

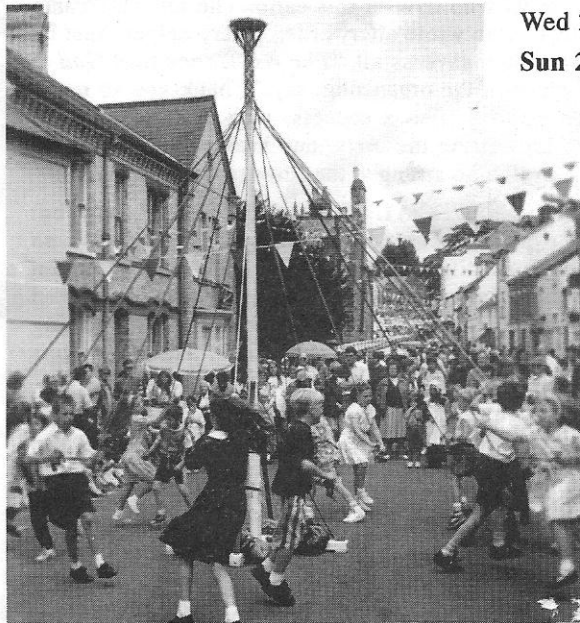
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| Fri 6 The Transfiguration
10.00 Holy Communion | Sun 22 Trinity 11
8.15 Holy Communion
10.30 Matins
11.45 Shortened Holy Communion (Rite B)
6.30 Evensong |
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Pilton
Festival
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Issue

Children of Sticklepath School
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The ecclesiastical parish encompasses the ancient quar or of Barnstaple and includes Yevo Vale (as far as the leat) Rolle Quay, Pottington, Pilland, Tutshill, Bradiford, West Pilton, Raleigh and Littabourne, together with the village of (East) Ashford. The population is about 5,000.

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My dear Friends,

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL! - PILTON FESTIVAL 1993

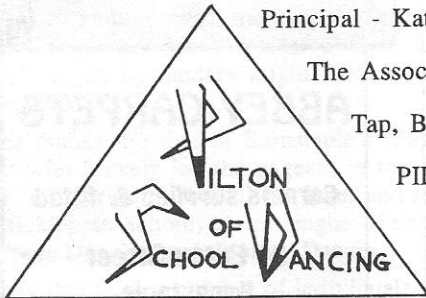
This year's Pilton Festival gave many the opportunity to express our joy at living in our delightful little corner of Barnstaple. Sandwiched between a couple of days of dubious weather, a gloriously fine day on the Saturday brought out many local folk, a lot of people from the area, as well as quite a few summer holidaymakers.

The splendid Festival of Flowers in the church provided a steady stream of admirers, not only on the Saturday but throughout the whole weekend. The overall theme was "Love", and displays ranged from the personal "A Wife of Noble Character" by Helen Chugg and her mum Joan Trick, to the artistically inspired "If Music be the food of Love - Play on" near the organ consol by Thea Sellens. Neil Hawkins constructed a lovely floral arch for the central aisle reflecting his skills as a blacksmith - "The Lord loves the Gates of Zion"! Other exhibits were arranged by Sue Emmerly and Pauline Isaac, Marion Sanders, Lucy Marsh, Jo Thorne, Ros Simpson, Pet Harley, Audrey Paull, Brenda Davison, Judy Friend and Majorie Adams, Jenny Hobbs, Glennis Sprague, Clarice Gee and Betty Storr, Olive Green, Brenda Westacott, Pat Colwill and the children of the Sunday School. Cissie Folland and Lucy Marsh impressively decorated the chancel, and a magnificent display was provided for the Raleigh Chapel by Tony James.

The Festival Theme of "Love" is at the very heart of the Christian Gospel; and it provided me with the opportunity of declaring at a funeral service during the event the great truth that "the bond of love is not broken, even by death"; and at a wedding service that "love" is the very best gift that God has given to us who live on this earth. The message came through to at least one visitor to the festival, who wrote afterwards, "Every helper must be highly commended on the splendid work which gave us all *"The Assurance that God is Love."* And Lucy and Clarice, who did much of the organising, say, "Thank-you so much to all who helped to make our Flower Festival such a success, with gifts of flowers, donations and greenery; Harold Bartlett for writing the texts, our Vicar who printed the leaflets at a moment's notice, and of course all who arranged the flowers; Thank-you all."

REPORTS OF OTHER EVENTS IN THIS FESTIVAL SOUVENIR appear below, but as Festival Co-ordinator I would like to express my gratitude to all who have worked so hard to make the event so successful. It is difficult to mention individuals without inadvertently missing someone important - so I won't even try - but a few must be picked out. Noel and Pet Harley were responsible for the street market, booking and allocating the stalls, setting up on the day, and clearing up the street afterwards. The bellringers helped with this, and also found strength for a 'peal' during the morning!

