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Changes now in force for rail station parking

Drivers using rail station car parks at Abbey Wood and Parkway North have seen a series of parking changes which came into force at the end of June, including new tariffs and a range of measures designed to 'make parking simpler and more flexible'.

The updated arrangements form part of wider changes across South Glos Council's paid-for car parks following a year of operation and feedback from users, businesses and local stakeholders.

One of the most significant changes is the introduction of up to 30 minutes of free parking in all bays, replacing the previous system where only specially marked bays qualified for a free stay. Drivers must still register their vehicle at a payment machine or through the MiPermit app, even when parking for the free period. Blue Badge holders continue to be able to park free of charge for up to four hours. For users of Abbey Wood and Parkway North, the tariff for all-day parking increased from £2.60 to £2.80 per calendar day from 29 June. The 24-hour maximum stay restriction has also been removed. Motorcycles parked in designated bays remain free and Blue Badge concessions are unchanged.



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News

MP makes case for Brabazon town

Filton and Bradley Stoke MP Claire Hazelgrove joined ministers, peers and business leaders in Westminster to press the case for new town status at Brabazon and the West Innovation Arc.

Hosted by West of England Mayor Helen Godwin, the reception set out plans for up to 40,000 homes and 40,000 jobs, worth an estimated £20 billion to the regional economy.

Ms Hazelgrove said

achieving new town status would deliver a "vital boost" to local infrastructure, helping ease congestion and secure new homes, facilities and green space for the constituency.

Attendees included former deputy PM Angela Rayner, along with representatives from Homes England, Network Rail and Airbus.

A decision on new town status is still pending.

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Filton misses out on Town of Culture bid

By Lucy Frost

The town council has expressed its disappointment after Filton was unsuccessful in its bid to become the UK's first Town of Culture.

After almost 400 applicants from across the country, 15 towns were shortlisted for the bid to claim the title.

Simon Davies, Filton Town Council clerk said: "It was disappointing to hear that Filton wasn't shortlisted for the UK's first Town of Culture in 2028.

"I would like to thank residents and organisations who reached out to back the initial stages of the bid.

"Although we didn't go through to the next stage, we were able to build what I hope to be long-term partnerships with local organisations for future projects, and perhaps another bid for Town of Culture in a few years' time.

"Some of the background work and initial ideas from the bid can be used to improve the cultural offering locally. So, the time wasn't wasted.

"On behalf of the council, I wish all the best to the towns shortlisted and look forward to the programme in whichever town is



awarded the UK's first Town of Culture in 2028."

Just fifteen towns will now compete for the title. The shortlisted towns are:

Small towns: Ilfracombe, Isle of Bute, Lerwick, Sandown, Strabane, and Stockton Town Centre Ward

Medium towns: Corby, Great Yarmouth, Leith, Pontypridd, and Port Talbot

Large towns: Basildon, Birkenhead, Grimsby and Rotherham

Each shortlisted town will receive £60,000 to develop their full bids, which will be assessed by the independent judging panel. One finalist will be selected from each category with the overall winner being announced early next year.

The winning town will win £3 million to deliver a culture programme and two runners-up will win £250,000.

Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy said: "The fact that we received so many applications just goes to show how proud people are of their towns.

When I launched this competition, I wanted to shine a light on our amazing towns all across the UK and the huge contribution they make to our national life.

"I am so glad that so many towns have applied and I hope each and every town, whether they have

been shortlisted or not, is incredibly proud of the work they have done to champion their local community."



Culture Secretary
Lisa Nandy. Image:
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Thousands turn out for Filton Festival



Party Peeps entertaining the crowds. Image: DC Productions

By Lucy Frost

Filton Festival celebrated sky-high attendance this year, with the town council reporting overwhelmingly positive feedback following the 25th annual Filton Festival.

The aeronautical-themed event on July 5 honoured the 50th anniversary of the commercial flight of the Concorde, featuring aptly themed activities such as hot air balloons and model airplane displays.

A spokesperson said: "We estimate we had between 5,000 and 7,000 through the day. This is based on a mixture of estimated numbers on site at different parts of the day, the number of cars in the car park and change over through the day and bar and food takings.

"We had over 85 performers across two stages (eight different bands/groups), the majority

being from Filton, with others being the wider Bristol area."

It was reported that 150 people took part in the World Record attempt to have the most people pretending to be an aeroplane at the same time.

Organisers are collating evidence to submit for verification.

At the time of print, feedback received via an online survey was very positive. Ninety-four per cent of all reported submissions rated the festival four or five out of five, where only three people rated the event below a four.

Live entertainment was the most frequently selected highlight, followed by family activities, displays, stalls, food and drink and community atmosphere.

Multiple residents praised the festival's variety, improved layout and overall organisation.



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Claire Hazelgrove, MP for Filton and Bradley Stoke, also attended the event. She said: "A brilliant Filton Festival! Thank you to everyone who made it happen! Such a great range of stalls to go around - from crafts and games to local charities and businesses."

Filton Festival 2026 was delivered by Deryncoch, and a spokesperson said: "Thank you to the thousands of you who came to Filton Festival 2026 - to the incredible local performers and stalls, those who ran high-flying activities, and everyone who came to soak up the atmosphere. We couldn't have done it without you."

