

GREEN MAN DAY



SATURDAY 21st JULY 2012
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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.

If you feel you are able to help with next year’s festival in any way then please contact us - details are on the front of this program.

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 21st

TOP STAGE

- 10.45 - 11.45 The Mighty Manouche
11.45 - 12.15 Parade
12.15 - 13.00 Threes Company
13.00 - 13.45 Colin Shaddick/Kevin Aram
13.45 - 14.30 Luxton/Lake
14.30 - 14.45 The Stars Trio
14.45 - 15.45 The Elderly Bros
15.45 - 16.45 Appledore Music Factory featuring
The Dambuskers and Chloe Bix

The Pilton Story collects the history of Pilton and its people - memories, documents, recordings and photographs dating back up to 1000 years. Have a look at our new 24/7 online archive at www.thepiltonstory.org. It has over 100 items already – video and audio recordings, photographs, documents and articles. These pictures are examples. We have a new community office in Pilton Church Hall which is open on Festival Day and is usually open on Mondays from 5 – 7pm.



If you would like to share your bit of Pilton history please contact us on submissions@thepiltonstory.org or telephone 01271 371121.

WHAT'S ON - SATURDAY 21st

MIDDLE STAGE

- 10.00 - 10.40 Soundcheck
- 10.40 - 11.00 Tim Marks
- 11.00 - 11.20 Arthur Wharf
- 11.30 - 12.00 Parade
- 12.00 - 12.20 Vicky Ratcliffe / Mark Pressland
- 12.20 - 12.40 Book em' and risk it
- 12.40 - 13.00 Bev / Steve
- 13.00 - 13.20 Ced
- 13.20 - 13.40 Rosie Cutting
- 13.40 - 14.00 Mike and Clive
- 14.00 - 14.20 Kiera
- 14.20 - 14.40 Beano Green
- 14.40 - 15.00 Dan Greenaway

BOTTOM STAGE

- 10.00 - 11.30 The Wanderers
- 11.30 - 11.45 Parade
- 11.45 - 12.30 Erica Oldham Band
- 12.30 - 13.30 Lucy and The Moons
- 13.30 - 14.30 The Muddy River Band
- 14.30 - 15.30 Barely Legal
- 15.30 - 16.30 Liquidators AKA

WHAT'S ON - SATURDAY 21st

PILTON HOUSE GROUNDS

12.00 Pageant

12.30 Nikki - Irish Dancing Workshop

13.00 Salsa Dance (You can join in!)

13.30 Pilton Infants Dance

13.45 Tarka Morris

14.45 Samba

15.00 Pageant

15.30 Tarka Morris

All Day Open Mic Tent

All Day Coconut Shy

All Day - Uncle Tacko presents for your delectation and delight his cheeky monkey Captain Ginger, his mighty barrel organ and his extraordinary flea circus featuring Olga Ivanitch and the Hercufleas the Great. A must see!!

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.

Dave Hendy (Punch & Judy) 1.30 & 3.30 in the Committee Room

THE GREEN MAN BAR & BISTRO

Afternoon - Disco

Evening - Live Music

THE OLD SCHOOL

(Next to Pilton Church)
Pilton Arts Group Open Day and Art Exhibition.

10.30-16.00 - All Welcome

REFORM INN

Beer Festival all weekend

Evening - Live Music

WHAT'S ON - SATURDAY 21st

ROTARY GARDENS

DACL/Family Learning Tent, Mrs Recycle, The Exotic Animal Society, Encaustic art/Wax painting demo, Birds of Prey rescue, Candyfloss & Pick'n'Mix, Various Jewellers, Ethnic clothing, Green Man heads and medallions, Pancake bar, "Free Play" Leather & Felt craft making, Honey, beeswax candles, polishes etc., F. S. I. D. Stall/Face-Painting, Hand made arts and crafts, Living Tree Centre, Milkshakes, smoothies & frozen yoghurt, The Complete Knight (Costumes & Toys), Swing Boats, Fashion from Recycled fabrics, Trampolines & Soft Play area, Devon Delights Cupcakes, Driftwood/textile crafts - Peg loom demo, Two Rivers Steiner Kindergarten, Afro-Caribbean Delights, Hey Mambo Coffee, Knitted items, Traditional sweet shop, Hemp spinning & weaving, Ball-In-A-Bucket game, Exmoor Game BBQ, Paella Bar, Pimms Tent and much more!!

