Council prosecuted them following the discovery of fly-tipped waste.

The court heard that a fly-tip was discovered on a public pavement at Station Road, Filton, which consisted of numerous black bags full of household waste.

Among the rubbish was correspondence addressed to several individuals residing at Filton Avenue, in a house only several hundred yards away. Enquiries were made to the landlord, who provided contact details of three students that were residing at the address at the time of the offence.

All three were invited to attend voluntary interviews at South Gloucestershire Council's offices in Yate, where they admitted dumping six bin liners of household waste and that their actions amounted to fly-tipping.

Residents who see illegal fly-tipping are encouraged to report it by contacting the council's StreetCare helpdesk on 01454 868000, emailing streetcare@southglos.gov.uk or visiting www.southglos.gov.uk/flytipping

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News

Brabazon to reverse years of travel neglect

By Alex Seabrook, LDRS reporter

The new town being developed near Filton must be a “new start on 50 years of neglect” of transport problems according to a leading councillor.

Thousands of homes are planned in the area with details of a major regeneration project

expected this summer, with huge changes coming soon.

Recently the government decided to designate Brabazon and the West Innovation Arc as one of seven new towns across the country. This stretches from the old Filton Airfield, where thousands of homes and an

indoor arena are being built, down the ring road to the Bristol and Bath Science Park.

Land around the University of the West of England and the Ministry of Defence is also included.

Leading councillors at South Gloucestershire Council said the

designation should bring an end to the area’s terrible congestion, during a cabinet meeting on Monday, May 11.

Liberal Democrat Councillor Chris Willmore, cabinet member for planning, regeneration and infrastructure, said: “If you’ve ever been in the North Fringe in rush hour, you don’t need to be told it’s a traffic challenge. That’s the polite use of the word ‘challenge’.

“That’s because generations of new housing and economic growth have taken place without investing properly in infrastructure. And that has to stop now. It has to be a completely new start, in which we turn the tide on 50 years of neglect of the traffic and transport issues in the North Fringe.”

In theory building thousands of new homes next to large employment centres could lead to more people walking, cycling or getting public transport to work, rather than relying on the car for the daily commute. This could ease congestion, pollution and the region’s contribution to climate change. And investment in public transport is already paying off, with buses and trains.

She added: “We’ve been getting buses back. Compared to when we were elected in 2023, we’ve got more buses going to more places, and we’re going to keep pushing. We’re getting train stations reopened: one new one at Brabazon, and two old ones getting reopened.

“We’ve been investing in safer walking, cycling and wheeling, because every person who has the choice of being able to do that, and chooses to cycle rather than driving, is one more car off the road and less congestion. But at the end of the day we need a radical solution, something much more than the sum of those parts, if we’re actually going to solve the problem.”

The new town initiative could offer a solution, with extra funding and powers to construct buildings and infrastructure more quickly. As well as resolving transport problems, council leaders hope the designation of a new town will create better paid jobs, “end the HMO nightmare” by building more student flats, and lead to much more affordable housing too.



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News

Fresh consultation on rat-run launched

By Lucy Frost

A long-running debate into the effectiveness of the part-time no entry restriction on Kenmore Drive has resurfaced as South Gloucestershire Council confirms it has removed the current restriction and started a new consultation from May 1.

The previous restriction banned entry Monday to Friday from 3.45pm to 5.30pm to prevent the road from being used as a rush hour cut-through.

However, residents have questioned the effectiveness of the system and if it had been working as intended.

Last year, a resident told the Filtonvoice that “dozens of vehicles” continued to use the road during the restricted hours. He questioned whether the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera was functioning correctly and whether the fines were being issued.

South Gloucestershire Council

has since confirmed that the prior restriction will be removed in order to effectively collect evidence, data and feedback before potentially consulting on a future restriction.

A spokesperson said: “To help quantify the true scale of the problem and gain the right evidence to reach the best solution, the existing restriction will be removed to allow data collection in an unrestricted scenario.

“We hope to implement a modified, widely acceptable solution as soon as possible and thank you in advance for your comments and patience.”

A formal public consultation opened on 1 May and runs until June 5.

Residents are encouraged to share their views on the matter by completing an online questionnaire at: www.southglos.gov.uk/consultation, or by requesting a paper copy by calling 01454 864789.



Kenmore Drive which has previously had restrictions in place to prevent rat running

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Work begins to conserve rare cargo plane

Aerospace Bristol has begun its boldest project yet — conserving the only Bristol Freighter aircraft left on the continent.

The museum officially launched the project on May 21, with work already underway to carefully conserve and reassemble its Bristol Freighter T170.

The programme will run over several years and will be open for the public to watch as it happens — both at the museum and online.

The freighter was designed and built in Bristol in the late 1940s and early 1950s by the Bristol Aeroplane Company.

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aircraft — serial number NZ5911 — is the only one still in Europe. It served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force from 1955, flying missions across Southeast Asia during the Cold War and the Vietnam War era.

It was brought back to Bristol in 2018 after volunteers led a

major international recovery effort to retrieve it from storage in New Zealand.

The aircraft will be moved out of its current hangar and reassembled outdoors, as once the wings are reattached, it will be too large to fit inside. Final conservation work will

include corrosion removal and weatherproofing.

Kate Rambridge, interpretation lead at Aerospace Bristol, said: "This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to conserve and share the story of an extraordinary aircraft. The Bristol Freighter connects Bristol's world-leading aviation heritage with global histories of innovation, conflict and travel."

Sally Cordwell chief executive at Aerospace Bristol, said: "This project represents everything Aerospace Bristol stands for. It's about preserving our history, celebrating the contribution and stories of the people behind Bristol's aviation legacy and inspiring future generations".

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Band gears up for jam-packed summer

Filton Concert Brass has an exciting season ahead, with a string of contests, festivals and a landmark theatrical production on the horizon.

The band recently competed at the Welsh Open Entertainment Championship in Newport, where their programme Concorde at 50: A Supersonic Story earned fourth place, securing them an invitation to perform as part of the prestigious Senior Trophy at Birmingham's Symphony Hall for the Spring Festival, where they played Une Vie De Matelot.