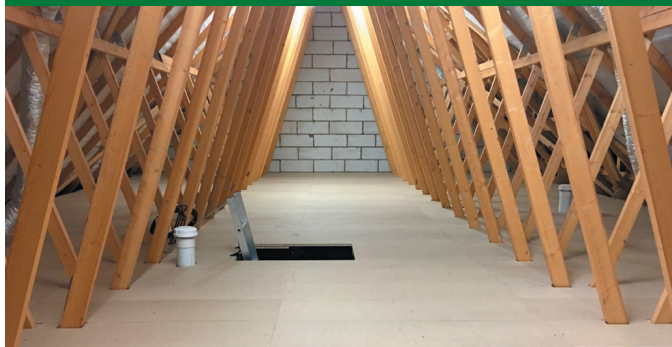
Deryncoch is still encouraging attendees to share their thoughts on the event. You can do so by filling out the form posted on Filton Festival's Facebook page.

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Filton Festival photographed from the skies. Image: DC Productions



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Bin shifts and heatwaves wreak havoc

By Adam Postans, Local Democracy Reporter

The waste company in charge of South Gloucestershire bin collections is being fined by the council for its 'appalling' service.

The local authority recently signed a new deal with Suez to continue kerbside rounds, which the firm has done for the last 25 years in a private finance initiative (PFI) contract that has now expired.

But a controversial move by the council's Lib Dem-Labour administration to three-weekly black bin days, coupled with three recent heatwaves and new collection routes, have led to confusion and thousands of missed homes, with rubbish and nappies piling up outside.

Now, South Gloucestershire Council leaders have had enough and are fining Suez for breach of contract.

Opposition Conservatives say the authority has introduced a

'failing policy that cannot cope'.

Suez has apologised and says the new services coincided with the extreme hot weather which affected crews' working hours and pace, along with a shortage of drivers and older bin lorries breaking down.

The council's ruling coalition says there have been 'significant issues' with waste and recycling collections under the new deal with the waste operator, and that it is being inundated with complaints from residents.

It said that while many households had successfully transitioned to the new arrangements, too many residents had experienced a level of service that fell below the standard they reasonably expected and deserved.

Council leader Cllr Maggie Tyrrell and co-leader and Labour group leader Cllr Ian Boulton have written to Suez about the terrible level of service and are

demanding improvements.

Cabinet member for planning, regeneration and infrastructure Cllr Chris Willmore said: "The council took out a new waste contract with Suez in good faith but the level of service that we have received from the company has been appalling.

"Residents expect their bins to be collected on time and to be able to communicate with the company when there is an issue – for many people this has not happened. Councillors and residents alike all feel we have been let down.

"We will continue to push Suez to get to the root of the problem to ensure everyone has their recycling and black bin collected on time."

Tory group leader Cllr Liz Brennan (Frenchay & Downend) said: "Residents have been left dealing with chaos. The Liberal Democrat-Labour coalition rushed through changes that they

were not prepared to deliver.

"The result has been missed collections, confusion, and unacceptable disruption to an essential service."

Suez UK municipal general manager Nick Browning said: "The introduction of new services has coincided with several periods of extremely high temperatures, which affects how long and how quickly our crews are able to work.

"This, coupled with a shortage of drivers and older trucks breaking down, has disrupted recycling collections in some areas in South Gloucestershire.

"I'd like to apologise to all those affected by the disruption and reassure residents that we are working hard with council officers to recover the missed collections."

The council said it could not disclose how much the fine was because it had been classed as 'commercially sensitive'.





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Bristol NHS trusts announce new merger

Two of Bristol's NHS hospital charities have merged to form a single trust, marking a "once-in-a-generation opportunity" for the region's health service.

Bristol and Weston Hospitals Charity and Southmead Hospital Charity have joined forces to form the Bristol NHS Foundation Trust (BFT), supporting patients, families and NHS staff across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

The merger builds on the recent union of University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) and North Bristol NHS Trust (NBT), bringing together services for 16 hospitals across the region under the BFT banner.

Katie Walker, chief executive of Bristol and Weston Hospitals Charity, said the development had created a once-in-a-generation opportunity: "Today, by joining forces we can go further - making every donation have even greater



impact, supporting NHS staff to innovate and deliver outstanding care, while ensuring kindness and compassionate care remain at the heart of everything we do.

"As we move into an exciting period of change, many important factors remain the same.

"Supporters can continue to give to the hospitals, services or causes closest to their hearts, and the day-to-day charitable support

for our hospitals will remain unchanged."

Since 1974, Bristol and Weston Hospitals Charity has raised more than £110 million to support patients, families and NHS staff across Bristol and Weston-super-Mare. Southmead Hospital Charity recently marked 30 years of funding care and innovation, from personalised prosthetics to its support and research for people



Bristol & Weston Hospital Charity CE Katie Walker with Bristol NHS Foundation Trust CE Maria Kane

living with Parkinson's.

Ms Walker added: "This is a wonderful moment for Bristol and our hospitals, and an opportunity to thank our incredible supporters for everything they've made possible. We're incredibly proud of the difference we've made so far and excited by what we can achieve as one united charity."

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'Detrimental' development sparks anxiety

By Lucy Frost

"We don't want houses here."
This is what children shouted during a council planning visit to a former school field in Filton as residents protested against a housing development on the site.

A group of concerned residents gathered to protest the 36-home development next to Charborough Road Primary School on July 10.

The community group opposing the scheme says the development would increase the risk of road accidents, worsen heat exposure for pupils, and destroy the habitat of a family of badgers living on the site.

During the visit, residents gathered at the boundary of the field, with children chanting "we don't want houses here" while councillors inspected the plot.

Filton Town councillor Alan Bird said the proposals appeared to contradict both South Gloucestershire Council's own road-safety policies and Department for Education



Residents gather in Charborough Road to protest the proposed housing development

guidance on active travel.

