

GREEN MAN DAY



**SATURDAY 20th JULY 2024
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Pilton Green Man Day Committee

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PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR GREEN MAN DAY

Each year we need to raise around £8,000 to hold Green Man Day. This money pays for insurance, licences, road closures, toilets, waste and recycling, first aiders, entertainers, PAs and so on. Everything else is run by volunteers, for free.

**You can make sure we have enough money to fund
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- Buying a drink at our Beer and Pimms Tents in Rotary Gardens
- Buying a re-usable "Green Man" cup

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Pilton is a self-contained community within Barnstaple which enjoys a unique village atmosphere. The Festival is in the tradition of the legendary charter granted by Edward III in 1344 for a market and fair in Pilton and today it continues to provide a great spectacle of fun, festivities and feasting for people of all ages. It also serves as a valuable platform for local charities to raise awareness and funds.

The Festival is non-profit making and we are eternally grateful to the generosity of everyone who has sponsored and supported the committee's fundraising. Please support our advertisers throughout the coming year as without them we could not produce this programme or festival.

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GREEN MAN DAY BEGINS...

Up with the lark are the committee and their helpers to set up Pilton Street, Rotary Gardens and the stages. Bins to put out, marquees to erect and participants to be directed to their positions for the day.

THE PROCESSION

The Procession starts at 11.00am on The Square in Barnstaple. Accompanied by the fabulous Samba Baia, we make our way through the town centre entering Pilton at the bottom of the street. We process up Pilton Street and turn right into Rotary Gardens 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

(12.00 noon & 3.00 pm in Rotary Gardens)

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 can be seen in St Mary the Virgin Church in Pilton.

The Prior of the Benedictine Priory of Pilton lived in Bull House below the church until the Reformation. The ritual enacted on Green Man Day is believed to represent the initial antagonism of the two characters, The Prior and The Green Man, represented by red and green masks and the subsequent inclusion of the pagan figure within the church. It takes place in the arena at the top of Rotary Gardens.

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Margaret Reed

In April 2023, well-known local historian Margaret Reed died in Pilton House at the age of 90 years. Born Margaret Anne Bonvoisin in London, she came to Devon with her mother and brother as an evacuee and never went back. She studied at Barnstaple Girls Grammar School and left at the age of 16 having passed the School Certificate. She worked in the office of RGB in Barnstaple until her marriage to Douglas Harold Reed of The Reform Inn in 1954.



They first moved to live at 3 Bradiford, and then on to Cladavin in Bradiford in 1983. After their divorce, she lived for the last years of her life on Littabourne in Pilton. She had four children in 5 years, Martin, John, Cathy and Philip, and eventually a total of eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was best known in Pilton as a self-taught, local historian, the author of 'Pilton – Its Past and Its People', first published in 1991. It was based on her extensive research, much of it in the Records Office in Exeter. Using her book as a dissertation, she was awarded a BA, and then an MA in Local History by the University of Exeter at the age of 70, with a dissertation on 'Civil War in Barnstaple 1603 -1650'.

Over the years she had published many articles and booklets among them 'The Public Houses of Pilton', 'The Turnpike Roads of Pilton' and 'St Margaret's Leper Hospital'. In 2014 the Pilton Arts Group, of which she was a life member, published her 'Pilton Arts Group - The First Forty Years'. In her later years she was closely involved as a volunteer and historical expert for The Pilton Story heritage archive from its beginning in 2012. Her extensive knowledge of Pilton history will be much missed.


Martin Hadrill

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TOZERS

Pilton Street &

Central to Green Man Day is Pilton Street, with the hustle and bustle amongst the stalls, the arrival of the procession and a day of music from the three stages.

In recent years, festivities have expanded into Rotary Gardens, a fantastic setting for our family-based activities.



Play...

The hugely popular Captain Coconut will be performing from 10am, and we welcome superb storyteller Roy Goddin to the Gardens. In the afternoon Dave Hendy will perform his Punch and Judy show, and Roy will return with more magical tales. There's a children's soft play area at bottom of Pilton Street.

Eat...

There is space in Rotary Gardens for you to sit and chill out. Bring a picnic or buy something from one of the food stalls, including Monty's Caribbean Kitchen, Atlantic Grill burgers, and the Garden Box; selling vegetarian and vegan food. Other vegetarian and gluten free options also available.



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Rotary Gardens

Local food businesses can be found in Pilton Street, The Pilton Fryer, the Big Hungry and The Green Man - and there's BBQ food at the Yeo Dale Hotel.