Closer to home, the band appeared at the inaugural GBBA Music Festival in Lydney on May 17, where they performed their Concorde at 50 programme.

The headline event of the year, however, is a full stage production of Brassed Off — the beloved 1996 British film starring Pete Postlethwaite and Ewan McGregor — running from Wednesday July 1 to 11.

Developed in partnership with the Bristol performing arts company The Kelvin Players, the production has been in the making for more than a year. The film, now 30 years old, follows a Yorkshire colliery band as they fight to reach the national finals, with their pit



facing closure. Tickets are available through TicketSource (tinyurl.com/brassed-off).

After a short August break, the band returns for autumn concerts in Trowbridge and Torquay, plus the Wychavon entertainment contest in Evesham.

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Father Rod hangs up his robe at St Peter's



Father Rod with the Bishop of Bristol, Rt Reverend Vivienne Faulx when he was installed as priest in charge at St Peter's in 2025

By Shane Gibson

Reverend Roderick Cosh will be much missed after holding his last service at St Peter's Church.

Although having only been installed a year earlier as an interim minister, Father Rod has left an imprint on the church community, and he will not quickly be forgotten.

Speaking with Father Rod about his time at St Peter's, he said he had wanted to help the church re-engage with the community: "I believe that faith can be life-changing, I believe that the church can offer community. And I want the congregation to be more impactful in the community.

"To achieve those goals, we have made plans to expand the coffee shop and have a carers and toddlers' group one day a week. We would also like to host a dementia café."

Father Rod also believes that

St Peter's is in a prime position to add substantial student numbers to the congregation, saying: "Being away from home for the first time is great but can be lonely and isolating.

"As a church, we can be a place of safety, worship and community that can support students not just as a place of refuge but to offer and establish opportunities for outreach work in the community.

"But engagement is vital. The more engagement we have, the more we can achieve."

Father Rod said that the church should also offer ministry to larger local companies such as Airbus. He added: "Lockdown profoundly affected this area.

"Prior to the lockdown, St Peter's did minister to people from the larger companies in the area. The Church of England made a fundamental mistake closing its churches.

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“It was frustrating for a number of priests, and it looked as if the church did not care. I do not feel that we have fully recovered from the damage done.”

St Peter’s administrator Faith Tutton and the Parish Church Council shared their memories of Father Rod’s time in the church.

Ms Tutton said: “Father Rod and his ever-supportive wife Pam have been a much-loved part of our church family for some 12 or 13 years now. When our previous incumbent left, Father Rod, along with another retired priest from our congregation, Father Allan, stepped up to preside at our services.”

Ms Tutton outlined Father Rod’s role as interim minister: “He was to walk alongside the people of St Peter’s and help them prepare for the coming of a new incumbent.”

Giving a few examples of what Father Rod achieved, Ms Tutton said: “Rod set up a very popular Christmas tree festival and invited

members of the community to provide pre-decorated Christmas trees which would be set up in the church enabling people to come and see them and to use the church for private prayer at the same time.

“Rod also re-forged links with the Guides and Brownies and invited them to perform the Grumpy Innkeeper at our new crib service on Christmas Eve, which was very well attended. And he brought our Lent and Advent groups back and led a series of Bible study groups.”

Members of the Parish Church Council spoke highly of Father Rod, saying he “always showed great compassion for the sick and elderly” and was “always very, very approachable”. Another said “he was great at winding people up, but ultimately, he was just fabulous to be around and greatly loved and, we miss him.”

St Peter’s is now looking for their next permanent priest. But one thing is for sure — Father Rod will be a hard act to follow.



Father Rod and wife Pam will be much missed by the St Peter’s congregation

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Strong turnout for Filton partnership meeting sparks lively debate and new ideas

A successful Business Partnership Meeting in Filton this week brought together representatives from local organisations, emergency services, businesses and community groups for an afternoon of discussion, networking and collaboration.

Held at Filton Hill Primary School on Wednesday 20 May, the event - organised by Filton Town Council - formed part of a new series of quarterly meetings designed to strengthen links across the town and build a more connected and resilient community.

Attendees enjoyed an informal networking session over refreshments before formal proceedings began, with Head Teacher Kelly Dicks welcoming the group and setting a positive tone for the afternoon.

The meeting saw a strong turnout from across key sectors, reflecting growing interest in partnership working across Filton. Participants described the session as both constructive and engaging, with a lively and open debate around current challenges and opportunities facing the area.

Council Clerk Simon Davies provided an update on Filton Town Council's priorities, including progress on the town's ambitious bid to become a UK Town of Culture.

He highlighted the importance of partnership working in delivering the bid and ensuring the benefits are felt across the whole community.

Attendees also heard about the Wessex Water "Watermark" initiative, which encourages towns to work collaboratively towards improved environmental stewardship, community engagement and sustainability.

The introduction to the scheme highlighted how Filton might develop its own approach.

FACE (Filton and Community Engagement) provided an introduction to their work supporting the local community, highlighting the importance of strong partnerships in addressing local challenges. They outlined how their initiatives connect individuals, organisations and services, helping to strengthen community resilience and improve outcomes for residents. Their contribution reinforced the central theme of the meeting - that meaningful collaboration across sectors is key to creating a safer, more inclusive and better-connected Filton.

The meeting reinforced the value of bringing together voices from different sectors, with discussion ranging from community safety and business growth to environmental priorities and the need for stronger local networks.

Organisers confirmed that Business Partnership Meetings are set to take place quarterly in different locations across Filton.

The aim is to ensure wider participation and to continue building relationships that support the town's long-term development.

Attendees left with a shared sense of momentum and a commitment to continued collaboration, with many expressing enthusiasm for future meetings.



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Filton planning applications in May

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35 Sixth Avenue Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation.

37 Dunkeld Avenue Erection of hip to gable roof extension and installation of 1 no. rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion.