He said: "Frenchay Primary is three miles away and yet the council is trialling banning cars there as part of a school street scheme to reduce traffic, improve safety and create a healthier environment at drop-off and pick-up times. Why is it considered acceptable to increase traffic next to Charborough Road Primary?"

A residents' spokesperson told councillors: "Residents would

like to know why Filton children matter less."

Adam Rabone, a representative for the applicant, Aequus, said the development would provide "a meaningful contribution to meet housing needs". The proposal follows Labour's 2023 pledge to build 1.5 million homes across Britain.

Mr Rabone acknowledged that highways concerns had been the biggest issue raised by residents. He said: "We have commissioned

an independent road-safety audit and speed survey and worked with the council's own highway team to act on every finding."

A concerned parent said: "As a parent, but also someone who lives on Charborough Road, I'm really concerned that the rest of my child's primary education is going to be next to a building site."

"The impact [the development] will have on her education and the environment of the school, there is no way it's not going to be detrimental."

The parent also stated that the children were "very aware" of the proposed developments. The parent said: "It's making them anxious."

The planning applicant did not respond to a request for further comment.

South Gloucestershire councillors were due to decide the fate of the former school playing field on Thursday 23 July at Kingswood Civic Centre, however this has since been postponed.

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Filton's 'ghost town' awaiting demolition

By Lucy Frost

It's a quiet lunchtime at the Post Office and convenience shop. Owner Raj organises parcels behind the counter as his daughter serves a lone customer. Above them are the flats known locally as 'Legoland', their bright exterior faded by the weather. Rows of identical windows have their blinds down and the lights are turned off.

Opening in 2011, the Post Office became the heart of Church Road, neighboured by a popular bakery, family-run butchers and a hair salon. Nowadays, the bakery's shutters are closed, the hairdressers vacant for years and the butchers runs on limited hours.

The footfall they rely on seemingly evaporated.

"Some days, it's not even enough to cover staff's wages,"

says Raj from behind the counter. The four blocks of flats and the businesses beneath them are due to be demolished after Bromford Housing Association (BHA) concluded that the best long-term solution was to regenerate the site.

The rehoming project was introduced shortly after their initial announcement in November 2024, but businesses have not yet received an official eviction notice or date.

Outside, the sound of cars passing on the main road echoes in the distance, but the street itself is vacant. Only a few parking spaces are taken and there are no delivery vans in the loading bays.

The Views, or 'Legoland', received its playful name for its yellow and red grid-like structure. Over the years it has



The block of flats and businesses beneath them, known as The Views, are due to be demolished to make way for a new development. Image: Google Maps

housed generations of people in Filton: families bringing up children, newcomers starting a life in the area, and those who stopped for a few years before moving on.

Now, only a handful of people

remain, leaving 'Legoland' a shell of what it once was.

One resident still living in the flats describes The Views as "a ghost town", where many of her neighbours have been rehomed. She describes the atmosphere



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as quiet, noting the absence of chatter in the corridors and people on the balconies.

The resident, who prefers not to be named, feels some contributing factors to the regeneration are the cracks in the walls, the damp and the mould. She said: "Everything gets run down after a while, I guess." She mentions a boarded-up playground, untouched for years and left to decay. A place that could have been a community hub for her children to make friends and enjoy the outdoors instead became derelict.

Another distinct problem she identified was the lack of lifts on the premises, which caused a lot of issues for disabled and elderly residents. Many tenants feel that this factor and overall lack of accessibility contributed to The Views becoming an undesirable place to live. "It's ridiculous," the current resident says.

Regardless of the structural issues and drawbacks, the resident recalls hesitancy in her initial thoughts on being rehomed. She said: "At first I was

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totally freaked out that I had to move," adding that her current maisonette is in the perfect location for her and moving house she will struggle to adjust with.

Adamant to stay close to the area, the resident feels that this is one of the reasons why she has yet to be relocated. BHA has properties throughout South Gloucestershire, so residents prepared to leave the area have been moved further north to Patchway and Thornbury. This resident insisted that she wanted to stay in Filton, remaining a walking distance to her children's school and close to her wider family.

After months of uncertainty, she has recently been offered a new house to move into, "I don't cope with change, it's just a lot," she says. However, during the process she has felt a gradual acceptance to the arrangement.

She added: "I'm happy now though. I'll be moving from here to a house with a garden."

Discussing the local businesses, said: "It really sucks that the businesses haven't been offered compensation, or anything like that."

Even though BHA has offered the businesses financial compensation, many people feel it is nowhere near enough to cover relocation and refit costs. Despite this, she argues that the shops have been quiet ever since she moved in seven years ago. She added: "I'm sure 20 years ago it was bloody lovely around here, but that hasn't been the case for me."

Whilst it will be a bittersweet moment to leave The Views behind, the resident hopes BHA "use the space well, I hope whatever they do is a good thing".

"It's taken a while but I'm okay about moving out now," she says as the resident prepares to say goodbye to the home she's lived in for years.

Other residents were moved swiftly, and the change has been

transformative. Ian Finn was a disabled resident living at the flats, he said: "Since moving my life has been one hundred times better".

Originally, he had been living in a maisonette. Ian was relocated to a three-bed house with a garden, as well as being compensated over £10,000 for the inconvenience.

He explains that he barely left his top floor property at Church View given there was no lift and the stairs caused him a lot of back pain.

Persistent complaints about mould, leaks and lack of accessibility made it clear that The Views required significant development and residents should be moved.

For the businesses however, it is not as simple.

Previously, BHA has said that it has "remained in regular contact with local businesses" and that they can remain on site until at least December 2026.

