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MP speaks out on support for assisted dying

Claire Hazelgrove, MP for Filton and Bradley Stoke, expressed her support for the Assisted Dying Bill, saying “the harmful status quo” led to her terminally ill mother dying alone.

The debate returned to Parliament on September 11, but was narrowly defeated by 286 votes to 270.

Addressing MPs, Ms Hazelgrove shared that her mother “chose to bring her late-stage terminal illness to an end, on her terms, at home, with dignity and strength that I can only try to imagine.”

Her mother, Ruth Hazelgrove, lived with a rare blood cancer, polycythaemia vera, for almost half of her life. Her condition worsened significantly in 2024, the same year MPs debated the initial version of the Bill.

Ms Hazelgrove told Parliament: "For mum, it was not a choice of life or death; it was a question of what kind of death she would have.

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Pay boost an 'important win' for GKN staff

More than 1,000 GKN aerospace workers in Filton and Bristol have secured an improved two-year pay deal following industrial action earlier this year.

The agreement includes a 4 per cent pay increase backdated to January and additional share or cash payments, with Unite

describing the package as a "vast improvement" on the company's original offer.

As a result, further industrial action has since been called off.

The dispute arose after workers argued that pay was falling behind that offered by nearby aerospace employers including Airbus and Rolls-Royce. Unite also highlighted reports that the chief executive of GKN's parent company had received one of the largest bonus packages among major UK-listed firms.

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Heartbreaking loss drives MP to back Bill

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She was clear that she did not want a painful or undignified death. She wanted peace.

"For us, it will always be a tremendous personal sadness that the current law meant that she could not tell us her plan, and we could not say goodbye to her. But more importantly than that, that she could not say goodbye at the end of her life, or be surrounded by her loved ones, which is what she would have wanted for her death.

"Instead, the harmful status quo meant that mum died alone, with photos of us around her. This was 11 months ago either today or tomorrow. We will never know whether she died late one evening or early the next morning, or whether we are ever marking the anniversary on the right day.

"This is the status quo. This needs to change. That is why our vote today and our work on this



Filton and Bradley Stoke MP Claire Hazelgrove gave a heartbreaking speech about her mum in Parliament

issue is so important now."

The Bill was ultimately rejected, and will not proceed further.

Ms Hazelgrove voted in favour of the bill, and she described her position on the

matter as "crystal clear".

After the debate, Ms Hazelgrove wrote on Facebook: "I want to be clear that I fully respect and appreciate that there are different views on this issue. I'm grateful to every fellow

resident who has been in touch to share theirs, and engaged with me and one another with care and consideration on this.

"But regardless of my experience, my job is to be a legislator. I would never vote for a Bill if I felt it were unsafe. Indeed, amendments of mine to the previous version of this Bill were accepted unanimously by MPs, with different viewpoints and from different political parties.

"The hardest part, though, is knowing that many more people will now have to go through this same experience as my Mum, me, and my whole family, before this next comes back to the Commons, and I truly wouldn't wish this on anyone."



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Window trail returns to light up streets

Homes and businesses across Filton will again be aglow with creativity, as the annual Wonderful Window Arts Trail returns to its streets next month.

This year's event will run from November 20-23, 5.30-8.30pm, with refreshment stops on the trail to raise funds for the North Bristol and South Glos Foodbank.

The trail is free and organised by a volunteer team of local artistic residents, supported through kind donations and sponsorship from local businesses and facilitated by staff - donating much of their time - at FACE.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to register as soon as they can if they would like to decorate their windows.

Windows registered before the end of October will appear in

the printed trail maps. There will once again be a live online map for the trail.

Workshops will also be held in October and November for people who need help with their designs. For residents who don't have a suitable window, but would like to make a display for an elderly person or business to put in their window, they can get in touch with FACE.

FACE is also looking for sponsors for the trail. The more sponsorship it receives to support the costs of the materials, workshops, and printing, the more donations can be raised for the foodbank.

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Conygre councillor defects to Green Party



Dan Harris has been representing residents in Conygre since October 2023 and has now joined the Green Party

By Lucy Frost

Councillor Dan Harris has joined the Green Party after leaving Labour.

As previously reported by the *Filtonvoice*, Mr Harris' exit from the Labour Party earlier this year comes after "a slow fuse was lit".

The Conygre councillor stated that the direction of Labour's leadership nationally along with the party's councillors failing to serve local people contributed to his departure.

The news comes after Cllr Harris sat as an independent candidate for three months.

He said: "I have been proud to work hard for residents in Filton since October 2023, listening to people all the time and working on their concerns, securing funding for Filton Hill Primary School, and helping to drive the Conygre Regeneration

Project. I have seen the impact cuts to local government funding has had on our community and the challenges every day people face, and I am convinced that the Green Party understands what needs to be done to turn this around for Filton and the country.

"I am looking forward to be working with a growing team who are putting hope back on the agenda."

He joins a growing number of elected Greens on town and parish councils across South Gloucestershire.

In June this year, the Green Party gained their first district councillor, Sean Rhodes, another defection from the Labour Party.

Conygre residents can continue to contact Cllr Harris on dan.harris@filtontowncouncil.gov.uk

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Bristol's aviation icon back on its feet

Following years of careful conservation efforts, Europe's only surviving Bristol Freighter T170 is back on its feet.