Unit 3b, Abbey Wood Retail Park Variation of condition 2 (permitted uses) attached to planning consent P95/0056/38 - Demolition of existing food store and erection of six retail warehouse units (Class A1 of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 and petrol filling station. Construction of new vehicular access and associated car park.

11 Bude Road Demolition of existing single storey extension and garage. Erection of single storey rear/side extension to form

additional living accommodation.

19 Clyde Grove The erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4.50m, for which the maximum height would be 3.60m, and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.60m.

The Mews, Bevan

Court Change of use from a 3-bedroom dwellinghouse (Class C3) to a 3 bed House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) for up to 5no. people (Class C4) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (use class order) 1987.

Water testing laboratory at

Brabazon Erection of four storey Water Testing Laboratory building with parking, landscaping and associated works. Approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout

and scale to be determined (to be read in conjunction with Outline permission P22/02113/O)

83 Kenmore Crescent

Replacement of existing rear decking. Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation.

Decisions

36 Braemar Avenue Replacement of existing raised rear decking. **Approve with conditions**

496 Filton Avenue

Continued use as a Small House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) (Class C4). **Approve Certificate of Lawfulness**

116 Station Road Conversion of existing outbuilding into 1 no. bedroom annexe ancillary to the host dwelling (116 Station Road) and change of use of the existing small dwellinghouse in multiple occupation for 3-6 people (Class C4) to a large house in multiple occupation, for up to 7 people (Sui generis) with other associated works. **Refusal**

35 Sixth Avenue Erection of single storey rear extension. **Refuse Certificate of Lawfulness**

17 Clyde Grove Erection of a single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. **Approve with Conditions**

91 Kenmore Crescent Erection of hip to gable roof extension and installation of 1no. rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion. **Approve Certificate of Lawfulness**

91 Kenmore Crescent Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. Installation of raised terrace with glass balustrade and privacy screen. **Approve with Conditions**

Land at 39 Bude Road Erection of 1no. dwellinghouse with parking and associated works (resubmission of P25/02315/F) **Refusal**

125 Gloucester Road

North Subdivision of 1 no. HMO into 2no. flats (Class C3) with associated works. **Approve with Conditions**

Brabazon at the former Filton

Airfield Hybrid temporary planning application including full planning for the provision of office accommodation and 20no Boxworks Units with associated car parking and ancillary structures. Outline planning for new sales and marketing suite and food and beverage outlets (access to be determined with all other matters reserved). **Approve with Conditions**

42 Mayville Avenue

Erection of a single storey rear/side extension to facilitate the enlargement of existing 10no bed HMO (Sui Generis) to a 11 no bed (11 person) large house in multiple occupation (Sui Generis). Erection of a rear annexe building, bin storage and cycle parking. **Approve with Conditions**

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Filton Foxes hosting speedway event at Elm Park Multi-Use Surface Track (MUST)

Filton Foxes held a members veteran speedway session at the Elm Park Multi-Use Surface Track (MUST) last month. The community-focused, volunteer-run club regularly hosts training sessions and events at Elm Park, which are open to all ages and abilities.

World Cup banners

In anticipation of the World Cup, Filton Town Council will be decorating Elm Park Leisure Centre with flag banners. The Council also hopes to introduce a flag activity for visitors to take part in, with potential to win prizes.

Friday Mixer

Filton Town Council are welcoming new ideas and potential vendors to join Friday Mixer, a weekly community event running through late Spring and Summer. The council are hopeful to grow last summer's 'Friday Drinks' event by expanding the concept and introducing new activities. The 2026 dates will be confirmed shortly.

Vegetable growing contests

Filton Town Council's first seasonal growing contest took place on Saturday 23 May, giving allotment holders the chance to showcase their fruits, vegetables and flowers and celebrate the results of their hard work.

The event marks the start of a new programme of seasonal contests, with further competitions planned for the summer, autumn and winter. It is hoped that these regular events will build momentum over time and encourage even more participants from across Filton's allotment sites.

Entries were judged against a range of criteria, including size, condition, growing technique and overall presentation. The

standard of produce on display reflected the dedication and skill of local growers, with a variety of impressive entries highlighting the benefits of careful cultivation and sustainable gardening practices.

The winner of the Vegetable Category was Geoff, representing The Sidings Allotments, who also achieved Overall Contest Champion. His entry of radishes, confirmed to have been grown organically on his plot, was particularly impressive, with judges noting the quality, uniformity and overall display.

As the first initiative of its kind in Filton focused specifically on allotment holders, the contest represents an important step in strengthening community connections. In addition to recognising individual achievements, the events aim to promote the wider benefits of growing, from supporting wellbeing and outdoor activity to encouraging environmentally friendly approaches to food production.

The contests are designed to be inclusive and welcoming, providing a space where both experienced growers and those newer to allotment gardening can come together, share ideas and celebrate success.

We hope that the series will continue to grow throughout the year, fostering pride in local allotments and inspiring more residents to get involved.



Clear-up at SHE7

Filton Town Council's Assets and Open Spaces Committee supported a garden clear-up at SHE7, helping to tidy the site and prepare it for ongoing community use.

SHE7, a dedicated community group that has supported residents over 50 for decades, looks forward to making full use of the refreshed garden. We reported this last month and here are some photos, below.



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Meeting dates

June

- **Planning & Climate Committee**
Tuesday, 2nd June at 7PM
 - **Finance & Scrutiny Committee**
Tuesday, 9th June at 7PM
 - **Assets & Open Spaces Committee**
Tuesday, 16th June at 7PM
 - **Planning & Climate Committee**
Tuesday, 23rd June at 7PM
 - **Full council**
Tuesday, 30th June at 7PM
- All meetings held at council offices, Elm Park

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Library news

A novel way to spend the school holidays



Children are being encouraged to join their local library's free reading challenge this summer, Read to the Beat.

Every child aged four and above is invited to take part by reading any books and enjoying fun activities to collect stickers and rewards including a medal

and certificate.

Children can join the challenge and pick up their free activity bag at any library across South Gloucestershire during staffed hours from Saturday, July 4 to Saturday, September 12.