Room for dessert? Try the Binge Box at the top of Pilton Street who will be selling a selection of home made cakes, brownies and traybakes or Jay's Donuts at the bottom of Pilton Street selling hot fresh donuts with a variety of sauces and toppings, or the Hockings Ice Cream Van at Pilton House.

On a more practical level, along the North Road side of the gardens will be the portaloos, a facility not to be sniffed at.

Browse...

Take your time to browse the stalls in Pilton Street and Rotary Gardens - there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Keep...

We need to make about £8,000 to cover the costs of Green Man Day. Remember to keep us going by buying a pint at the Green Man Beer Tent or a Pimm's from our Pimm's tent - all profits go to future Green Man Days!



PILTON TREASURE HUNT

Sunday 21st July

Walking Treasure Hunt for all the family around Pilton. Start at St Mary's Church at 2.00pm and finish with tea and cakes in the Church Hall.

Free to enter

Contribution to tea requested



PILTON - JULY 20th

(10am to 5pm)

7 INFORMATION & LOST CHILDREN

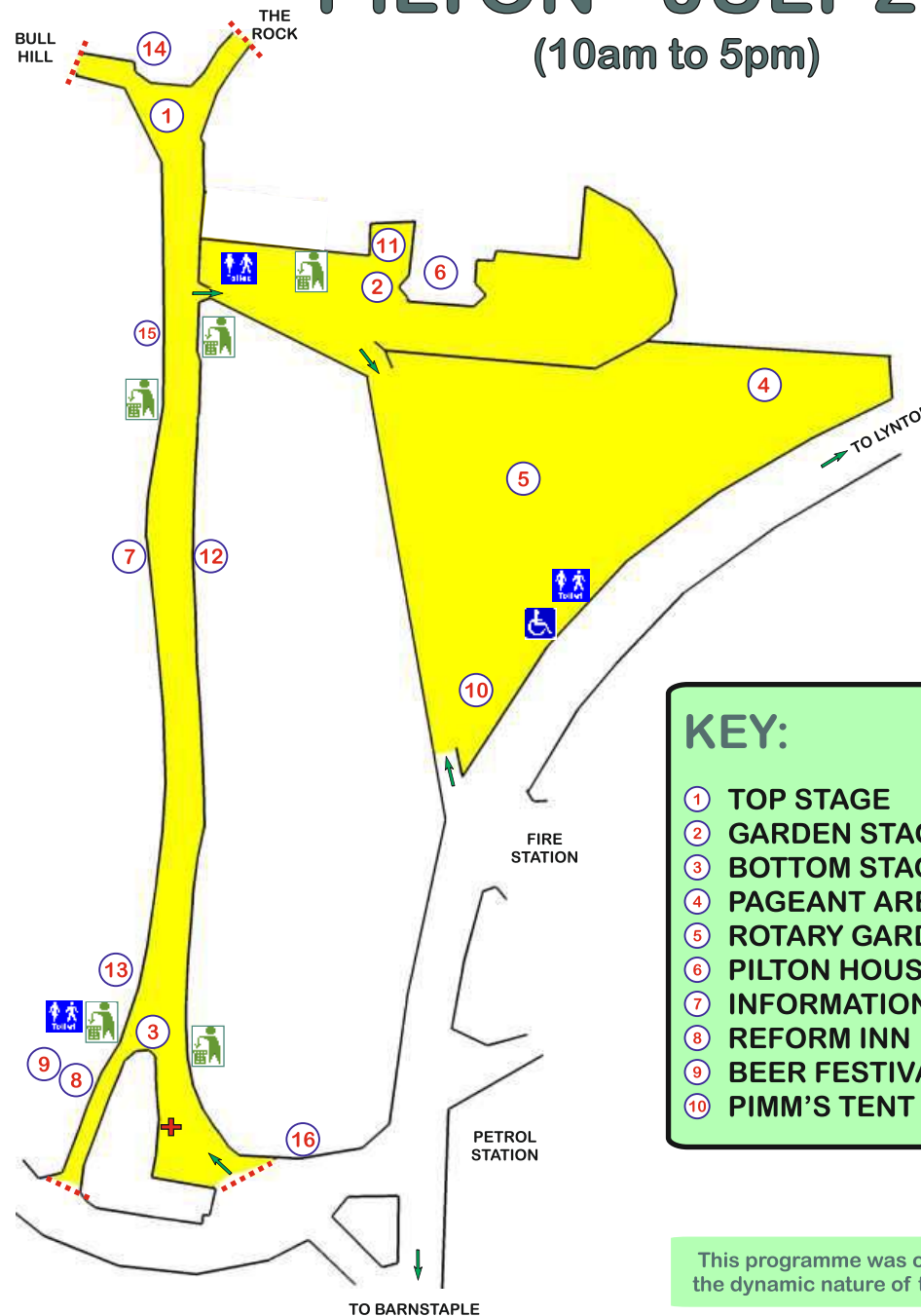
Please visit us opposite The Pilton Fryer to collect your lost children.