Aerospace Bristol's biggest-ever conservation project has successfully raised the 70-year-old aircraft to fit its main landing gear, enabling it to stand tall once again.

The complex piece of engineering, carried out by the museum's specialist conservation team, was made possible by the expertise of the volunteers and former aerospace engineers who have contributed thousands of hours to the project.

The milestone is one step closer towards the freighter being a structurally complete, freestanding aircraft and the centrepiece of Aerospace Bristol's new outdoor exhibition.

Sally Cordwell, CEO of Aerospace Bristol, said: "Seeing our freighter standing tall is a truly special moment for everyone who has contributed



CEO Sally Cordwell with the volunteer team in front of the Bristol Freighter. Image: First Avenue Photography

to this project. It is a testament to the skill, dedication and sheer number of hours of work that our team has put into bringing this beautiful aircraft back to life.

"There's more to do, but seeing this project becoming a display that truly allows visitors to

experience a remarkable piece of Bristol's aviation heritage up close is incredibly rewarding for us."

The Bristol Freighter was designed and built in Filton by the Bristol Aeroplane Company and is one of just 12 surviving examples anywhere in the world and the

only one in Europe. It served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force before making the long journey back to its birthplace in 2018.

Since then, the aircraft has undergone years of painstaking and complex conservation work at Aerospace Bristol.

In July, it was moved outside from its conservation hangar for the first time since returning to Bristol, where it will remain as conservation work continues.

The project is being delivered by a dedicated team of up to 50 specialist volunteers, former aerospace engineers and ex-Bristol Aeroplane Company employees, including a 90-year-old ex-apprentice, who are expected to contribute a total of 10,000 hours to preserving the aircraft for future generations.

The Freighter's distinctive 108ft wings are being conserved separately and will be reattached as the project progresses.



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News

Boy hospitalised after cyclist collision



The underpass where the child was allegedly hit by an adult cyclist

By Lucy Frost

A child was left hospitalised after he was reportedly hit by an adult cyclist travelling underneath the bridge on Station Road.

The parent, who posted anonymously on the Filton News and Views Facebook page, said: "Just to make people aware of adults riding fast underneath the bridge on station road going towards McDonald's. While the

children are coming to and from school please be mindful and dismantle your bikes like the sign reads. My son ended up in hospital yesterday being hit off bike by an adult speeding through and didn't even stop to check on him.

"Luckily he's home and recovering. Please let your children know to be very careful walking under there as it is still a

constant accident waiting to happen."

The narrow lane has signage to indicate that pedestrians have priority over cyclists, however witnesses reported that the cyclist was travelling at speed and failed to stop after the incident occurred. Multiple residents commented on the post, sharing similar unpleasant experiences on the same path. Others called

for the council to reconsider the effectiveness of the signage, claiming the current sign could be easily missed.

Simon Davies, Filton town clerk, said: "I would advise anyone with concerns to contact South Gloucestershire Council via their portal or our local South Gloucestershire Councillors directly."

South Glos councillor, Adam Monk, said: "What needs to be considered on the issue of cyclists passing under the bridge is that this is on the route to the cycle paths, there are 'Pedestrians Have Priority Signs' on both sides. If residents are concerned, we would encourage them to contact us, we are available every Saturday in Filton Library from 10am to 11am alternatively we can be contacted by email alex.doyle@southglos.gov.uk or adam.monk@southglos.gov.uk.

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News

Brothers learn of life-saving plasma process

By Lucy Frost

Two brothers, whose lives depend on plasma derived-medicines, were given a behind-the-scenes look at how donations are transformed into life-saving treatments during a visit to NHS Blood and Transplant's facility in Filton.

George and his younger brother, Artie, both live with Primary Immunodeficiency, a rare condition affecting the immune system, making it harder for the body to fight infections.

To stay well, both boys receive regular immunoglobulin treatments made from plasma. George receives intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG) infusions at hospital every four weeks, while Artie receives immunoglobulin treatment at home, also every four weeks.

Since George's diagnosis, he has been a passionate advocate for blood and plasma donation. Last summer the 14-year-old ran 5km every day for 25 days, while

Brothers George and Artie meeting staff at the NHS Blood and Transplant facility in Filton



encouraging people to sign up as donors. In that time, 32 new donors registered and booked appointments to donate in George's name.

George said: "I want to help more people understand how important blood and plasma donation is because I know that my treatment wouldn't be possible without the generosity of blood and plasma donors."

Before starting immunoglobulin treatment, Artie was often fatigued and lacked the energy to take part in sports and other activities.

Now receiving treatment, Artie has more energy and is able to lead a much more active life. He said: "It was really interesting to see what happens after somebody donates blood and how it eventually becomes a

treatment that helps people like me and Artie. I'm very grateful to everyone who donates."

Plasma makes up around 55 per cent of blood and contains antibodies that can be made into medicines used to treat more than 50 conditions.

Russell Rubas, plasma supply performance and efficiency lead at NHS Blood and Transplant, based in Filton, said: "We were delighted to welcome George and Artie to Filton and give them the opportunity to see the remarkable journey plasma and blood donations take before they are manufactured into plasma-derived, reaching thousands of patients across the country."