ENTERTAINERS

Stiltskin (The Green Man), Matt Lemon (Juggler), Paul Roberts (Classic Sounds), Tinderbox (Knee-High Puppets), Vinny (Clown), Poetry Tent



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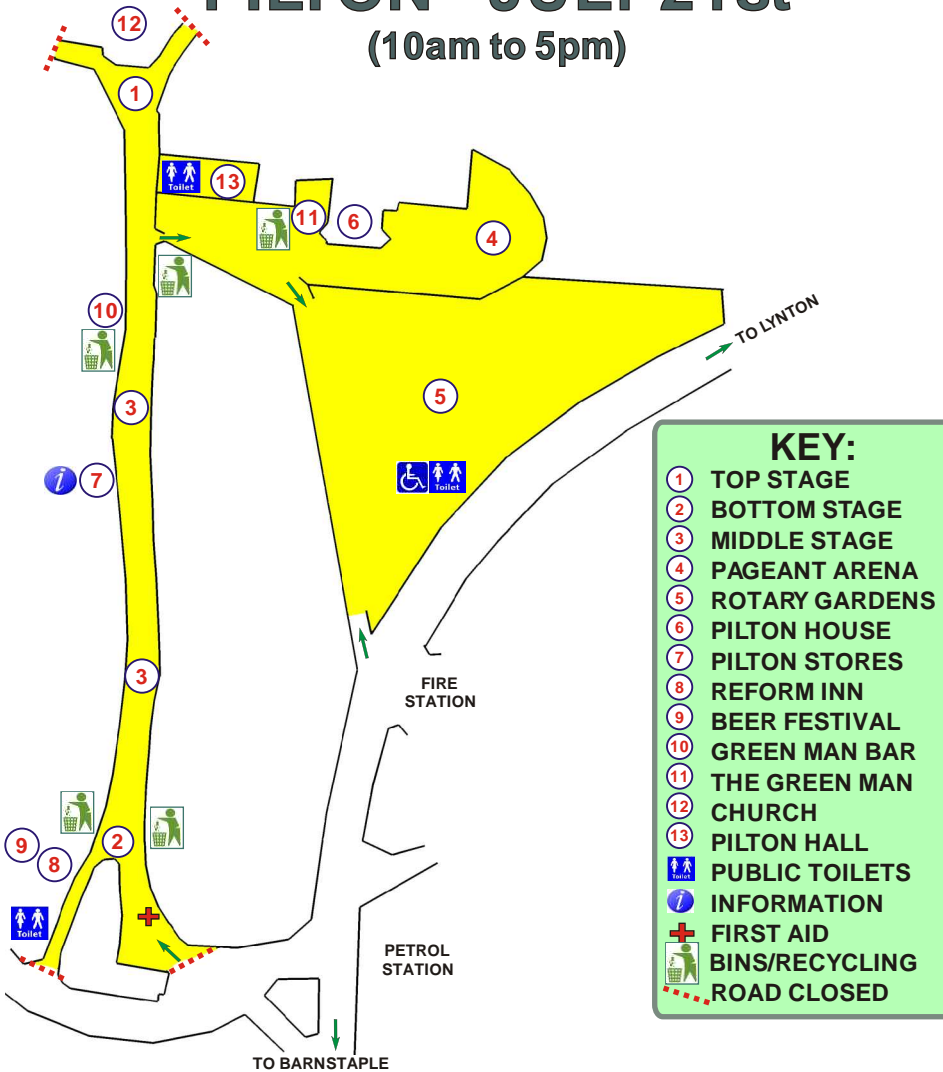
Details of early versions of the Festival are not written in any documents to be found now. It is believed that a Charter was granted in 1344 by Edward III for a Market and Fair in Pilton to be held annually in July, which would certainly have been accompanied by entertainment, feasting and carousing. 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.

PILTON - JULY 21st

(10am to 5pm)



KEY:

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- ② BOTTOM STAGE
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