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#### Albert Linacre (1930 - 2015)



In September 2015 Pilton lost a key figure with the passing of Albert Linacre. Albert spent the last 35 years of a very full life in Pilton, loved and admired by all. Born in Birmingham in 1930, he went to school in Edinburgh and, after national service, began a successful career in catering management. He married Maggie in the late 1960s, and they moved from London in 1977 and bought a shop and house in Pilton Street. Maggie ran the wholefood shop and

coffee bar, while Albert went to North Devon College to teach the art of catering.

In 1982 the first Pilton Festival took place and Albert, closely involved in its organisation, started making costumes. When the first Green Man Day was held in 1995 Albert, with the help of his sewing ladies, made the distinctive costumes which characterise the event to this day. He was quite simply the one person who kept the ball rolling and inspired others, making Pilton what it is today – a really vibrant community. Without Albert, Pilton Green Man Day would not be the wonderful, magical spectacle it is and a fitting way to remember him each year.

#### Laurie Wedge (1953 - 2016)

Laurie Wedge, the Green Man on stilts, died aged 63, in February 2016. Many people saw and enjoyed his 15 year involvement in the Festival. No-one could miss his giraffe-like walk through the crowd, ten-feet tall in a spectacular plant and flower costume, sprinkling rose petals and offering a green blessing. "Pilton Festival, was the highlight of his year," said his partner, Teresa Price.



#### PILTON WELLIES

Paint or decorate an old pair of wellies in your garden, on your front door or in your window to brighten up Pilton through July.

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"It's what he believed in. He spent a lot of time preparing for it, arranging his costume and collecting rose petals."

Laurie came from London where he learned stiltwalking with Abi Falkner, with whom he had two children. Abi said, "He really was a very authentic and appropriate choice, as he loved nature, gardening and growing things. His London garden was absolutely bursting with plants, from a huge wild cherry to small bonsai trees. Every window sill was chockablock with plants grown from seed, lemon plants, passion flowers, pine cuttings and all sorts." Even when ill, Laurie insisted on appearing in the Festival because of his friends and his kinship with the spirit of the occasion.

#### Dave Butt (1953 - 2016)



Pilton has lost a gifted community leader with the death of Dave Butt. Dave was Assistant Headteacher at Braunton Academy until 2010, a Barnstaple Town and then North Devon District Councillor and Honorary Alderman and a leading player in the Pilton community. He contributed enormously to the world of rugby, was Chairman of Devon RFU, and was closely involved in the 2015 World Cup. He was a huge supporter of the Barnstaple-based charity Amigos Worldwide, and

worked as a volunteer for Children's Hospice South West. Although he had stepped down from formal public duty in recent years, Dave was still very much involved in North Devon Theatres and Museum. Pilton will be a poorer place for his loss. Among his legacies is a stronger Green Man Festival where his ability to bring people together and get things to happen resulted in the growing involvement of the next generation willing to help the community come together. His will be difficult shoes to fill but he surely did much to inspire people to pick up where, sadly, he has left off.

For much more complete obituaries please visit the Pilton Green Man website.

# PILTON TREASURE HUNT Sunday 17th July Walking Treasure Hunt for all the family around

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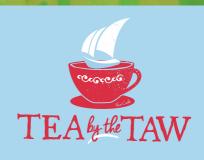
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# Pilton & Green Man Day



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

The celebration is in the tradition of the legendary charter granted by Edward 111 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 age. It also serves as a valuable platform for local charities to raise awareness and funds.

The day could not take place without the skill and dedication of a hardworking Committee. This band of unpaid volunteers gives its time for all our enjoyment.

The event 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 put on the day in Pilton for you. To Brian Greenslade and Mair Manuel for part funding a new Stiltskin Costume for this year's event, thank you for your continued support.

If you feel you are able to help with next year's Green Man Day in any way please contact us via our email piltonfestival@googlemail.com

The Green Man Committee needs new members.



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## **FESTIVAL 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, participants to be directed to their positions for the day.

Bacon butties and a mug of tea wouldn't go amiss!

### THE PROCESSION

The Procession begins at Barnstaple Square at 11.00am and makes its way along the High Street and Pilton Causeway to arrive at the bottom of Pilton Street by 11.30am. Processing up the street and turning into Pilton House Grounds . Look out for the large Green and Red Mask leading the way.

## THE PAGEANT

#### (Pilton House Grounds 12 noon and 3pm)

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 at The Bull House below the Church until the reformation. The ritual enacted at Pilton Festival is believed to represent the initial antagonism of two characters, Prior and Green Man, represented by Red and Green Masks and the subsequent inclusion of the pagan figure within the church. Under the direction of Bev Neighbour, it takes place on the lawn in front of Pilton House at 12 noon and again at 3pm.

# **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 in to the comfort of Rotary Gardens, a splendid setting for family-based activities with children's soft-play and free-play areas and a hand-cranked Victorian merry-go-round.