"For George and Artie to see that process first-hand is especially meaningful because they themselves rely on plasma-derived medicines to stay well."

For more information about donating blood or plasma, visit: at www.blood.co.uk

 The advertisement features a large image of a woman with long brown hair looking up at a restored aircraft in a museum. The aircraft is a dark blue and silver fighter jet with its cockpit open. Two other people are standing near the aircraft, looking at it. The background is dark with some lights. A red diagonal line runs across the image.

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WHERE IMAGINATION TAKES OFF

Feature

Uncertainty lingers for Church Road traders



By Lucy Frost

The news of the demolition of the 'Views' in Church Road has been met with mixed opinions from locals: some feel

the decision is hasty, causing unnecessary strain on businesses with one local saying "there should be something done to save the Post Office and



newsagents". Others, however, feel they are "a massive eyesore" and are relieved that they will finally be gone.

Stuart Gale from the Gales Farm Meats says, "we're on a knife's edge" as the business already operates on limited opening hours.

He claims that the most worrying part of the situation is "the unknown". He added: "We could be here for two or three years, but they could come in tomorrow and say you've got to go."

Down's Bakery did not wait until they were handed an

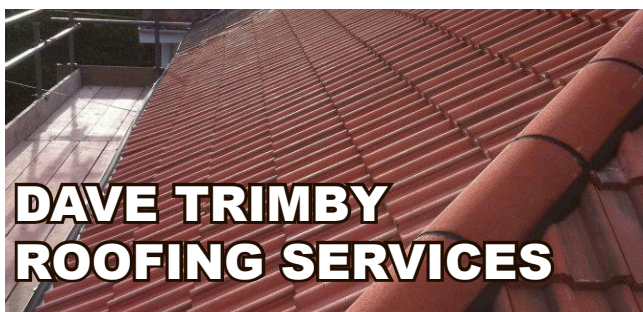
eviction notice and instead they closed their shutters for the last time in October.

Diane Down founded the bakery with her late husband, Christopher. They opened a shop in Horfield and later moved to Church Road for 34 years.

She explains that the bakery's financial decline was due to numerous reasons such as Covid-19 and competing with supermarkets, but ultimately, she says, "knocking this building down has killed a business that is 42 years old".

When I visited the shop, the cabinets that once held warm loaves, iced buns and sweet treats were unmistakably bare. Piles of stacked moving boxes littered the room as Diane and her daughter, Sam made trips back and forth to pack the car.

Diane reflects on the busy bank holiday weekends, where customers used to queue around the block for a fresh loaf of bread



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Feature

to come out of the oven. "In those days, they used to buy five loaves at a time," she says.

But in the final months the shop grew quieter, as regulars were relocated to different neighbourhoods. Sam explains that they were lucky to sell two or three loaves a day. "Bread doesn't sell like it used to," she adds.

"It got worse and worse. The more they move out, the worse it gets."

Down's Bakery operates another shop eight miles north of Filton in Severn Beach, but the closure of the Filton branch has changed the way they run things.

"What we're doing now is not what me and my husband set up," Diane says.

The family had to take the opportunity to rent out an extension that was recently built on the bakery in Severn Beach. They explain that is part of the reason why they didn't stay until the end of the tenancy, but they also couldn't keep going due to the lack of customers.

The pair admits that business there is significantly more profitable, located in a busy area near an industrial estate. However, the family have had to adapt the way they operate the shop, explaining that Diane's son, Stephen, will manage the bakery.

Despite the extension, they do not have the commercial space to bake their own bread, but they still make their cakes, pies and pastries.

Whilst expressing her gratitude to continue trading at all, Sam says that the one shop "can't sustain everyone's wages" but remains optimistic that the bakery may expand to two shops once again in the future.

Housing Association Bromford confirmed plans to demolish the four 'Views' flats buildings — including the commercial units under Church View — in late 2024, due to structural issues and poor energy efficiency. A demolition date is still yet to be confirmed.

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'Eyesore': Church View in Church Road. Image: Google Maps



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News

'Tour de CAB' raises funds and awareness

By Lucy Frost

A Bristol dad has completed a 'Tour de CAB' fundraiser by cycling to all Citizens Advice drop-in locations across South Gloucestershire - including at FACE in Filton - in a single day.

Ed Phillis is a 'Help to Claim' adviser for the charity, where he supports people through the process of making a first-time Universal Credit claim. He took on the ride to raise awareness of the vital work done by the charity and to date, has raised £700.

Mr Phillis, who started in Thornbury and finished in Yate, said: "Luckily, the rain held off, no injuries and no mechanical failures!

"But the real highlight of the ride was meeting so many people at the different Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire outreach sessions.

"It really brought home just how important community centres and village halls are to the communities they serve,



Ed Phillis (left) pictured outside FACE, where a CAB drop-in service operates, with charity CEO Debbie Teml and Filton town clerk Simon Davies

and how valued the Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire drop-in sessions are as part of the support offered from these venues.

"South Gloucestershire is such a varied county, encompassing urban, industrial and rural communities, and I was struck by the number of great cycle routes connecting them.

"A big thank you to everyone who took the time to chat, to everyone involved in organising the outreach sessions, and to everyone who supported the fundraising.