Parents and carers with children involved in previous

challenges said: "I am a foster carer to the two boys, so it was lovely to widen the range of books available to them.

"Also, it was great to see their motivation and sense of achievement at completing the challenge."

Another commented: "I

love that the reading challenge happens each year. My child struggles with English and reading so this is brilliant for him and keeps him off his tech. It's a great skill to have."

A parent of a child with dyslexia said: "My 10 year old – dyslexic – not a keen reader, has loved the dyslexia section and has really enjoyed the books she's chosen and has been really keen to come back to the dedicated section to choose another book."

Besides reading, children love taking part in the free holiday activities, such as West African drumming workshops with Batch Gueye, crafts, junk modelling workshops and Lego challenges.

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music Group UK.

Find out more at www.southglos.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge or follow South Glos Libraries on Facebook www.facebook.com/sgloslibraries for the latest updates.

News from our MP Claire Hazelgrove

Improving services, backing jobs and listening locally

Last month, my team and I worked on 441 new cases. I held my regular advice surgery in Winterbourne, knocked on doors to listen in Filton, and held this month's 'Coffee with Claire' on shaping proposals for Brabazon's potential 'New Town' status.

Stretching from Brabazon to the Bristol and Bath Science Park, ours is one of only seven areas in the country shortlisted for this official status by the government.

Alongside new homes, this could boost vital infrastructure, local services and jobs.

We have completed our first legislative session in Parliament since I was elected – each parliamentary term is made up of a number of these, where we work to deliver the Bills set out in the King's Speech.

On our behalf, I've helped shape and pass key laws, including to lift 1,360 local children out of poverty, boost workplace rights including paternity and bereavement leave,



and to help clean up our rivers, lakes and seas.

I welcomed Defence Minister Luke Pollard MP back to Rolls-Royce Filton to open the new 3D printing facility for aircraft engine components.

In further welcome news, Boeing Defence UK won an £879 million contract to keep key British Army and RAF helicopters mission ready – supporting around 700

skilled jobs, including locally. This is part of the Labour government's record £270 billion defence investment over this parliament.

I believe it's right that the PM stood up to pressure – including from other parties and President Trump – and kept Britain out of the US war with Iran.

This war has impacted the cost of living, so I fully support our Labour government acting, including cutting energy bills by an average £117. There's more work to do, and I'll continue to push for this.

The Renters' Rights Act has also come into force, meaning 8,596 renters locally will benefit from greater security, including protection from unfair eviction, and the right to request having a pet.

As part of our government's improvements to SEND support, South Gloucestershire Council will receive £2,063,141 to launch a new 'Experts at Hand' service – giving families faster access to specialists without long waits. I know how

difficult this has too often been.

Following my successful campaign for Patchway to have one of the Labour government's very first Best Start Family Hubs in the country – helping rebuild Sure Start-style services – I was glad to visit the team at Patchway Children's Centre, now running these services.

I was also pleased to see Hambrook Junction reopen after seven years, now air quality meets legally safe limits, having worked with the council and government to help get the information needed to help this happen now.

Thank you to everyone involved in spring community events. I always enjoy Winterbourne Down's Village Carnival, and seeing traditions like Maypole dancing (which I did at school too) passed down the generations, all in support of the fantastic Great Western Air Ambulance Charity.

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
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Advertorial

The Bristol communities proving



Friends Nobby and Jim have always enjoyed making and mending

Every community project starts somewhere. With a conversation. A cup of tea. A few people asking, "What if we tried this?" Or simply noticing what people around them need.

The National Lottery Community Fund is celebrating those starts – the moments when people come together and decide to act. Because even small actions can grow into something that really makes a difference.

Across Bristol, communities are already taking environmental action in their own ways, in their own places. Not waiting for permission. Just getting on with it. Along the way, people are finding benefits they didn't expect – saving money, building skills, feeling more connected, and finding joy in the places they call home.

For Nobby and Jim, it started with fixing things

These days, many of us have replaced repairing household items with throwing them away and buying new ones. But for friends Nobby and Jim, that never felt right.

Nobby always enjoyed making and mending. His shed at home became a place to tinker, repair household items and work with his hands. When he retired, he began wondering how those skills could be shared with others. Jim

felt the same. Between them, they had time, experience and a belief that practical knowledge should not be lost.

So, they asked a simple question: what if we fixed things together instead?

Their answer was Ambition Lawrence Weston's Men in Sheds – a community project where people of all ages can learn practical skills, repair everyday items and spend time together. It is about more than fixing things. It's about reducing waste, sharing skills, and creating a place where people feel welcome and useful.

At first they lacked the equipment and space to open it up to others. Funding helped change that. With the right tools and machinery, Men in Sheds became a welcoming place where people could learn, repair and connect.

It is not a typical environment project – but it's a powerful one. By repairing instead of replacing, they are reducing waste and helping the planet. By doing it together, they are also supporting wellbeing and tackling loneliness.

And yes, there's plenty of tea along the way.

For Nirmal, it started with feeding people

Sometimes environmental action looks like repairing old tools in a workshop. Sometimes it looks like a hot meal shared after school.

At Felix Road Adventure Playground at Eastside Community Trust, environmental action happens alongside the sound of children laughing, footballs thudding against fences, and bikes rattling across the playground.

But this is more than swings and climbing



Nirmal helps families access nourishing food

Advertorial

green action starts close to home

frames. Six days a week, children can turn up, no questions asked, and receive a hot meal. For some, it's a treat at the end of the day. For others, it's something they rely on. Either way, everyone is welcome.

For almost 15 years, Nirmal has been at the heart of this space, helping families access nourishing food, learn where it comes from and feel at home.

She first came to Felix Road through community workshops focused on saving money and reducing energy use at home. Later, she became involved in the community garden, where volunteers and children grew vegetables like cabbages, pumpkins, potatoes and tomatoes.

For many children, it was the first time they had seen how food grows or tried new vegetables. Meals became a chance to learn as well as eat. Together, they picked the vegetables, washed them and talked about how they would cook them.

