

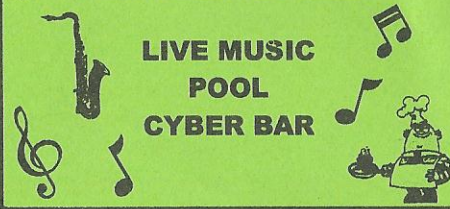
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of fun and entertainment
for all who come along.

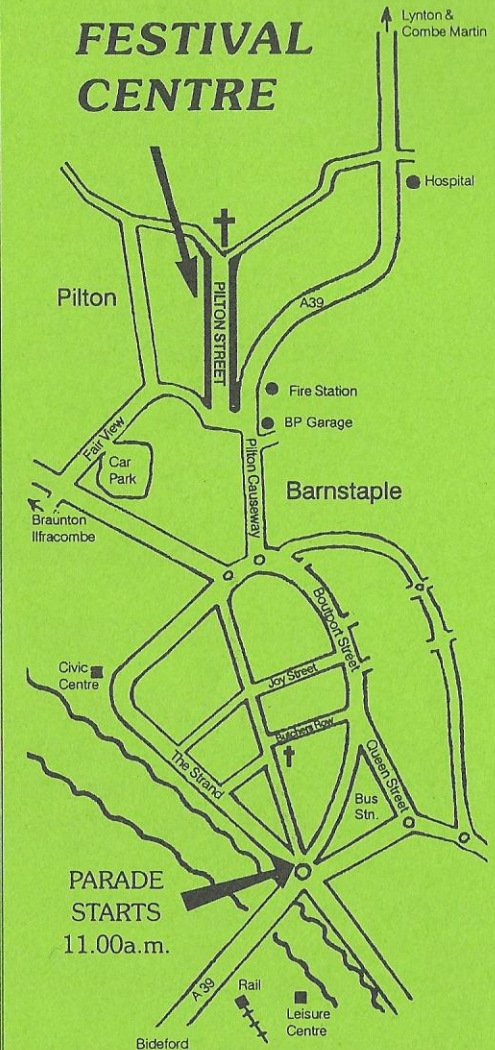
Pilton is a self contained
community within
Barnstaple which enjoys a
unique village atmosphere.

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

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

HOW TO GET THERE

FESTIVAL CENTRE



Pilton is situated to the North-West of Barnstaple's Town Centre.

From the North (Lynton) approach Barnstaple past the Hospital. At first set of lights turn right. (Pilton is on your right now!) Follow road around to left and park in Fair View Pay & Display Car Park 500 yards on left.

From the West (Braunton, Ilfracombe) approach Barnstaple via dual carriageway. After Pottington lights turn left at next crossroads. Fair View Car park is 100 yards on right.

From South (Bideford/Torrington) & **East** (Tiverton/M5) follow signs to Hospital/Lynton. At lights (BP garage on right) turn left. Fair View Car park is 500 yards on left.

WHAT'S ON

SUNDAY JULY 21ST

Festival Dramatic Service - The Church - 10.30am
Pilton Arts Group Open Day - Old School House
Green Man Exhibition - Church Hall
Songs of Praise - Pilton House - 4.30pm
Cream Teas to Music - Crumbles - £3.00
Festival Evensong - The Church - 6.30pm
Merry Mayhem in the Pubs - To Be Announced

THROUGHOUT

LOCAL GARDENS OPEN

FLOWER FESTIVAL IN THE CHURCH

BARUM BREWERY'S BEER FESTIVAL

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The Reform Inn

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The Green Man is an ancient Pagan symbol of nature and fertility, frequently depicted in carvings in old churches as a face sprouting foliage. A splendid green man carving is present in the ancient Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin in Pilton.

The Prior of the Benedictine Priory of Pilton lived at Bull House until the Reformation. The ritual enacted at Pilton Festival is believed to represent the initial antagonism of the two characters, Prior and Green Man, and the subsequent inclusion of the pagan figure within the Church. A further detailed account is available at the Festival.