"It was a long day in the saddle, but a really worthwhile one."

Ed's journey was roughly 35 miles long, visiting each of the 12

locations where the charity runs a free advice drop-in session.

These sessions allow members of the public to get much-needed support from the charity without an appointment.

In 2025-26, the charity supported over 7,300 people and saved clients a combined total of £15 million – averaging at more than £2,000 per person.

Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire's CEO, Chantal Watts said: "I'd like to say a huge congratulations to Ed on his successful bike ride.

"To date we've raised just over £700 and I can't stress how important our outreaches are to this organisation.

"It means that people who have travelling disabilities can get here, they can reach advice every single day of the week - and Ed's journey today has highlighted that."

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News

New dental practice will be 'music to local patients' ears'

A new state-of-the-art NHS dental practice is set to open in Filton early next year.

The multi-million pound practice will accommodate the mydentist practice in Filton Road, as well as two other practices.

It is not yet known where the new 22-chair site will be located in Filton or which other practices will also be moving.

MP for Filton and Bradley Stoke Claire Hazelgrove visited the practice on September 4 to discuss the plans, following a nationwide initiative to make dental services more accessible to patients.

The local site participated in the Government's initiative to

roll out an extra 700,000 urgent dental appointments nationwide — 19,076 of which were funded for the Bristol, North Somerset, and South Gloucestershire NHS area.

Ms Hazelgrove met the team, including the practice manager and clinicians, to also hear about challenges facing the practice, including how training and funding can be used to support practices to reach their communities.

Ms Hazelgrove said: "It was excellent to meet the team at mydentist here in Filton and hear more about their exciting plans to move to an even bigger site, where they'll be able to open their books to more local NHS patients – music to many



Claire Hazelgrove MP and local clinician at mydentist.

ears, I'm sure. I'm grateful to Leah and all the staff for taking the time to show me around their practice and share their thoughts on how our action to boost urgent care appointments and changes to the dental contract are helping them deliver in the way they want to for local patients.

"Improving access to NHS dentistry has been an issue I've championed since before I was elected. With our

community prioritised by government for more urgent care appointments, we've seen some good progress, but there's still more to do."

Since the visit, the local MP has launched a new community survey to identify residents' priorities and understand the scale of local challenges.

Residents are encouraged to share their views here: claire-hazelgrove.co.uk/survey-dental-services/

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OTHER INFORMATION

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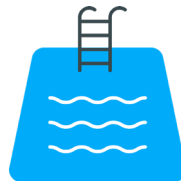
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Buses and trains

www.southglos.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/transport/public-community-and-school-transport/
Rail stations at Bristol Parkway and Filton Abbey Wood: www.gwr.com/travel-information/train-times



Filton planning applications in September

HM watch

Applications

634 Southmead Road Erection of two storey side and first floor rear extensions to form additional living accommodation

Decisions

28 Mackie Avenue 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 3m, and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.93m. **Refusal Prior Approval**

128 Northville Road Conversion of existing garage to form annexe. **Refuse Certificate of Lawfulness**

28 Rodney Crescent
Continued use of dwellinghouse as a 6-bedroom (6 persons) HMO (Class C4). **Approve Certificate of Lawfulness**

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). **Approve with Conditions**

Filton Clinic, Shields Avenue
Permission in principle for the erection of up to 6 dwellings. **Approve**

Unit 3b, Abbey Wood Retail Park
Erection of 1 canopy structure (Class E). **Approve with Conditions**

Unit 3b, Abbey Wood Retail Park
Display of 3 internally illuminated and 1 non-illuminated fascia signs. **Advert Approve with Conditions**

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

Land rear Of 25 Broncksea Road
Erection of 1 dwelling with new access, parking and associated works. **Refusal**

Land at Brabazon, former Filton Airfield Erection of a padel sports centre and associated works for the temporary period of up to 10 years. **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. Visit beta.southglos.gov.uk/search-planning-applications to keep up to date with the latest planning applications and decisions.

Filton Police "talk to us" events

The Filton Beat Team is hosting a series of "Talk To Us" sessions at Elm Park Leisure Centre, giving residents an opportunity to meet local officers, discuss community issues and learn more about neighbourhood policing initiatives.

The team also hopes to bring their community van and offer free bike marking at future events.

The upcoming dates are:

- **Friday, 2nd October 2026 - 5:30pm**
- **Thursday, 29th October 2026 - 5:30pm**
- **Tuesday, 10th November 2026 - 5:30pm**
- **Wednesday, 16th December 2026 - 10am**



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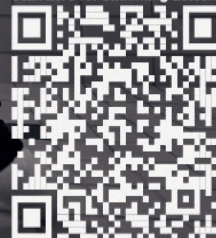
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Blenheim Drive update: tender decision by December

As previously reported, Filton Town Council is undergoing the process to appoint a contractor to deliver the refurbishments to Blenheim Drive play area. The successful tenderer is expected to develop a cohesive design which balances imaginative play, physical challenge, accessibility, visual appeal, safety, durability and ease of maintenance.

The tender remains open until 12 October. Submissions will then undergo assessment by officer scoring and a council meeting scoring, with shortlisted applicants invited to present their proposals.