Dotted amongst the trees, arts and craftsmen will demonstrate their skills and local interest groups and charities will 'set out their stalls'. The enchanting interactive family friendly storytellers Entertainingly Different will be performing throughout



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# **Rotary Gardens**

the day as will Matt Lemon with his juggling, yoyos and balloon art. You might chance upon DJ Magician pedalling around on his unicycle, or be accosted by the charming Knee-high puppets of Tinderbox. As if that's not enough for a cracking day out, Humdrumconundrum will be drumming in the gardens at 1.30pm and Dave Hendy will perform his Punch & Judy at 2.00pm and 3.30pm.



Should you wish to simply chill out, just pick your spot, and stretch out. You might even want to bring a picnic along, or if Mum or Dad want a break, there's a huge range of street food outlets, Monty's Caribbean Kitchen, Bao & Roll Taiwanese gluten free and vegan, Lola's Wings, Calaca Loca and many more. Don't forget the Pimms Tent.

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

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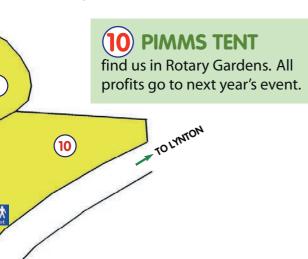
Can be found at Pilton Church Hall along with urinals and disabled facilities. Portaloos are along the North Road side of Rotary Gardens, Pilton House Grounds and in Pilton Street Lower Car park (through the alleyway above 8/9 on key).

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

Thank you



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#### **BEER TENT**

Come and visit our family friendly licensed refreshment tent next to Pilton House. All profits go to next year's event.

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**ROAD CLOSED** 

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

# **STAGES 2016**

Pilton Festival 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 enjoy locally. It gives us the chance to showcase some of our rich local talent, whilst giving the performers an opportunity to play to their own community.

#### **BOTTOM STAGE**

Hosted by Simon Darling and Neil Rolfe from The Reform Inn's amazing Open Mic Nights.

10.00 – 11.15	Acts from Pilton Community College
11.15 – 11.45	Green Man Parade
11.45 – 12.15	Rob Craig
12.15 – 13.00	Molly & John Davies
13.00- 13.30	Break
13.30 – 14.15	The Simon Darling Band
14.15 – 15.00	Dogleg



#### **OPEN MIC STAGE**

15.00 – 16.00 The Stolen Page

Situated in the grounds of Pilton House, next to the Beer Tent. Thank you to Ced Piper and Mark Wonnacott for hosting.

Open all day – just turn up and play!

#### **PILTON HOUSE GROUNDS**

3.30pm AngleTwitch Morris

#### **MIDDLE STAGE**

Many thanks to Jennie Tomlinson from Red Shoes Music for organising yet another great day of music.

Dave Clinch	10.45-11.10
Mark Wonnacott	11.10-11.35
Green Man Parade	11.30-12.00
Off The Wagon	12.00-12.30
Good Company	12.30-13.00
Andy Taggart	13.00-13.30
Sam Dowden	13.30-14.00
Bicycle Repair Man	14.00-14.30
Luke Brown	14.30-15.00
Tom Corneill	15.00-15.30
Johnny Button	15.30-16.00
Acoustic Band	16.00-16.30



#### **TOP STAGE**

Thank you to Ricky Knight for running the top stage – a festival favourite!

11.00 - 11.30	Joe Hawkins
11.30 - 12.00	Green Man Parade
12.00 - 12.20	Adam Ashman
12.30 – 13.15	Reigning Dogs
13.30 – 14.20	Goodfellas
14.30 – 15.30	Rakes Adrift
15.30-16.30	Dambuskers



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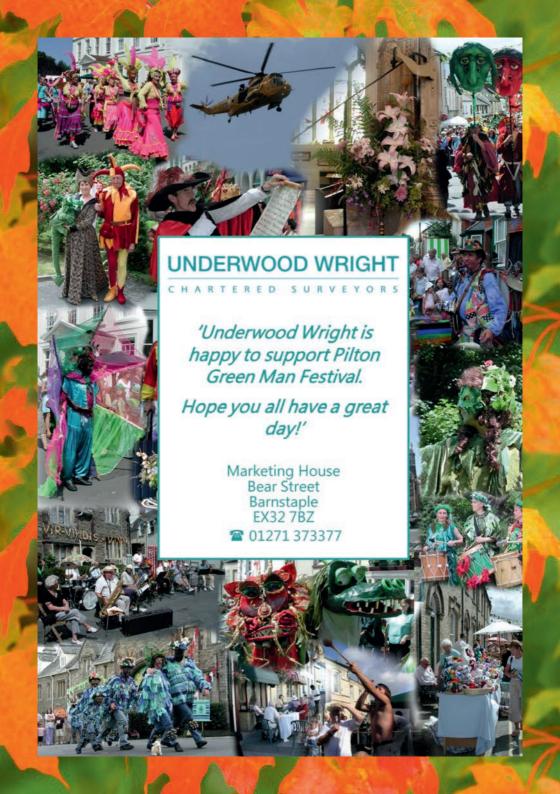
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