Hamish Patrick produced the Pilton Pageant "All Change" which had almost to fight its way through the crowded street. This told of changes in both the country and the world during the long reign of Queen Victoria. Children from the Pilton School of Dancing and the Daystar School of Dancing portrayed scenes from the musical adaption of Charles Dickens' 'Oliver Twist', Charles Kingsley's 'Water Babies', and Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland'. Some of Beatrix Potter's familiar animals danced their way down the street; a replica of one Isambard Kingdom Brunel ships ploughed its majestic furrow; and a confrontation between a threatening group of Agricultural Workers and poverty-stricken children depicting the Bread Riots, and an austere drum-led Temperance March led to one ruffian's conversion to the cause when he 'saw the light' and signed the pledge. An early relapse was evident however amongst the band of 'rioters' outside the Chichester Arms a short while later!



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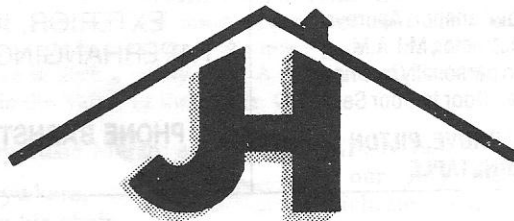
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Mary Passmore made a splendid Florence Nightingale - fulfilling a lifetime ambition to portray 'The Lady with the Lamp'. She was accompanied by a group of Victorian-style nurses from our local Intensive Care Unit, and a gruesome casualty pushed in a wheelbarrow: bystanders might have noticed an apparently miraculous 'healing' soon afterwards!

Other thanks are due to Barnstaple's Mayor and Mayoress, our own Ian and Margaret Scott who bravely led the pageant in the splendour of their full regalia, accompanied by their 'minder' and Councillors Janet and John Preston. Thanks too to David Rowe, Head of Sticklepath School, his colleague Helen Milton and the children who gave displays of Maypole Dancing and Country Dancing.

Finally thanks to a number of individuals and organisations who became 'sponsors' of the festival, including Woolworths and Green Lanes who sponsored the pageant. Their donations made it possible for most of the expenses of the festival to be covered, allowing money raised to be given for charitable purposes. At the time of writing it is difficult to say how much was actually raised by the many organisations taking part, but we know of over £500 which was raised by various events for the Children's Hospice South West, and estimate that the church will benefit by at least the same amount. More information will be available in a subsequent magazine.

With best wishes

John Spear.

All copy for the September magazine to Dr. Bluett - at Fairmead, Bellaire, Pilton, phone (0271) 42508 by Wednesday August 18th please. Collating will be on Thursday 26th August.

THE FEOFFES of PILTON UNITED CHARITIES. Our trips out this summer have been so very enjoyable for everyone and much appreciated too. The variety of venue has been chosen so that everyone has had a taste of the many good things that North Devon has to offer. We are so lucky to live in such a lovely area! A drive around Exmoor was planned for the 29th July ending with tea in the Valley of the Rocks. O.G.

END OF TERM by Susie Marsh: age 9

Kids charging everywhere,
Teacher groaning in his chair
Doodles on folders, books in the bin,
Yelling and shouting, "Oh what a din!"
Teacher can't wait till twenty to four -
When all of his pupils dash out of the door.

PILTON W.I. NEWS

At our July meeting Diane Curnock (Chichester Arms) demonstrated cake icing. Competition - three iced cakes - was won by Lucy Marsh. Flower of the month Edith Jiggle; draw Audrey Paull; Iced cake Dorothy Sweeny. The mystery trip on Aug. 10th leaves Chaddiford Lane at 7.00 pm.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM



27th June - ALICE NICOLA BAWDEN, daughter of Bellringer Michael and Guider Fiona.

11th July - JASMINE TRACEY SUTTON, daughter of Gary and Helen of Priory Gardens.

"Heavenly Father, surround these children with your love, protect them from evil, fill them with your Holy Spirit and receive them into the family of your church; that they may walk in the way of Christ and grow in the knowledge of your love. Amen."

FROM THE REGISTERS *continued*

HOLY MATRIMONY



19th June - ROBERT GORDON SHADDICK and SHARON HANDFORD both of Ashford: 26th June - DAVID MARK WADE and SHARON LETHABY, now living at Roundswell: also JAMIE RICHARD MATHLIN and SARAH JANE THOMAS of Longmeadow Drive: also DARREN CHARLES MEDLAND and PAULA JANE TRODD of Pilton Lawn: 3rd July - DAVID ALAN SLOMAN of

Fremington and JULIA KIRSTEEN MOCK of Pilton: 10th July - STEVEN JOHN SHORT and KARLY ANNE PITHER now living at Whiddon Valley: also PAUL STEPHEN TUCKER and DIANE JOYCE RICHARDS of Mill Road:

Service of Thanksgiving & Dedication following Civil Marriage

17th June - MARK ANDREW COLES of Wrafton and DIANE ELIZABETH SADLER of Broadgate Close.