The decision will be informed by prior consultation undergone with local schools, young people, residents and the wider community – who demonstrated a clear preference for an aviation-themed play space.

A decision is expected to be made for a contract to begin 1 December, with work proceeding the following January.

The successful supplier will be required to develop a programme that achieves practical completion no later than 1 July 2027.



Strong attendance at business partnership meeting

Filton Town Council held their quarterly Business Partnership Meeting at Charborough Primary School. The event provides an opportunity for local businesses to network, share upcoming events and projects.

The latest meeting included an update on council projects, a presentation from SGS College and an informative discussion on dementia-friendly high streets and communities.

The council is aiming to hold these sessions throughout the year to strengthen partnerships and support local businesses across Filton.

The next Filton Community Business Partnership Meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, 20th January 2027 from 1pm - 2:30pm to be held at Aerospace Bristol.**

Please note that invitations to the Filton Community Business Partnership Meeting are by invite only, and are sent to organisations which include local business, community group, education, housing and supporting services sectors.

Any enquiries on invitations or participation in a meeting, to be sent to office@filtontowncouncil.gov.uk.



Gym survey

The results from a recent gym survey at Elm Park are being analysed to help inform future improvements to the facility.

Based on current usage levels, the leisure centre is reviewing the three BOX12 units located on the gym floor. The review concluded that the equipment is occupying a significant amount of space that could be better utilised to enhance the gym layout and overall member experience.

The Assets and Open Spaces committee is working alongside the staff at the gym to determine the most suitable option.

Following survey results indicating 92% of members do not use the units, up to 2 of the BOX12 units will likely be sold and replaced with higher in-demand items – including re-situating one of the existing power racks to the matted area.

Contact Filton Town Council

Town Clerk:

Simon Davies

Visit

The Council office is open to the public 9am-5pm Monday to Thursday & 9am- 4:30pm on Fridays only. Offices located within Elm Park Leisure Centre.

Address: Filton Town Council, Elm Park, Filton BS34 7PS.

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October meetings

Due to ongoing procurement requirements, some October meeting dates may be subject to change.

Updated details will be published on our website and social media once confirmed.





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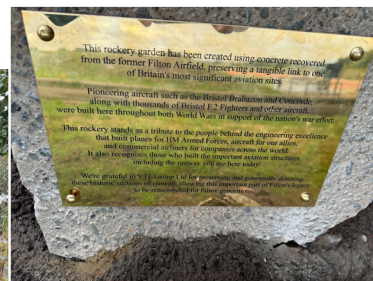
Elm Park runway rockery project

Filton Town Council's Open Spaces Team, led by Park Ranger Daniel Thomas, has recently completed a new rockery garden in Elm Park using sections of concrete recovered from the former Filton Airfield runway.

The project was made possible through collaboration with YTL Group Ltd, who donated the historic runway material. The rockery has been designed to increase native planting and biodiversity while preserving an important piece of Filton's aviation heritage. The project also formed part of wider improvements associated with Elm Park's successful Green Flag Award.

A commemorative plaque recognises Filton Airfield's role in producing iconic aircraft including Concorde and the Bristol Brabazon, whilst paying tribute to the generations of engineers, aircraft workers and construction teams who contributed to Filton's internationally significant aerospace history.

When planting the rockery, Daniel had help from some volunteers/passers-by - Chris Stacey, Dave Boulter MBE and two brothers.



Filton Allotments autumn growing contest

Saturday, 26th September 2026 (afternoon)

The Sidings Allotments

Filton Town Council's annual Autumn Growing Contest was due to take place at The Sidings

Allotments, celebrating the hard work and achievements of local plot holders throughout the growing season.

This year's Autumn categories are:

- Pumpkin (Vegetable)

- Sedum (Flower)

- Apple (Fruit)

Entries will be judged on participants' plots, allowing judges to view the produce within its growing environment. The

event forms part of the Council's seasonal "Grow • Share • Celebrate" programme, which encourages gardening, biodiversity and community participation across Filton's allotment sites.

The Sidings	Nutfield Grove
Spring Contest	Spring Contest
Radish Sweet Pea Strawberry	Spring Lettuce Tulips Rhubarb
Judging: Saturday 23 rd May 2026	Judging: Saturday 23 rd May 2026
Summer Contest	Summer Contest
Courgette Sunflower Blackcurrant	Runner Beans Cosmos Raspberries
Judging: Saturday 15 th August 2026	Judging: Saturday 15 th August 2026
Autumn Contest	Autumn Contest
Pumpkin Sedum Apple	Carrots Dahlias Pears
Judging: Saturday 26 th September 2026	Judging: Saturday 26 th September 2026
Winter Contest	Winter Contest
Kale Winter Pansy Best Winter Plot Presentation	Leeks Hellebores Best Winter Plot Presentation
Judging: Saturday 6 February 2027	Judging: Saturday 6 th February 2027

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Citizens Advice South Gloucestershire is running free face-to-face advice sessions for Filton residents.

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News from our MP Claire Hazelgrove

Making your voice heard – in our community and in Parliament

I hope you are keeping well and getting back into full routines again and that the summer has been as smooth as possible.

This month, my small team and I worked on 528 cases to support residents directly, including at my advice surgery, held in Bradley Stoke.