Drawing on more than 20 years of experience managing a local takeaway, Nirmal saw another opportunity. She suggested using the vegetables grown on site to cook meals for the community – celebrating different cultures, flavours and recipes around the table.

With support from the National Lottery Community Fund, that idea became a paid role. Nirmal became the kitchen coordinator, helping

make hot meals a natural and welcoming part of open-access play sessions rather than something separate from the day.

For Jen, it started with a need for support

Often, community environmental action starts with people finding support for themselves.

After becoming newly single while raising three children, Jen was searching for stability, routine and connection. She found all three at the Heart of BS13 farm in south Bristol.

Heart of BS13 is a community-run flower and food farm that brings people together to grow, learn and act on climate and health. Helping in the community garden gave Jen fresh air, routine and a place where people looked out for one another. She learned new skills, built friendships and felt her wellbeing improve.

With support from The National Lottery Community Fund, Jen's volunteering grew into paid work and she became Heart of BS13's Closed Loop Compost Coordinator – their resident "compost expert".

She now collects food waste using BS13's e-Carbon trike, a familiar sight around the neighbourhood. Working with over 60

households, she helps people separate food waste from general rubbish and collects compost from local schools and businesses. The compost created at the farm even outperforms many shop-bought soils.

"Our composting project has given lots of people the opportunity to learn about climate action and how they can be involved," Jen says. "On the flower farm we give people the chance to learn new skills, get their hands dirty, feel good about themselves and make a difference. To just be together and tackle that loneliness."

Jen also works with local schools, sharing her knowledge and encouraging young people to get involved. By doing practical work together, people are feeling less lonely and more confident while doing good for the planet. Often, it starts with a conversation, a shovel or a cuppa.

These projects are part of the wider Community Climate & Nature Action Project, coordinated by Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership and supported by the Climate Action Fund (CAF), through The National Lottery Community Fund. CAF supports communities across the UK to act on climate change and involve more people in environmental action.

Find out more at tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/it-started



Jen found stability, routine and connection at Heart of BS13

News

Eyes down! Charity starts monthly bingo



FOUNDATION FOR ACTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Residents looking for a fun and friendly way to spend an afternoon while meeting new people can enjoy a new monthly community bingo in Filton, launched by charity FACE. Starting on May 29, FACE will

be hosting the bingo sessions on the last Friday of every month, from 1pm to 3pm at the youth centre in Elm Park.

Matt, pictured right, will be the friendly bingo caller for the afternoon.

Entry is just £4 and while there are no cash prizes, there will be a selection of prizes and goodies to win each month.

FACE thanks Starbucks (Shield Retail Centre) and Asda (Filton Retail Park) for the generous donations it has received to help getting started.

Whether a seasoned bingo player or new to the game, you'll find a warm welcome and help is on hand for those that need it.

Refreshments will be available during the afternoon, giving everyone a chance to chat and enjoy a friendly community atmosphere.

So why not come along, bring a friend, and join the fun?

FACE looks forward to welcoming you for an enjoyable afternoon of bingo. Prizes and good company. If you wish to find out more please contact FACE on 0117 969 1938.



Matt will be the friendly bingo caller at FACE's new monthly bingo sessions at the youth centre in Elm Park

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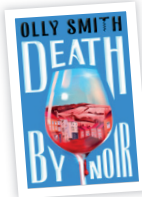
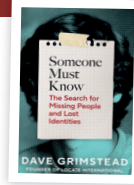
Land by Maggie O'Farrell
(June 2nd)

Inspired by the mapping of Ireland in the mid 19th Century, *Land*, the new novel from the author of *Hamnet*, is at once intimate and epic: a portrait of a family navigating a legacy of upheaval and loss with love and hope.



Someone Must Know by Dave Grimstead (June 11th)

Dave Grimstead, a retired detective inspector, has built Locate International - a remarkable and eclectic team of passionate volunteers, oceanographers and genealogists, forensic linguists and vintage clothes experts, students and retirees - all united by a desire to restore to the missing their names, faces and humanity. And to do that, they must follow the clues wherever they lead.



Death by Noir by Olly Smith
(June 18th)

From the pen of wine expert Olly Smith, this enchanting tale sees Barclay Flint as the eccentric proprietor of The Bottle Bank wine shop in Lewes, the small Sussex town renowned for its annual Bonfire Night festival.

Yet when his friend, struggling regenerative vineyard owner Victor Crawshaw, goes missing, Barclay falls under suspicion and must deploy his wine detection skills to crack the case and clear his name.

Someone Must Know explores the reality of what it means to search for those who are lost.

Strike by Mitch Johnson (June 4th)

Owen is closer than ever to achieving his dream: becoming a professional footballer. All he has to do is stay focused. No distractions. Just football.



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Election of Town Councillors for

Filton Town Council, Conygre Ward on Thursday 14 May 2026

I, John McCormack, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ELMORSSY, Mckenzie Luke Nassar	Labour Party	399 (E)
LEE, Christopher John	Reform UK	273
MILLS, Andrew	Labour Party	402 (E)
NARAYANASETTY, Sitha Rama Raju	Reform UK	248

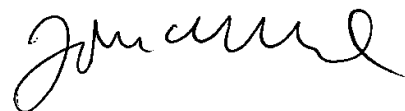
* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	8
E rejected in part	0
Total	8

Vacant Seats: 2 Electorate: 2627

Ballot Papers Issued: 690 Turnout: 26.27%

And I do hereby declare that MILLS, ANDREW and ELMORSSY, MCKENZIE LUKE NASSAR are duly elected.