BHA will be proposing new retail units as part of the redevelopment, it says.

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News

MP 'proud' to be appointed vice-patron of Filton museum

Filton and Bradley Stoke MP Claire Hazelgrove has been appointed vice-patron of Aerospace Bristol.

She joins Sir George White - the great grandson of the founder of the Bristol Aeroplane Company - in supporting the museum's mission to preserve Bristol's aerospace heritage and inspire the next generation of aviation professionals.

Each year, more than 13,000 learners take part in the museum's education programme, and in the last year alone Aerospace Bristol delivered 347 curriculum-linked workshops.

Ms Hazelgrove said: "Aerospace Bristol



Ms Hazelgrove pictured with Sir Iain Grey, chair of Aerospace Bristol's board. Image: Aerospace Bristol

is a fantastic asset for our community.

"As vice-patron, I'm proud to support the museum's work with schools and young people, strengthening the links between education and industry and ensuring more students discover the opportunities and develop the skills needed for future careers in engineering, technology and advanced manufacturing."

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News

Masked thieves raid Elm Park leisure centre

By Lucy Frost

Filton residents have been urged to remain vigilant following a break-in at Elm Park Leisure Centre where masked individuals smashed the cafe window and stole a number of items.

It has been reported that during the incident on June 25, thieves stole tablets, tools, a speaker and some retail stock from the cafe.

All tablets were accessed remotely and wiped.

The incident occurred at around 3am and the leisure centre was reopened by 1pm.

The centre's intruder alarm was serviced two weeks prior to the break-in and there is clear CCTV of the entire incident.

Since the incident further building security measures have been identified and planned, however the costs in damages will affect profitability for the month.



The windowpane has also since been replaced.

The break-in follows a bout of incidents around Elm Park. The issues typically relate to the use of

electric and Surron bikes, where perpetrators ride off at speed upon seeing police.

To combat this, extra patrols will be conducted in the area.

It has been reported that communication is being had with other departments to assist with the ongoing issues.

Filton Town Council is also installing gates on certain Elm Park entrances to tackle the issue.

Over recent months Avon and Somerset Police has been monitoring theft at Shield Retail Park. The local beat team have been holding surgeries in the area and distributing QR codes to local shops to "improve and streamline the process of reporting thefts". As a result, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of incidents being reported to the police.

Avon and Somerset Police were due to carry out a shoplifting operation, however due to staffing levels this has not yet taken place.

Crime statistics for the month show a large decrease in all areas, apart from burglary.

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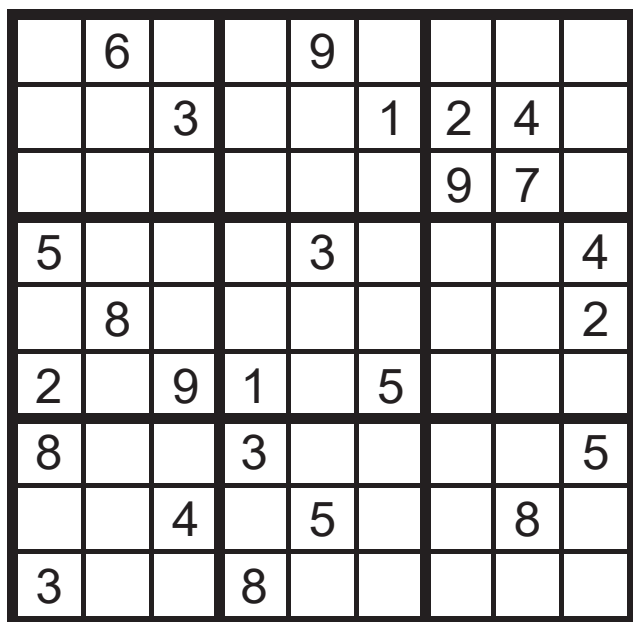


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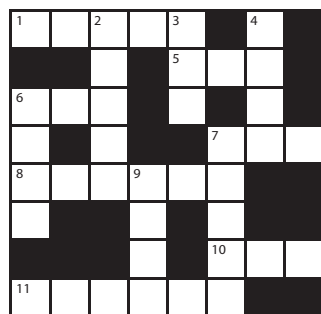
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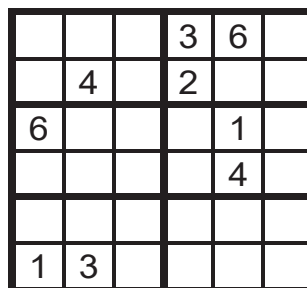


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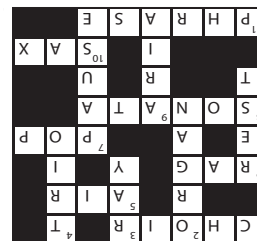
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News

Charity hails Filton Festival success

By Helen Watts

FACE was delighted to be part of this year's Filton community festival, where the charity enjoyed a wonderful day connecting with local families and supporters.

Its popular tombola stall attracted plenty of visitors throughout the day, with many people trying their luck while helping to raise valuable funds for its work. The charity says that it is incredibly grateful to everyone who donated prizes, took part, and supported us.

The dedicated youth work team also created a welcoming space for young people and their families to enjoy a variety of free activities, including Jenga, giant Tetris and table football alongside craft activities.

It was fantastic to see so many children and young people having fun. FACE was delighted to be visited by its patron, MP

Claire Hazelgrove, who took the time to say hello to the team and chat with the residents and show her continued support for the charity's work.

Her visit was greatly appreciated and highlighted the importance of community organisations working together to support local people.