I ran my latest 'Coffee with Claire' event in Winterbourne, bringing residents together to share their experiences and make the case for better buses, particularly for journeys across our community. I have shared local views from this, and my online survey, directly with Transport Ministers, First Bus, and the West of England Combined Authority.

I spoke in the Commons about the importance of our local pubs, and welcomed government action to cut their business rates bills by 20 per cent. My first job was waitressing and pot washing in a pub aged 14, and I know how much they all matter to us locally.



I hosted the Hydrogen in Aviation Alliance's new report launch (pictured), highlighting our area's world-leading aerospace heritage and potential to lead the future of hydrogen-powered flight — reducing environmental impact. I want to see Britain seize the opportunity to lead this, with Filton at the very heart of it.

I also met with the defence

procurement minister to discuss the important work so many do locally to support our national security and that of our NATO allies. This is all the more important in these more uncertain times globally, and our local contribution is highly valued by the government.

Following my visit to the Frenchay Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit, I was pleased to co-chair a parliamentary roundtable on brain injury rehabilitation with the team based there and other experts from across the country.

I also heard directly from our new Prime Minister as he set out his key priorities to continue our work in cutting the cost of everyday

essentials, bringing key services under greater public control, and supporting communities to thrive.

I've been campaigning for the local Post Office services we need back in Downend following the closure of the local branch. Over 120 residents have filled in my local survey.

I have shared this invaluable feedback with the Post Office, arranged a meeting with the relevant government minister, and will continue pushing for a solution.

Thank you to everyone who shared my survey, particularly local residents Sue and Hillary who helped take paper copies around, and the Lincombe Barn team for kindly taking in returned paper copies. This shows what we can do, working together as a community, for our community.

Please get in touch anytime: claire.hazelgrove.mp@parliament.uk

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Art Club (for children aged 7-11)	Saturday 10 th 11-11:45am
Lego Club (for children aged 4-11)	Saturday 17 th 11-11:45am



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News

Thousands celebrate reading success

Almost 5,000 children from across South Gloucestershire took part in the 2026 summer reading challenge at local libraries, reading over 105,000 books during the holidays.

This year's challenge, 'Read to the Beat', was aimed to inspire children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how both reading and music can ignite imagination and creativity.

Developed by the Reading Agency, the challenge is designed to boost children's reading engagement and confidence, supporting their wellbeing and helping them to thrive.

Primary school aged children chose books to read and collected stickers to complete their sticker booklet to earn a medal, certificate and a voucher for a free swim at their local Active Lifestyle Centre, provided by Circadian Trust. A mini



Chair of South Glos Council, Cllr Adrian Rush (back row, centre left) and cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, Cllr John Bradbury (back row, centre right), with volunteers and local children who participated in the challenge at Hanham Library

challenge was also available for pre-school children to help prepare them for starting school.

Throughout the summer, children also enjoyed other free activities at libraries, including creative arts and crafts, Lego

challenges, music and cultural experiences, and inclusive sessions designed for children and families with additional needs.

South Gloucestershire libraries also encouraged

children to participate through outreach sessions delivered in partnership with local children's charity, Turtle CYP, which supported children taking part in the Council's Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

News

Filton 'forgotten' amid bus service changes

By Lucy Frost

Filton residents say they have been "forgotten" as a petition has been launched calling for a long-lost route to be reinstated.

Changes to bus services have sparked a new petition to reinstate the Bristol 18 bus, which was pulled in 2018 and connected Emerson's Green with Southmead Hospital.

The petition, which has 159 signatures, stated: "Reinstating the 18 is not only vital for direct hospital links, but for commuting to colleges, workplaces, and shopping."

"There have been many changes to bus services throughout the years. The loss of the 18 bus has hit the hardest."

"With the 10/11 (18 replacement) no longer serving core destinations from the old 18 in west Bristol, and Emerson's, Mangotsfield and Bromley Heath having little to no links to west Bristol, the 18 now is more vital than it has ever been before."

The petition has prompted discussion among residents online, some stating that the changes affect their children's journeys to school.

One resident wrote: "Filton is forgotten... no wonder people use cars."

The former Bristol 18 bus connected Emerson's Green with Southmead Hospital, while also serving the Filton area



The West of England Combined Authority (WECA) announced numerous changes to routes operating within the West Country from August 30.

In the announcement they state that the changes to the number 10 bus were "to improve punctuality and reliability".

WECA was approached for comment but did not respond before the date of publication.

Claire Hazelgrove, MP for Filton and Bradley Stoke, held a 'Coffee with Claire' event to discuss improving local bus services. She said: "I want to

hear about your experiences and priorities so — together — we can make the strongest possible case for better buses."

"I'll share your feedback directly with First Bus and the West of England Combined Authority, who are responsible for our buses."

"It will also inform my work pressing for any changes needed nationally."

While her survey closed on September 19, residents can continue to contact Ms Hazelgrove via her email address at claire.hazelgrove.mp@parliament.uk

News

'Cycle route needs better lighting'

By Alex Seabrook, LDERS reporter

Hundreds of petitioners call for better lighting along busy walking and cycling route. Hundreds of petitioners have called for better lighting to be installed along a busy walking and cycling route. Concorde Way is a major commuter route from Filton into the city centre but a section is dark and some local residents avoid using the path during winter.

