# GREEN MAN DAY



# SATURDAY 16th JULY 2011 PILTON, BARNSTAPLE

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#### WHAT'S ON - FRIDAY 15th

Reform Inn: Evening - Chris Stuckey All Day - Beer Festival

Pilton House: 7.30 - Lord Basil's Reformers: (See advert right)

#### WHAT'S ON - SUNDAY 17th

Bull House Tours 1:00pm - 4:30pm

The National Trust is organising tours of Bull House on the day after the Green Man Festival.

There are limited numbers, and tickets are available from the National Trust Stand on Festival day.



#### ABOUT PILTON FESTIVAL

Pilton Festival, sometimes known as "Green Man Day" is a day of fun and entertainment for all. Pilton is a self-contained community within Barnstaple which enjoys a unique village atmosphere.

The Festival provides enjoyment and spectacle for people of all ages as well as a valuable platform for local charities to raise funds.

The Festival is non-profit making and we are eternally grateful for the generosity of businesses and individuals who cover the considerable costs incurred in the presentation of the event through sponsorship and freely donated services.

#### THE PROCESSION

The Procession starts at 11.00am on The Square in Barnstaple and makes its way through the town centre entering Pilton at the bottom of the street. It will proceed up Pilton Street and turn right into Pilton House ready for the first performance of The Pageant at 12.00noon. All are welcome to come and join in - Look for the large Green and Red masks leading the way!

### THE PAGEANT

(12.00noon & 3.00pm in Pilton House grounds)

The Green Man is an ancient Pagan symbol of nature and fertility frequently depicted in carvings in old churches as a face sprouting foliage.

The Pageant is a dramatic representation of how the church incorporated ancient beliefs into Christian ideology. The story of how the Green Man ultimately meets the Prior has always been at the core of our annual festival.

## WHAT'S ON - SATURDAY 16th

#### THE PARKER TOP STAGE

10.00-11.00 Sound Check 11.00-11.45 Colin Shaddick 11.45-12.15 Parade & Pageant 12.15-13.00 Luxton Lake

13.00-14.00 Elderley Brothers

14.00-15.00 Swing 20-10

15.00-15.30 Pageant

15.30-15.45 Stars In Your Eyes Trio

15.45-16.45 Appledore Music Factory featuring
The Dambuskers and Chloe Bix

#### **MIDDLE PLATFORM BY "RED SHOES"**

10.00-10.40 Sound Check 11.00-11.20 Ellie Campbell 11.30-12.00 PARADE

12.00-12.20 Simon "Beano" Green

12.20-12.40 Kiera & Tom

12.40-13.00 Ced Piper

13.00-13.20 Trudie Brown 13.20-13.40 Johnny Button

13.40-14.00 Jo Geraghty

14.00-14.20 Dave Smith

14.20-14.40 Mark & Vicky

14.40-15.00 Steve Turner & Steve Turley

15.00-15.20 Stompbox

15.20-15.40 Ben & Josh

### **BOTTOM TRAILER STAGE**

10.00-10.45 Sound Check

**10.45-11.30** The Wanderers

11.30-11.45 PARADE

11.45-12.30 The Confused

12.30-13.00 Moxey & Toddy

13.00-13.45 The Average Blues Band 14.00-15.00 The Serviceable Villains

15.00-15.30 Moxey & Toddy

15.30-16.30 A.K.A.

# **WHAT'S ON - SATURDAY 16th**

#### **PILTON HOUSE GROUNDS**

11.15 Barnstaple Singers

### 12.00 Pageant

12.30 Elfic the Jester

13.00 Salsa Dance (You can join in!)

13.30 Kaleidoscope and Samba Band

14.00 Tarka Morris

14.30 Samba Sol

### 15.00 Pageant

15.30 Elfic the Jester

All Day Open Mic Tent

All Day Coconut Shy

#### **LOWER ALMS HOUSE GARDENS**

13.00 Dave Hendy

15.00 Dave Hendy

#### **PILTON CHURCH HALL**

All day - Come into the "Oasis" run by local Churches, for refreshments, displays about how the Church is serving the community, prayers for healing and banners designed by the children from Pilton Bluecoat School.

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#### **THE OLD SCHOOL**

(Next to Pilton Church)

Pilton Arts Group Open Day and Art

Exhibition.