Dated Thursday 14 May 2026

John McCormack
Returning Officer

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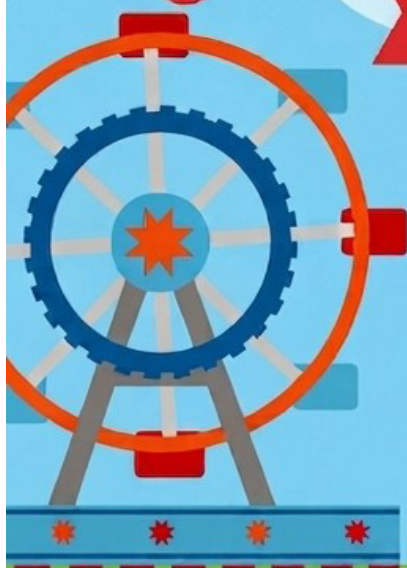
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St Peter's Church

Sunday 31 May 8.30am and 10am Eucharist to celebrate Trinity Sunday

Sunday 7 June 10am Eucharist to celebrate the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

Sunday 14 June 8.30 and 10am Eucharist

Sunday 21 June 8.30am and 10am Eucharist

Sunday 28 June 8.30am and 10am Eucharist to celebrate St Peter's Day

Midweek Said Eucharists are on Wednesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 11am.

Do be sure to check Facebook to see if there has been a change to regular services while we are in vacancy.

Save the date: St Peter's Summer Fayre will be from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, 27th June. Come and join in the fun!

Community Coffee Shop

Our friendly community coffee shop is open **Mondays to Thursdays** from 10am to 1pm and all are welcome.

We have a selection of delicious homemade cakes and hot drinks available, all served by our friendly group of volunteers and we are also a designated warm space.

Please note, the Coffee Shop is currently closed on Fridays, and at the weekend.

Social and Church Groups

Our **Mothers' Union** meets on **2nd Thursday** at 2pm in the Coffee Shop. Full details on the website.

Brabazon Belles (a social group for women) meet on the **first Monday** of the month at 7pm in the church hall.

Our **Open House** group meets every **Tuesday** in the church hall from 9.30 - 11am for tea, toast, and companionship.

Our **friendly choir** meets for rehearsals every **Friday** at 7pm in the church.

Time to Grieve. Grieving the loss of a loved one? Time to Grieve offers you a space to talk about your loved one with a retired bereavement counsellor and to meet others in a similar situation. 10.30

OVER 30s DANCE PARTY at the superb BAWA Club, Filton

on the FIRST Friday of every MONTH (NO dance in August or January) It's the ideal night out for the 30-60 age range.

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- 11am on the **first Wednesday** of every month in the Coffee Shop.

You can find more information at www.stpeterschurchfilton.com

St Andrew's Methodist Church

Regular services

Sundays

Morning Service 10.30 am. Little Lights: For children whose parents/carers are attending worship.

All age worship usually 2nd Sunday of the month.

Tuesdays Wesley Guild — meets alternate Tuesdays at 2.15pm. All welcome. June meetings are 9 & 23 June

Thursdays

Rainbows (term-time) 5.15pm

Sip 'n' Chat Coffee morning: 10am-12 noon. 2nd Thursday of every month. Enjoy a cuppa, a cake and a chat - all welcome.

Fridays

St Andrews Baby and Toddler Group, term-time, 10.00 am - 11.45 am, £2 per family, includes refreshments. Play, crafts, chat, and singing time.

Messy Church

Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month, 3.30-5.15pm. June meeting is 13 June.

Crafts, fun and food for all the family. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. This event is free.

Hire of Church: Outside groups also regularly hire our newly refurbished multi-use church. For bookings email: standrewsfilton@gmail.com. For all other enquiries, please visit our website, standrewsfilton.org.uk

FACE

Mondays

9:30 - 10:30 am The Original Spinners yoga session £3.00 per session

This class is for everyone, regardless of experience or flexibility. We adapt the session to include everyone.

Wear comfortable clothing that won't restrict your movement and bring a blanket too.

12.30-1.30pm Tai Chi, £4 entry

7-9pm The Hangout youth club for young people aged 13-25, with social or learning disabilities, £2 entry

Tuesdays

10am-12pm Coffee Club (tea & coffee morning forever 60s), donations welcomed

Filton Juniors

3.30pm - 5pm Yr 6 + 7 £2 entry


5.30pm-6.30pm Yr 3, 4 + 5 £2 entry

Wednesdays

10am - 12noon Citizens Advice drop in session Free entry

Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire

Tom's Slimming World group will be held at Greenway Centre, Southmead, BS10 5PY every Tuesday at 5:30pm & 7:00pm from Tuesday 11th June 2024. For more information or to join Tom's group call him on 07920779270.



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face-to-face advice session. No appointment needed. Funded by Filton Town Council

7-9pm Outbreak youth club for School Years 7-13, £2 entry

Thursdays

10am-12noon Tech & Talk - IT or mobile phone support and more, whilst enjoying a cuppa and a natter, £3 entry

1.30-2.30pm Low Impact Fitness session, £3 entry

7-9pm Illuminators social club for adults aged 20+ with social or learning disabilities, £2 entry

Fridays

10am-12pm "Coffee & Chat" coffee morning for anyone who would like to come for refreshments, conversations and join in crafts and games together. Donations welcomed.

6-8pm, monthly Social Club for 8-13s with social or learning disabilities, **3rd Friday of each month.**

New Prize Bingo Session - Fun For All Ages

Looking for a fun, friendly way to spend your time while supporting a great cause? Whether you're a seasoned bingo pro or trying it for the first time, everyone is welcome - bring your friends, family or come along and meet new people!

Prizes to be won. Join us on the last Friday of the month 1pm-3pm at FACE, Youth Centre. First bingo session **Friday 29th May** 1.00-3.00pm. £4 entry

Contact: **FACE, Youth Centre, Elm Park, Filton, BS34 7PS. 0117 9691938 / info@facecharity.org.uk**

Girl Guiding

Rainbows - age 4 - 7 years - **Tuesday 16:45-17:45 & Thursday 17:15 - 18:15**

Brownies - age 7 - 10 years - **Tuesday 17:45-19:15**

Guides - age 10 - 14 years - **Tuesday 19:30 - 21:00**

Rangers - age 14 - 18 years - **Tuesday 19:30 - 21:00**

To register your daughter, go to Girlguiding UK website and follow the link 'Register my daughter'

1st Filton Scouts

Beavers age 6-8
Tuesday 6:00-7:00pm & **Wednesday** 5:45-6:45pm

Cubs age 8-10

Monday 6:30-7:45pm & **Thursday** 6:00-7:15pm

Scouts age 10-14

Tuesday 7:30-9:00pm & **Thursday** 7:30-9:00pm

Kraken Explorer Scout Unit Ages 14-18

Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm

The group is based in Scout HQ, Nutfield Grove, Filton, BS34 7LJ. All young people welcome, no previous Scouting experience necessary.