The festival was a fantastic opportunity to meet the residents and highlight all the activities that FACE offer during the week for everyone in the community.

The charity would like to thank you to everyone who visited its stall, joined in activities, and helped make the day such a memorable occasion. Special thanks go to ASDA (Filton Retail Park), Salvation Army (Gloucester Road North), Palomo Lounge and FACE members for their generous donations.



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Filton planning applications in July

HM watch

Applications

42 Elm Park Continued use as a Small House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) (Class C4).

6 Sixth Avenue Non-material amendment to planning permission P25/01181/F for alteration of annexe layout to provide 1 double bedroom, communal kitchen and shower room with a flat roof with overhand now proposed instead of pitched roof.

Nutfield House, Nutfield Grove Erection of 29 dwellings, with access, parking, landscaping and other associated works.

676 Southmead Road Subdivision of rooms to facilitate the change of use of 8 person house in multiple occupation (HMO) (sui generis) to 10 person, 10 bedroom HMO (Sui Generis) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

Unit 3b Abbey Wood Retail Park Erection of 1 canopy structure (Class E).

Unit 3b Abbey Wood Retail Park Erection of plant cage and installation of AC plant creation of bin store/cage, and formation of 1 opening in external wall for pipework.

Decisions

Brabazon At The Former Filton Airfield non-material amendment to permission P25/02839/O to amend the 'meanwhile use' proposals, changing the single two storey buildings to 2 single storey buildings. **Approve non-material amendment**

35 Sixth Avenue Erection of single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation. **Approve with Conditions**

11 Bude Road Demolition of existing single storey extension and garage. Erection of single storey rear/side extension to form additional living accommodation. **Approve with conditions**

The Mews, Bevan Court Change of use from a 3-bedroom dwellinghouse (Class C3) to a 3 bed House in Multiple Occupancy (HMO) for up to 5 people (Class C4) as defined in the Town and Country Planning (use class order) 1987. **Approve with Conditions**

■ **These planning applications and decisions were up to date at the time Filtonvoice went to print, but they may be subject to change. We recommend visiting beta.southglos.gov.uk/search-planning-applications to keep up to date with the latest planning applications and decisions.**

Contact Filton Town Council

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Simon Davies

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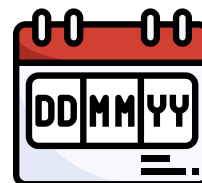
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Elm Park raises the Green Flag

Elm Park has been accredited with the prestigious Green Flag Award 2026, recognising it as one of the UK's best-managed parks and green spaces in the south west.

The award, presented by Keep Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces. The achievement celebrates sites that demonstrate outstanding standards of environmental management, horticulture and visitor experience.

The Green Flag Award is a testament to the dedication of Filton Town Council's Open Spaces Team, who work throughout the year to improve and enhance the park.

Dan Thomas, Park Ranger and Lead on the Green Flag application, said: "Having grown up locally and spent much of my childhood enjoying Elm Park, I have always felt a strong personal connection to this valued community space.



"Achieving this accreditation has been the culmination of a significant collaborative effort over an extended period. It has required dedication, expertise, and teamwork from colleagues across Filton Town Council, making this a shared achievement of which everyone involved should be immensely proud.

"Recognition must also be given to the many volunteers whose time and commitment have helped enhance the park, and to the friendly park users who contribute to the welcoming atmosphere that makes Elm Park such a special place within our community. This award is a reflection of the collective effort of everyone who has played a part in maintaining and improving this much-loved green space".

Green Flag highlighted Elm Park's "extensive provision for outdoor sport and physical activity" as a key strength.

The council have carried out numerous projects throughout the year, which have all contributed to the park's Green Flag status. Some of these projects include: Elm Park Heroes, Elm Park green

dog walkers, Dogs of Elm Park poster and Elm Park measured mile and park run.

More information regarding Elm Park's Green Flag accreditation can be found here: <https://www.greenflagaward.org/park-summary/?park=5214>



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Elm Park Run

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The event initially launched as a monthly park run, but the Leisure Centre team hopes to increase it to fortnightly, then weekly as it grows in popularity.

The next event will take place on Saturday 1st August at 9 am, where participants can take part in a 1, 3 or 5-mile run.

If you are interested in marshalling the event, please contact @ filtontowncouncil.gov.uk.



Filton Elm Park



ELM PARK RUN

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Filton Town Council

We want your views on play area plans

Allotment growing contest

Filton Town Council is hosting its second allotment growing competition of the year, on Saturday 15th August.

Gardeners holding allotments at The Sidings and Mortimer Road are encouraged to show off this season's harvest. The categories for The Sidings are: courgette, sunflower and blackcurrant. The categories for Mortimer Road are: runner beans, cosmos and raspberries.

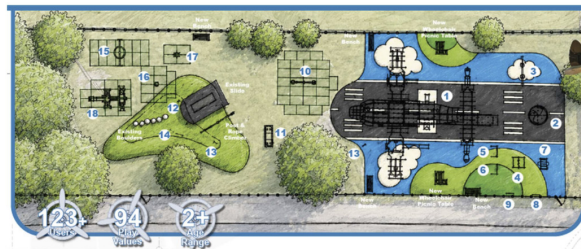
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Filton Town Council is inviting residents to share their views on the proposed redevelopment of Blenheim Drive Play Area. The site is currently in the process of being transferred from South Gloucestershire Council to Filton, and the Town Council is pleased to outline early proposals for its future.

Blenheim Drive takes its name from the Bristol Blenheim aircraft, designed and built in Filton. The council hopes to reflect this heritage by creating a modern, inclusive, aviation-themed play space for local families.