Our comperes, Gary & Tom, can announce any information whilst walking up and down the street.

TOILETS

Portaloos are along the North Road side of Rotary Gardens, Pilton House grounds and in the car park through alleyway above 8/9 on key.

For the safety of others, we would appreciate if no glass bottles or glasses are used outside. Thank you.



10 PIMM'S TENT & 11 BEER TENT

Come and visit our licenced refreshment tents. All profits go to the next festival.

KEY:

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| ① TOP STAGE | ⑪ BEER TENT |
| ② GARDEN STAGE | ⑫ PILTON FRYER |
| ③ BOTTOM STAGE | ⑬ BIG HUNGRY |
| ④ PAGEANT ARENA | ⑭ ST MARYS CHURCH |
| ⑤ ROTARY GARDENS | ⑮ GREEN MAN PUB |
| ⑥ PILTON HOUSE | ⑯ YEO DALE BAR |
| ⑦ INFORMATION TENT | ♿ PUBLIC TOILETS |
| ⑧ REFORM INN | ⊕ FIRST AID |
| ⑨ BEER FESTIVAL | ♻️ BINS / RECYCLING |
| ⑩ PIMM'S TENT | ⋯ ROAD CLOSED |

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

STAGES 2024

Pilton Green Man Day has evolved over the years and we have been lucky to have some amazing bands to entertain the crowds. This year we have again sourced our acts for the bottom (main) stage from the musical support we receive locally. It gives us a chance to showcase some of our rich local talent whilst giving the performers an opportunity to play in their own community.

BOTTOM STAGE

Another amazing line-up pulled together by Neil Rolfe.

- 10.00 - 11.15 Acts from Pilton Community College
- 11.15 - 11.45 PARADE
- 11.45 - 12.15 The Retros
- 12.30 - 13.30 Scott Anchors & The Heavyweights
- 13.45 - 14.30 Martin Barnes
- 15.00 - 16.00 Soulcraft



GARDEN STAGE

Thanks to Scott Xander Linn for sorting out the Garden Stage

- 10.45 - 11.15 Luke Brown
- 11.25 - 11.55 Maddie Jane Warren
(PARADE)
- 12.10 - 12.40 Kristian Winn
- 12.50 - 13.40 Open Mic
- 13.50 - 14.20 Taylor Latham
- 14.30 - 15.00 Stringy J
- 15.10 - 15.40 Bad Willow
- 15.50 - 16.30 Open Mic



TOP STAGE

A fantastic line-up by Ricky Knight

- 10.45 - 11.10 Emmanuel Segun
- 11.15 - 11.35 Lola Compton
- 12.00 - 12.30 Julie Alana Brighten
- 12.45 - 13.30 Oggie Band
- 13.45 - 14.30 M'Larky
- 14.45 - 15.15 Rosa Rebecka
- 15.30 - 16.30 The Elderly Brothers



CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT IN ROTARY GARDENS

10.30 & 11.30 Captain Coconut 14.00 Dave Hendy; Punch & Judy
12.00 Pageant 14.30 Uncle Taco Flea Circus
12.30 Uncle Taco Flea Circus 15.00 Pageant
13.00 Captain Coconut 15.30 Dave Hendy; Punch & Judy
13.30 Uncle Taco Flea Circus 16.00 Roy Goddin Storytelling

All Day



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Pilton and Bradiford Community Gardens

If the rain finally stops, would you like to help make your community more beautiful and biodiverse and meet some fellow gardeners? Come and join in one of the community gardens created since 2021 in Bradiford, Priory Close, Youngs Drive and Rotary Gardens Pond, or donate your unwanted plants.

Contact us through Facebook at Pilton & Bradiford Community Gardens or call Martin Haddrill on 07769 539877 to find out more.



Our Community

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