Email: joining@1stfiltonscouts.co.uk

Email: dave_buchan@hotmail.com

(Kraken Explorers)

Website: 1stfiltonscouts.co.uk

Men In Sheds Filton

The DIY group, which aims to tackle loneliness and isolation among men aged over 50, operates from the Scout hut in Nutfield Grove, providing a space to socialise, build, share skills and drink tea. The group runs every **Wednesday**, from 9.30am-12.30pm. Call John Cahill 07986053005

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Wednesday

Over 50s lunch, Cooked lunch, pudding and tea/coffee for just £4. Please ring 0117 969 5130 to book and arrive by 12.15pm.

Wednesday

Bristol Taiko - Japanese Drumming 7.00pm - 8.30pm, £5 per session

International Plastic Modellers Society Avon

Meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday** in the month from 7:30pm for 8.00pm at: BAWA Healthcare & Leisure, 589 Southmead Rd, Filton, Bristol BS34 7RG. Contact: ipmsavon@gmail.com

Ukulele Filton

We are an enthusiastic group of ukulele players, who love to strum and sing every **Monday evening** in Filton. We meet at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Elm Park, from 7.30 to 9.00pm. We are always pleased to welcome new members. We have spare ukuleles for you to try, and plenty of help to get you started. We now also have members who come along just to sing! For further details, phone Sue on: 07504561831.

Bristol Sugarcraft Guild

We are a small friendly group who meet every third Saturday of the month 2pm to 4pm at St Andrews Church, Elm Park, Filton. If you would like to learn to make sugar flowers and models, we hold demonstrations and also workshops with instruction. Beginners are very welcome. For more information please contact Julia Mackay on 07563 628513

Bristol Scrabble Club

Bristol Scrabble Club meets every

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Wednesday evening from 7pm until 10pm at the Filton Community Centre. Elm Park Filton BS347PS. New members are welcome and first visit is free so come along and give us a try. For more information ring Sheila Hinett 01179570792 or 07435316458. Or email shinett@blueyonder.co.uk.

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Filton Community Garden

Alternate Saturdays, 10am-12pm
Join the friendly volunteers and help keep the garden great for all to enjoy. No experience necessary, just turn up on the day.

June

Saturday 4th
Saturday 18th

July

Saturday 6th
Saturday 20th

Summer Fete

Sunday July 19th, 12pm-4pm

All Proceeds go towards the upkeep of the garden for all to enjoy!

Filtones Choir

Our long-established mixed voice choir is looking to recruit new members. Adults of all ages, and all voice ranges are welcome from soprano to bass.

We meet every **Wednesday** afternoon from 1.45-3.45 pm. at the St Teresa's Community Rooms, (behind the church) at 71 Gloucester Rd North BS34 7PL. Come along and try us out for four weeks free, with no audition and no commitment. For further info. contact 07870 984760 or visit www.thefiltones.co.uk

Concord Wind Band

We are a friendly, mixed ability band, playing music for fun. We rehearse at the Beechwood Club, Beechwood Rd, Fishponds, Bristol. BS16 3T **every Friday 7.30pm to 9.30pm**, with a tea break. We welcome new members. Contact Jayne on 07880724948

Filton Bookworms

Come along to the Bookworms monthly reading group at Filton Library! **1st Friday of each month** at 2pm. If you are interested in Joining, please as inside the library. Phone: 01454 868006 or Email: Filton.library@southglos.gov.uk

Family fun swim with music

A fun hour session with toys, music and swim-related actions to nursery rhymes to build water confidence and have fun in the water.

Wednesday mornings, 9.30-10.30pm, £8.50 per adult and child at Elm Park Leisure Centre. More info, visit: www.leisurecentre.com/elm-park-leisure-centre/

North Avon Speakers Club

We usually meet every first and third Thursday of the month at BAWA Filton, 7:15pm to 9:30pm. We have prepared speeches, but also Table Topics, which are a fun way to help members and guests practice impromptu speaking. After our meetings some members and guests usually also go to the nearby lounge/bar at BAWA. Please email northavontm@gmail.com for more information.

Short Mat Bowls

We are a friendly group that meets **Thursdays 1:45pm to 4pm** at the Filton Community centre, Elm Park Filton, BS34 7PS. New members are welcome, and the first visit is free, then each session £3. Contact Alan Riley on 07957295287 or email alanriley73@gmail.com

RAF Association – Bristol Branch

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month we run Veterans Lunch at our club. The lunch is for veterans of all services and widows of Service men. **Open from 12pm, lunch is at 1pm until 3pm.** The price is £7 for two courses. Address 38 Eastfield, Westbury On Trym, BS9 4BE. Please ring 0117 9470775 to book.

Filton Pétanque Club

Come and try a game of Pétanque - the French game of boules. No equipment needed initially, just wear flat, trainer-type shoes, and dress for the weather.

Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm
Sunday mornings at 10.30am

Venue: the boule piste, Elm Park, next to the community garden. Call 07925 913180 for more details.
filtonpetanqueclub.my-free.website

Northavon Singers

Do you love to sing? Why not join our choir at St Peter's church hall, Filton. We meet every **Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm** and sing anything from Porter to Pop. Adults of all age and voice range welcome!
northavon.singers@outlook.com or phone 0117 9699206

Functional Skills Maths Course

Free maths course for over 19s who do not hold a level 2 maths qualification. **Mondays 9:30-11:30am** at FACE. Contact Louise Gillett on 07720143 891 or louise.gillett@southglos.gov.uk

Filton Ladies Social Club

We are a small group and meet at St Andrews Church, Elm Park Filton, BS34 7PS, on the **second Wednesday** between 2-4pm each month except August. We enjoy a range of activities including speakers, a Christmas lunch and in house entertainments. For more details, please contact the chairperson Hilary Gardener on 07979 453508.