The council is particularly keen to hear residents' thoughts on:

- Any concerns about the proposed redevelopment
- Features, equipment, aviation themes residents would like to see
- Accessibility considerations
- Existing issues that should be addressed



- Any other comments, suggestions or local knowledge.

Please send your comments by **Friday, July 31** via email to conygre.regeneration@filtontowncouncil.gov.uk, by post to Filton Town Council, Elm Park Leisure Centre, Elm Park, Filton, BS34 7PS, or online by visiting the Filton Town Council website and navigating to the Conygre Regeneration Project page under the Information section: <https://filtontowncouncil.gov.uk/information/conygre-regeneration-project/>.



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News from our MP Claire Hazelgrove

Why representing you is still the privilege of my life

I T'S (somehow!) been two years since fellow residents elected me to represent our fantastic community in parliament.

Every advice surgery, letter, email, Coffee with Claire and Pub Politics event, and every doorstep conversation shape the work I do serving you.

Thank you to the thousands of you who have contributed so far. It is the privilege of my life to serve you and our community – your home and mine.

In these two years, I have contributed 125 times in parliament and voted 502 times on our community's behalf.

I have supported 7,832 fellow residents, securing at least £522,643.60 that they were due, by taking on 14,362 cases — and sending 32,194 emails.

Last month my team and I worked on 888 new cases and I held my advice surgery in Frenchay. My Coffee with Claire event at SGS College's WISE campus focused on



Claire Hazelgrove with Simon Hutchings, Adam Clarke and Alison Noon-Jones of Leidos UK in Emersons Green

opportunities for young people.

I'd like to thank Keir Starmer for his focus on our community — from visiting our excellent defence and aerospace companies to the Beaufort Arms pub, he got to know our community well.

I met with Andy Burnham ahead of him becoming our next PM. He made clear that he also knows our community is not only incredibly important, but where

lots is happening that others could learn from elsewhere.

I also secured meetings with the Health Minister and Housing Minister to champion local priorities, including access to NHS dentistry and the proliferation of HMOs.

I met with defence ministers about the government's new defence investment plan to help strengthen national security and support local defence jobs.

I also visited defence logistics company Leidos UK (pictured) at its base in Emersons Green, where it employs 210 people, to hear more about how its work is supporting both national and local priorities.

Following a recent event and survey on local mental health

services, I wrote to the Health Secretary to help inform the government's upcoming mental health strategy.

Thank you to all those who contributed so thoughtfully.

In recent weeks I've met with UWE, Filton Town Council and the Elm Park Leisure Centre team, and Street Life and FareShare at St Chad's Church in Patchway, to help cook for homeless people.

I've also visited some fantastic summer fairs put on by dedicated volunteers, including the Frenchay Flower Show, the brilliant community festivals in Filton and Charlton Hayes, school fairs at Filton Hill, St Michael's and Bailey's Court Primary, and the re-enactment at Winterbourne Medieval Barn. What a special place, ours!

Making it an even better place to live is what drives me everyday. There's lots more to do! Please get in touch anytime at claire.hazelgrove.mp@parliament.uk

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Wednesday 26th 10:30-11 - **Reading to the beat!** All Children Welcome
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SUMMER OF SOCKS!

Look out for the **Lost Sock Mystery** trail around Filton! Get your trail sheets from the Library until 31st August.

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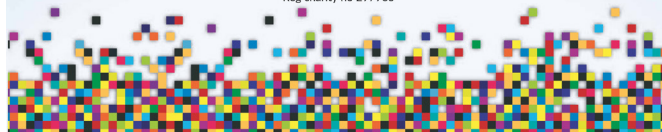
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News

Sock trail guarantees some darn good fun

By Lucy Frost

South Gloucestershire Council is launching a free sock themed art trail in Filton this summer.

'Summer of Socks' is a community arts and sustainability programme, built around the simple idea of using socks as a creative and environmental theme.

Councillor Sean Rhodes, cabinet member for communities and local places at South Gloucestershire Council, said: "This summer, we're inviting residents of all ages to get involved in something a little different on South Gloucestershire's high streets. Summer of Socks is all about creativity, learning new skills, and having fun during the holidays.

"This is a fun and creative way to bring communities together and connect with their local high street. It also aims to encourage people to think differently about the clothes they already own and by learning simple skills like repairing and reusing, residents can also save money and reduce waste."

Sock-themed trails will be running across Filton as well as Chipping Sodbury, Downend, Kingswood, Hanham, Thornbury, Staple Hill and Yate throughout the school summer holidays, offering a fun and engaging way to discover the local area – perfect for little explorers (and big ones too).

Through a mix of lively performances, playful trails and hands-on workshops, the programme invites people of all ages to see their high street, and everyday objects, in a new way.

At the heart of Summer of Socks is a focus on making and mending. Free workshops across South Gloucestershire offer an opportunity to get hands-on, learn new skills and get creative. Participants can learn how to repair and renew clothes at a darning workshop or transform worn-out socks into fun, unexpected creations at a craft workshop. Darning workshops are for ages 8 and over (booking required), and creative workshops are for ages 5 and over.

The project is being delivered by Can't Sit Still and funded by West of England Mayoral Combined Authority and Arts Council England.

You can find out more about the Summer of Socks programme of events, by visiting www.southglos.gov.uk/summer-of-socks



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The Bristol communities proving that



Young residents Harry and Harvey have been planting wildflowers, working to build a stronger habitat for the small blue butterfly

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 Harry and Harvey it started with caring for home

Across the country, many communities care about the green spaces right on their doorstep. This couldn't be more true than in Lockleaze, an estate in north Bristol.