Pilton was granted a charter to hold an annual market by Edward III. This is a major feature of the Festival and enables craftsmen and women to show and sell their work, and also provides a place for charity workers to raise money for worthy causes, in an atmosphere of fun and spectacle.

WHAT'S ON

SATURDAY JULY 20TH

10.00am 5.00pm

FESTIVAL MARKET And GREEN MAN RITUAL

Produce Crafts Demonstrations
Music Games Childrens Roundabout
Sideshow & Street Performers including:

Dave Hendy: Punch & Judy and Walkabout Magic
Philip Fairweather: Light Opera Alfresco
Matt Lemon: Juggler Extraordinaire
Howling Strikey Hancock: One Man Band
Chucklefoot: Playing in the Street
Hot Punch: Country Dance Band
Samba Sol: Brazilian Rhythms
Zero Talent: An emerging band
Dime Store Gamblers: Fifties Rockabilly
Driftwood: Country Rock
Stiltskin: Living art
Roughshod: Street Theatre Company
Pilton School of Dancing
Human Punch & Judy
Exmoor Border Morris Dancers
Streets Ahead: Stiltwalkers, Jugglers, Unicyclists etc.
And much more !!!

11am: GRAND PARADE from Barnstaple Square
Proclamation Tom Evans
(Watch for the Helicopter)

12 noon & 3pm: THE GREEN MAN MEETS THE PRIOR

In the Church Hall: Exhibition of The Green Man in the History of Christianity
Roughshod: Street Theatre Company: 7.30pm Church Hall £5 Ad £3 Conc.

Pilton Church is launching an appeal to restore the west wall memorial window.
Raffle tickets are available on Saturday on the stall. Prizes on the day.
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At the Chichester Arms: Good Food, Entertainment
At the Reform Inn: Driftwood in the evening.



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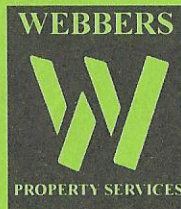
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THE LEGEND OF THE GREEN MAN

Since man first roamed forests and heaths, hunting for food, he has passed on the traditional stories told by the light of a flickering fire at night of strange creatures and mythical figures who inhabited the deep dark secret places of the woods. Unicorns, giants and Green Men. These things were very real to ancient man, although most have now slipped into the realms of children's fairy stories still being handed down through the generations as they were thousands of years ago. However the Green Man has survived in a more tangible form in many places in stone and wood carvings in ancient parish churches as inn signs and in festivals held in their honour long after their original appearance as fantasy creatures when man relied on his imagination far more than he does today.

There is no doubt that the ancient heavily wooded valleys of north Devon were inhabited by these ancient hunters of many centuries ago, who gathered round the hearth the focal point of their primitive homes to tell stories of great adventures and daring deeds the Indiana Jones's of their day! How surprised they would be to know that in this age of technical know-how with little need for imagination Pilton people celebrate annually the legend of their own Green Man. The legend is part of the fabric of the community. Walk out to Tutshill Woods alone just as dusk is falling and feel the presence of 'something' - the rustle of dead leaves - the sighing of wind in the branches. The centuries whistle away, and you're there in clothes made of skins, spear in hand, bare-footed hunting for food. Your father and grandfather and all the generations gone before, have said that the Green Man is there so he must be there still.

Just as he was to them so he is to us today. There is no set story and nobody ever wrote it down each has their own vision of what he was. So our legend is enacted in mime, incorporating a meeting with the Prior of Pilton interpret it as you wish and follow in the footsteps of ancient Piltonians who made it up as they went along!

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THE PILTON DRUMMERS SUMMER SONG

WINTER'S GONE AND SPRING IS PAST
THE SUMMER IS HERE AGAIN
SO RING YOUR BELLS AND BEAT YOUR DRUMS
THE SUN WILL RISE AGAIN, AGAIN
THE SUN WILL RISE AGAIN

DEDICATED TO MARK