Local councillors said the part of the path between Muller Road and Mina Road was "perilously dark" during the winter months. More than 740 people signed a petition calling on Bristol City Council to install new streetlights along Concorde Way near the Ashley Down train station.

The petition was presented to councillors on the transport policy committee on Thursday, September 17.

This section of the route is used by many people including schoolchildren at the nearby Fairfield High School and passengers heading to Ashley Down train station. But there have been reports of muggings and attacks in the tunnel underneath the railway.

Around 1,000 commuters use Concorde Way every day, connecting people to major employers such as the University of the West of England and the Ministry of Defence.

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The Perfect Pergola

The best pergolas do far more than provide shade. Here's how to create one that gives structure to your outside space... literally!

First, consider position - a pergola should encourage movement rather than interrupt it. It might frame the view towards a favourite tree, provide shelter over an outdoor dining table or gently draw visitors further into the garden. The destination matters just as much as the structure itself.

One of the commonest mistakes is building too small. A pergola that barely covers a table can feel cramped, while generous proportions instantly create a sense of comfort. Leave enough room to pull chairs back, walk comfortably around furniture and allow climbers space to mature.

Natural timber remains Britain's favourite choice because it softens beautifully with age, although

painted finishes can suit more contemporary gardens. Whatever the style, solid construction is essential.

As for what to grow, Wisteria remains one of Britain's finest choices, rewarding patience with spectacular spring flowers. Roses bring colour and fragrance throughout summer, while clematis offers remarkable variety.

Grapevines provide Mediterranean character, and jasmine perfumes warm evenings in a way few plants can match.

Resist the urge to cover every post immediately. Not only will you hide the wood that you've proudly installed, but part of the pergola pleasure is watching it gradually



disappear beneath foliage as the years go by.

Finally, what you place within the pergola is really down to personal taste, but a well-made bench, generous dining chairs or a deep outdoor sofa will invite people to linger far longer than fashionable furniture chosen purely for appearance.

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News from your local councillor Alex Doyle

Why the Post Office is such a crucial part of our community

Post Offices have been in the news a great deal recently. Across the UK, communities are concerned about the impact that the closure of retailers such as TG Jones, which host a number of Post Office branches, could have on the local services they rely upon.

In Filton, we face a similar challenge. Many residents will be aware that housing association Bromford has been planning for several years to demolish the Views flats, including the retail units at Church View. This would leave both the Post Office and Gales Farm Meats without premises, despite both businesses wanting to continue serving the local community.

While many services are now accessed online, Post Offices remain a vital part of community life. Not everyone finds it easy to use digital services, and many people still rely on face-to-face support.

This is particularly true for older residents, people with disabilities, and those who may find it difficult to travel further afield. As your district councillors, we are determined to do everything we can to ensure that both the Post Office and the butcher's shop can remain in Church View for as long as possible.

Should the Post Office ultimately need to relocate, we will also offer whatever support we can to help it find a suitable new home.

Alongside South Gloucestershire Council, we are currently working with Bromford and the two businesses to

explore all possible options.

It is important that Filton residents have their voices heard.

In the coming weeks, we will be launching a petition to demonstrate just how important the Post Office is to our community.

If you would like to discuss this issue, or any other local matter, please come and speak to us at our councillor surgery at Filton Library. We are available every Saturday from 10.00am to 11.00am and would be pleased to hear from you.