Besides its sweeping views of the city, the people of Lockleaze have always valued their abundant green space. The area's 66 acres of housing greens and verges, and two significant wildlife routes, are spaces to walk, talk, play and

meet neighbours.

So when urban development picked up pace and began putting pressure on these spaces – and the wildlife within – Really Wild Lockleaze by Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust stepped up – empowering neighbours to care for their green spaces.

The resident-led project supports local people and tests new approaches to nature recovery in urban housing estates. Whether it's adopting a verge on their street or taking part in 'trowel and chat' group gardening sessions, there's all sorts of ways to help.

Besides enjoying spending more time outside with their neighbours, young residents Harry and Harvey have been planting wildflowers, working to build a stronger habitat for the Small Blue Butterfly – a point of real pride for the community.

The project is a series of small actions, but they add up to big change. Now the natural spaces around Lockleaze are more visible, more accessible, and more enjoyable for the whole neighbourhood.



Nirmal helps families access nourishing food

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

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.

By supporting local spaces like Felix Road, communities use the skills they have to meet local needs. The learning continues, shaped by the people who show up every 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

Filton Festival



Left: Members of the Elm Park Leisure Centre team. Above: Vintage cars were on show. Below: North Bristol Independent Colour Guard



Above: FACE enjoyed connecting with local families and providing information about the charity. Below: One of the planes on display.



Filton Festival

Filton Festival 2026: in pictures

Filton Town Council team with
Filton and Bradley Stoke MP
Claire Hazelgrove



Above: The local policing team enjoying the festival atmosphere. Left: All smiles as festival goers are sprayed with a foam gun. Image: DC Productions

Filton Festival

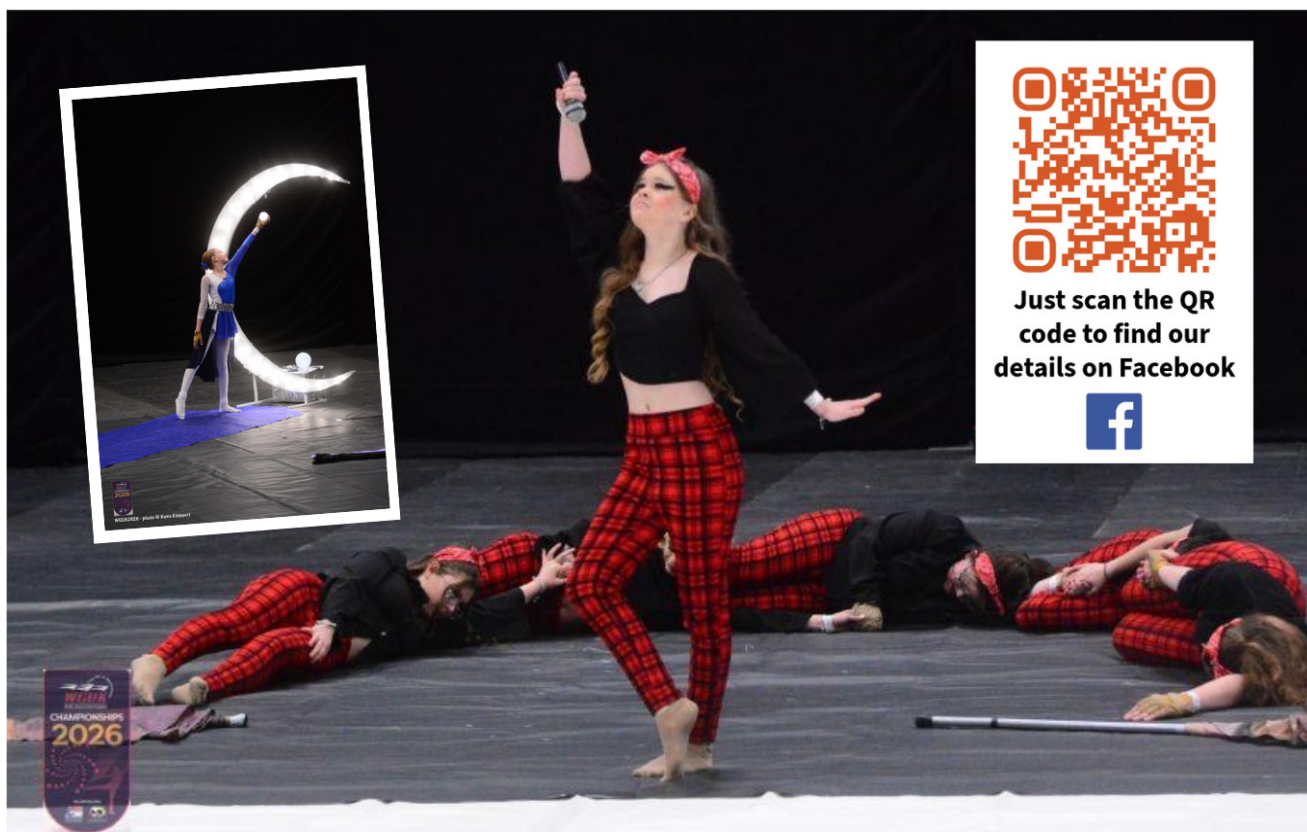


Above: Team Bristol put on a high-flying kickboxing display. Below: Birds of prey kept the crowds entertained. Images: Peach Jones



Above: FACE volunteers are all smiles. Below: The friendly ambulance service were on hand at the first aid stand. Images: Peach Jones





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St Peter's Church

Sunday 26 July 8.30am and 10am Eucharist

Sunday 2 August 10am Eucharist

Sunday 9 August 8.30 and 10am Eucharist to celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Sunday 16 August 8.30am and 10am Eucharist to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 23 August 8.30am and 10am Eucharist

Sunday 30 August 10am Eucharist

Midweek Said Services 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.