Probus

A members luncheon club for retired people. Held the **third Wednesday** at the BAWA Club in Filton at 12pm. Each meal is followed by a talk. Partners can attend four times per year. For more information contact the secretary on 07551503955 or email rogerbonner@gmail.com

Frenchay Folk Dance Club

We meet alternate Wednesdays for English and American Folk Dancing 7:45pm to 10:15pm at Frenchay Village Hall. Make new friends, have fun and dance to live music. New dancers are always welcome. See www.frenchayfdc.co.uk or email FFDCSecretary@gmail.com

Walking football

A new Walking Football Club, in association with WFA and UWE, is a safe and inclusive activity for those who have limited activity abilities.

Mondays 09:30 – 10:30, excluding bank holidays

£4 per session plus a £5 registration fee. Held at Centre for Sport, Frenchay, Bristol. You will only need a pair of trainers and the enthusiasm to join in. Carers & Partners welcome! For more information email: info.walkingfootball@uwe.ac.uk

Filton Concert Brass

Open rehearsals every 2nd Monday of the month

Join Bristol's leading championship section band for a fantastic opportunity. Young brass players of Grade 5 ability and up are encouraged to rehearse with us. Time: 7.45pm. Location: St Andrews Methodist Church, Elm Park, Filton BS34 7PS. Contact: Julie Cowell - 07876 135341 Email: filtonconcertbrass@gmail.com

Keep Fit Class

Want to stay active, improve your mobility and feel good? Why not try your local exercise class at St Teresa's

Community Centre in Filton, **Mondays, 7.15pm-8.15pm.** Friendly class where you can work at your own level. All abilities welcome. The class is held by a registered Keep Fit Association Teacher. Come along and give it a go!

Dance Moves Keep Fit

Tuesday 2-3pm at St Peter's Church Filton. Have fun whilst improving your general wellbeing. Suitable for all ages. Try the first session free. For further information, contact Eileen Scott: Tel. 07969929733 or email scottytartois@hotmail.com

Bristol Marquetry Group

Marquetry is an ancient art form. A craft which has been around for many years dating back to Egyptians.

It is the use of wood veneers and placing them into a background forming a picture or design to enhance a piece of furniture or just creating a picture of your own be it from a photograph or from your own imagination.

It is a safe, inexpensive hobby which can be carried out in the comfort of your own home. We can help you in producing a simple design for coasters to start you off with materials supplied, or you can create some unique attractive coasters of your own for your table.

Meetings to be held on the **third Wednesday of each month, 1pm – 3pm** at St Andrews Church, Filton. Please Telephone Brian Adams on 07590099564 for more details.

Bristol Autism Support

Grandparents' Coffee Mornings
Are you the grandparent of autistic children? Would you like to meet other grandparents over coffee? Bristol Autism Support hosts coffee meet ups at the Barranco Lounge in Filton. We meet at 10-11am for free coffee and stimulating conversation.
The next meeting is 5th June.

Got an event or a regular activity you would like to promote on our what's on page?

**Contact Shane:
shane@filtonvoice.co.uk**

With NHS dentists hard to find, local people are rightly concerned about their mouth health. But there might be an alternative. In her regular series of columns, Sarah-Joy Lendon, the Filton-based 'Virtual Hygienist', offers tips on how you can take steps yourself to reduce your need to visit the dentist

How does your smile make you shine?



National Smile Month runs from May 11 to June 11, and whilst many people immediately think about white, straight teeth when they hear the word "smile," a healthy smile is actually about so much more.

How do you feel about your smile?

For some, smiling feels easy and natural. For others, they may feel self-conscious about their teeth, bad breath, bleeding gums, or changes they've noticed as they've become older.

But our smile is not simply about how it looks, it reflects our overall health, confidence, wellbeing, and even how we feel within ourselves.

A healthy mouth supports our ability to eat comfortably, speak clearly, laugh freely, and connect with others. And the health of our teeth and gums is closely linked to the health of the rest of the body too.

This is why I often talk about both our inner and outer smile. Looking after our teeth and gums through effective brushing, cleaning between the teeth, healthy lifestyle choices, and regular dental visits is important. But so is looking after ourselves emotionally - managing stress, resting, moving our bodies, and making time for joy.

Perhaps this National Smile Month is an opportunity to think about what helps your smile truly shine — inside and out — and if you'd like support, I'd love to welcome you into The Virtual Hygienist free Facebook group:

Sarah-Joy Lendon
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Spirit Health Club has grown into something we are incredibly proud of, a welcoming, supportive community that continues to grow day by day. It has quickly become a space where friendships are formed, memories are made, and wellbeing feels genuinely personal. We may be a small club, but we have a big heart.

At Spirit, we believe wellness is about more than exercise. It's about feeling comfortable from the moment you walk through the door, whether that's thanks to the friendly, familiar faces on our team or the warm connections made with fellow members along the way. From shared swims and gym sessions to relaxed chats after a workout, our club is a place where everyone is welcome.

We're proud to offer our members far more than just great facilities. As part of the Spirit community, members enjoy a range of exclusive

benefits, including 20% off drinks at the hotel, children aged four and under swimming for free, and our popular Free Friend Friday, held on the first Friday of every month. We also reward commitment through attendance incentives and referral rewards, alongside discounts with selected local businesses in the area, with even more benefits always being added.

To make joining even more inviting, we are currently offering a £0 joining fee. As a special thank you to readers of this magazine, anyone who brings a copy with them when joining will receive one complimentary guest pass, along with a coffee voucher for three free hot drinks, perfect for relaxing before or after a workout.

We also offer discounted memberships for Blue Light card holders, students, and employees of selected local businesses.

If you're considering joining



or would simply like to learn more, we'd love to welcome you. Please feel free to contact us to arrange a personal tour of the club with one of our friendly leisure team, and discover how Spirit Health Club could become your wellness space.



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