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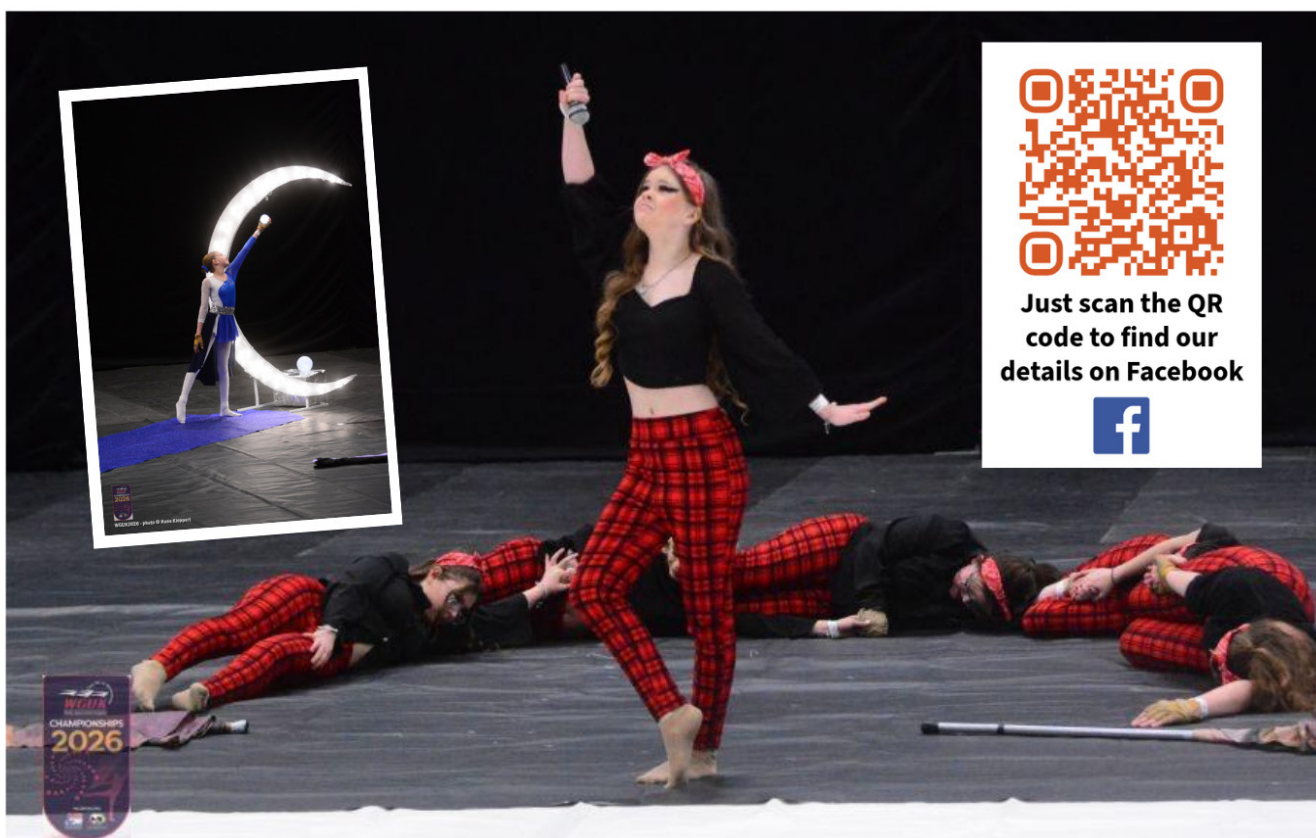
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St Peter's Church

Sunday 27 September 8.30am and 10am Eucharist

Sunday 4 October 10am Eucharist

Sunday 11 October 8.30 and 10am Eucharist

Sunday 18 October 8.30am and 10am Healing Eucharist for St Luke the Evangelist

Sunday 25 October 8.30am and 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.stpeterschurchfilton.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 or Cafe Worship usually once a month.

Tuesdays

Wesley Guild: meets **alternate Tuesdays** at 2.15 pm. All welcome. October meetings are the 3rd and the 17th.

Thursdays

Rainbows (term-time) 5.15pm.

Fridays

St Andrews Baby and Toddler Group, term-time, 10am-11.45am, £2 per family, includes refreshments. Play, crafts, chat, and singing time.

Messy Church: Meets the **2nd Saturday** of the month, 3.30pm-5.15pm. Crafts, fun and food for all the family. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. This event is free. The next meeting is **October 10th**

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

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

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

SHE7

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.

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.

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

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 **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.

October

Saturday 10th

Saturday 24th

November

Saturday 7th

Saturday 21st

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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

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.

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/

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

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.

RCTS Railway Society

Friday 2 October
7.30pm at St Teresa's Church Hall, 71 Gloucester Rd North, BS34 7PL
Nigel Wassell will present a double bill of excellent pictures from top railway photographer John Spencer Gilks. 'JSG on Tour', shows country wide images of rail tours from the 1960's and 'JSG's Westerns', shows images of Class 52s between 1965 and 1975 in the West of England, including the Bristol area. A large selection of new and second hand books will be on sale, worth a visit just for the bookstall. For further information email: bristol@rcts.org.uk

Filton Historical Group

Programme of talks – autumn 2026 to spring 2027

Please note that all talks will now be on Tuesday afternoons. These will be held in St Andrew's Church, Elm Park, Filton. All talks will start at 2pm. There is free parking available in the adjacent Church car park. The cost of membership covering all six talks will be £15 person. Guests (or those who wish only to come to selected talks) will be asked to pay £5 per session. Yearly membership fees will be collected at the September meeting (or later if you cannot come to this one). Please pass the information on these talks to anyone you feel might be interested. We welcome all-comers, especially new members.
e-mail: alansnook@blueyonder.co.uk

Tuesday 29 September 2026 - 2.00 pm

Starting prompt at 1.45 pm to allow collection of yearly membership subscriptions
'Bristol Revisited - BAE, Concorde, Brabazon' and Edwards Guide to Bristol: 200 year old books describing Bristol - Gordon Young
Tuesday 27 October 2026 – 2.00 pm
'Finding Eliza Carr – the West Country Girl behind an 1865 needlework sampler' - Terry Ransome

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 cleaning between teeth is so important



is such an important part of caring for your mouth.

But if it's so important, why do so many of us struggle with it?

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give up.

- And oftentimes it just all feels a bit too much to fit another task into the day, so we don't.

Good oral health isn't simply about being told what to do.

It's about understanding why, knowing what is right for your mouth, and feeling confident

about how to do it.

If you're unsure whether you're caring for your teeth and gums as effectively as you could, I'd be happy to help.

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Filton Community Garden,
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Online updates at:

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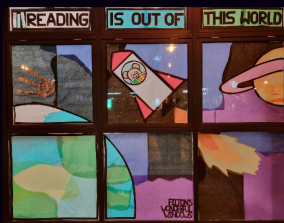
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