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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

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

You can find more information at www.stpeterschurchilton.com

St Andrew's Methodist Church

Regular services

Sundays

Morning Service 10.30am. Little Lights: For children whose parents/carers are attending worship. All age worship usually **2nd Sunday** of the month. No Little Lights during August. Starts back 6th September. Quiet activities e.g. drawing, wordsearches etc on the Sundays during August.

Tuesdays Wesley Guild — meets alternate Tuesdays at 2.15pm. All welcome.

There will be no Wesley Guild meetings over the Summer. Meetings will resume on **8 September**.

Thursdays

Rainbows (term-time) 5.15pm

Sip 'n' chat coffee morning: 10.00 am - 12.00 noon, **2nd Thursday** of every month. August meeting is **Thursday 13th August**. Enjoy a cuppa, a cake and a chat — all are welcome.

Fridays

St Andrew's 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. No meeting in August, starts back 12th September.

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 for over 60s), donations welcomed

Filton Juniors

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.



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 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**.

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. 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

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. Come dance and socialise amongst a friendly, lively crowd. Dancing Thru' the Decades includes Motown, Soul, Club Classics... Music you can relate to. Club times are 9 'til 1. Last entry 11pm - very smart casual. No t-shirts or trainers and gents required to wear collared shirts. Entry: £8. www.mingles.co.uk. Facebook: @Luv2mingle

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Mackay on 07563 628513

Bristol Scrabble Club

Bristol Scrabble Club meets every **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.

August

Saturday 1st
Saturday 15th
Saturday 29th

September

Saturday 12th
Saturday 26th

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

Filtone's 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.thefiltone's.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

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/

interested in Joining, please as inside the library. Phone: 01454 868006 or Email: Filton.library@southglos.gov.uk

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

Northavon Singers Presents Guys and Dolls, Lads and Lasses

Well-loved music from the shows and hits through song titles. On **Wednesday July 8th** at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church Hall Filton. Tickets: £7 including refreshments. The concert is in support of the Audio-Visual Tech Fund for the Church.

For more info please call: 07939 982382

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.

Probos

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 are held every **third Wednesday** of the month 9.30 am to 12.30pm at Men in Sheds (Filton Group), The Scout Hut, Nutfield Grove. Please Telephone Brian Adams on 07590099564 for more details.

Last Night of the Proms

Celebrating 60 years of music with Byron Jones BEM. **Saturday 22nd August** at St Andrews Church Filton. Concert starts at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets £10 cash only. Contact 07788 442071.

Chatty Table

Provides an opportunity for people on their own to meet with others over a cup of tea or coffee for a chat. The event takes place every **Thursday, 11am-1pm** in the cafe at Elm Park Leisure Centre. Stay for as long or little as you wish. Look out for tables marked with Chatty Table and a fully trained volunteer with a yellow lanyard.

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

Why you must pay attention to bleeding gums



One of the most common things I hear is, "My gums have always bled — I think I just brush too hard." But, healthy gums do NOT bleed.

If your gums bleed when you brush, clean between your teeth, or even when you're eating, it's usually a sign that they are inflamed. This inflammation is caused by plaque — the sticky film of bacteria that builds up around our teeth every day.

The good news is that, in its early stages, this inflammation can usually be reversed with effective toothbrushing, daily cleaning between the teeth, and the right support from your dental professional.

But if left untreated, that inflammation can destroy the bone that holds your teeth in, and those bleeding gums can become more than just about your mouth.

Research continues to show strong links between gum disease and conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, dementia and adverse pregnancy outcomes. Our mouths are part of our bodies, not separate from them, so looking after our oral health is an important part of looking after our overall wellbeing.

So, if you notice your gums bleeding, don't ignore it and don't

stop brushing. Instead, see it as your body's way of asking for a little more care.

After all, a healthy smile starts with healthy gums.

If you're curious to find out more, or you'd like some help with your gums, you can book a free online appointment here: www.thevirtualhygienist.co.uk



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That's why more people across Bristol are discovering Peachi Pilates.

Located in Filton, Peachi Pilates is a boutique Reformer Pilates studio designed for people who want to stay active, independent and confident for years to come. Members aged between 55 and 75 have typically never tried Reformer Pilates before, but they all share one goal - to keep doing the things they love.

Every class is led by highly trained instructors in a safe, welcoming environment. With small class sizes and expert coaching, you'll progress at your own pace, building strength, improving balance and increasing mobility with every session, making new friends along the way.

Unlike high-impact exercise, Reformer Pilates is incredibly kind to your joints. The specialist equipment supports your body while providing just the right amount of resistance, helping you become stronger without unnecessary strain on knees, hips or backs.



Members tell us they feel steadier on their feet, more confident using stairs, stronger when lifting grandchildren, more comfortable in the garden and better prepared for active holidays. Many also notice improvements in posture, flexibility and everyday aches and pains.

Our beautiful Filton studio has been designed to feel calm, friendly and un intimidating, making it easy to walk through the door whatever your experience. From your very first class, you'll be supported by instructors who genuinely care about your progress.

If you'd like to see what Reformer Pilates can do for you, why not book a free taster session? It's the perfect opportunity to experience a class, meet the team and discover how Peachi Pilates can help you stay strong, mobile and



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