10.30-16.00 - All Welcome

#### **CHICHESTER ARMS**

Live Music:

Afternoon - Sneaky Pete's Disco

Evening - "Barely Legal"

#### **REFORM INN**

Beer Festival all weekend

**Evening - Live Music - Woodford Green** 

#### **ROTARY GARDENS**

**DACL/Family Learning Tent** 

The Exotic Animal Society

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Devon Face painting

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Hemp spinning & weaving

Ball-In-A-Bucket game

Exmoor Game BBQ

#### **ENTERTAINERS**

Stiltskin (The Green Man); Matt Lemon,

Juggler (14.00); Chucklefoot; Paul Roberts

(Classic Sounds); Dave Oliver (Rattlebox

Theatre); Poetry Tent; Ploughcapella

(14.15); Pilton Community College Players

(15.45)

### What's on in PILTON CHURCH

### Saturday 16th July

10am Festival Peal by Pilton Bell Ringers

10am - 5pm Celebration with flowers, displays and

refreshments "Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving"

10am - 5pm Hunt the Snoopy Children's Treasure Hunt

Sunday 17th July

1pm - 5pm Celebration with flowers, displays and

refreshments "Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving"

1pm - 4pm Walking Treasure Hunt - starts in the Church.

Order a Cream Tea for the finish from 3 - 4pm.

7.30pm Annual Concert of Words and Music

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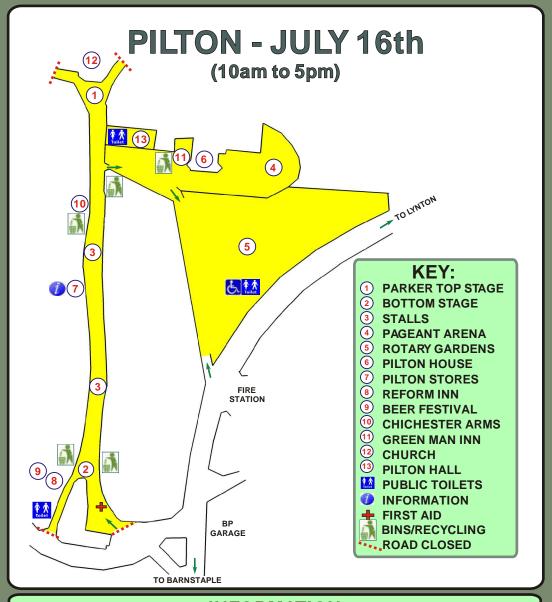
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#### PILTON FESTIVAL - A SHORT HISTORY by NOEL HARLEY

Details of early versions of the Festival are not written in any documents to be found now. It is believed that a Charter was granted in 1344 by Edward III for a Market and Fair in Pilton to be held annually in July, which would certainly have been accompanied by entertainment, feasting and carousing. Oral tradition recalls dancing on what was a green triangle where Dark Lane joins Bellaire and Northfield Lane still taking place shortly before World War 2.

The modern Festival was inaugurated in 1982 by the then Vicar, the Rev Anthony Geering, 1,100 years after the establishment of Pilton as a Burgh by King Athelstan. A whole series of events were planned for a month from Midsummer's Day. The programme began with a concert in the Church by local artistes. The first weekend saw a 3 day Flower Festival in the church on the theme "Enter his gates with praise", an exhibition in the Bluecoat School entitled "Pilton Past and Present" including many items related to industries and works in Pilton and photographs from personal collections, all loaned by local residents. Many a face was recalled from years ago. The grand culmination was the Mediaeval Market and Pageant, with a mediaeval period as its theme. The market spread up Pilton Street and extended under the arch into Church Path. It was rich with costumed entertainers and traders, and blessed with a warm and sunny day. The Pageant in the afternoon depicted events from the history of Pilton, as seen by the mythical Green Man (played by Anthony Geering). The participants assembled in Pilton Park and made their way through the Street into the grounds of Pilton House. It included Celtic residents of the hill fort on Roborough, Vikings, King Athelstan and knights, lepers from St Margarets Hospital, monks, Puritans and many more. A packed day finished off with Country Dancing on a wonderfully balmy evening in the playground at the Bluecoat School to the music of Hayseed and Axolotl with accompanying lamb roast.

The next Festivals were held in 1984, 1987, 1989, 1991 and 1993, in various forms. In 1995 the Festival included the usual street market, some entertainers, and a Pageant based on a new principle, that instead of trying to depict a new theme every year, a street play would be repeated perpetually, featuring an encounter between the Pilton Prior and the Green Man, explaining the apparent incongruity of the Green Man carving in the Church. An innovation in 1996 was a costumed procession from the Barnstaple Museum in the Square through the High Street back to Pilton. The Festival has continued to evolve, with the Pageant becoming a more complex performance, and eventually Pilton Street became so congested that it became necessary to expand the venue to allow visitors a reasonable chance to watch. An arrangement was therefore negotiated to extend into the grounds of Pilton House and Rotary Gardens, reverting to the arrangements of 1982.



### **INFORMATION**

Further information is available from Pilton Stores.

First Aid is available at Pilton House and at the bottom of Pilton Street.

### Lost Children collection point is at Pilton Stores 7

Or speak to "Call me Dave" - Our Festival Compere - who will be walking up and down the street with a microphone!

This program was correct at the time of going to press. However, due to the dynamic nature of the festival there will certainly be last minute changes.