Eternal God, true and loving father, in Holy Matrimony you make your servants one. May their life together witness to your love. Amen

THE DEPARTED



ADDIE CARTER: people were sorry to hear of the death of Addie Carter at the age of 90. Originally from London she eventually came to Devon and lived in Plymouth for 30 years, coming to live with her daughter at Higher Raleigh Road five years ago. Following a stroke she spent the last 18 months at St Josephs Nursing Home. Addie was always such a cheerful person, and was especially popular with those who attended the Tuesday lunch club. Our sympathy to the family in their loss. The funeral service was at the crematorium.

TED GOSLING also came to North Devon from London, and for 12 years until his retirement worked at the old North Devon Infirmary and on to the District Hospital. Very close to his family - especially the granddaughters - he remained very independent, and after a short illness died in hospital: the funeral took place at the crematorium.

CHARLES GEORGE taught as senior chemistry master in Newbury, before moving to a new post at Montrose in Scotland: sadly his wife Janet died in 1960, and on retirement he moved to North Devon to be near to the family. They will remember him as he appeared in so many photographs - with his pipe, his tweed suit and the watch chain. With much help from good neighbours and support from Social Services, the family made it possible for Charles to remain - as he wanted - at home until the end. Following cremation his ashes return to rest with Janet at Montrose.

MIKE DUMMETT was very much a part of Pilton - he had been a choir boy at the parish church and attended the adjoining school. He spent 33 years at coal merchants, Horsmans, and was manager there at the time of his death at the age of 52. The family was Mike's main love, particularly the growing number grandchildren. Following a sudden and unsuspected illness he spent his last week in hospital surrounded by the loving family, but never regained consciousness. Our sympathy to Brenda and them all in their sad loss: burial in the churchyard followed a service in church.

HADYN MORRISH the beloved son of Ivy Morrish suddenly passed away aged 47 on the 24th June: he will be sadly missed: our love and sympathy to the family in their loss.

"Remember O Lord your servants who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and now rest in peace: grant them and all who rest in Christ, refreshment, light and peace. Amen"

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The vicar will be available by appointment to make arrangements for weddings, baptisms, etc. Please phone 45958. Baptism is preferred at either the Family Communion on the first Sunday or Family Worship on the second Sunday of the month, both at 10.30am, or a specially arranged Evensong at Ashford on a third Sunday. Please give four weeks notice to allow time for preparation.

READINGS AND READERS FOR AUGUST

MORNING

EVENING

1 Aug	Ephesians 6:10-20	Allen Cameron	2 Sam. 17:1-11,32-51	Fred Short
Rite A	John 17:11b-19	.	2 Corinth. 6:1-10	Jenny Hobbs
8 Aug	Family Worship	.	1 Sam. 24:1-17	Stanley Lane
.	.	.	Galations 6	Mary Passmore
15 Aug	Isaiah 42:1-7	Dorothy Forward	1 Chron. 29:1-16	Monica Piper
Rite B	2 Cor. 4:1-10	Bill Forward	Luke 17:5-10	Dave Woolley
22 Aug	Isaiah 49:1-6	Janet Coates	Jonah 1 & 2	Allen Cameron
.	2 Cor. 5:14-6.2	Harold Bartlett	Acts 28	Biddy Hill
29 Aug	Theme Family Service	.	Jeremiah 20: 1-11a	Nadine Woolley
.	.	.	Acts 20:17-end	Fred Short

Let Monica Piper know (75361) if you have exchanged or have difficulty with a date.

FLOODLIGHTING THE PILTON CHURCH TOWER

On Saturday the 26th June the tower was floodlit to mark the marriage of Alison Lawton and David Coombes at Barnstaple's Roman Catholic Church; they are at the Rolle Quay Inn. Congratulations to them both.

To celebrate Bill and Marion Sanders' 25th Wedding Anniversary, the tower will be lit on the 31st August; our congratulations to you both.

We thank the families for their contributions to church funds: if there is a special day of any sort that people would like marked in this way, please send your request with a donation to the Vicar or to Dr. Howard Bluett (42508).

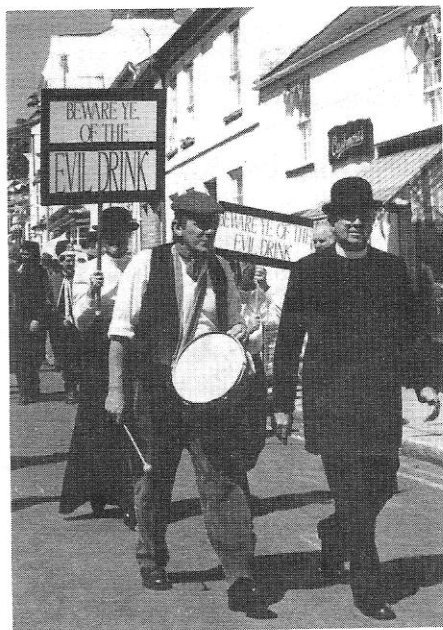
NOTICES and EVENTS

THE SECOND INTER-CHURCH BIBLE QUIZ NIGHT. This will be at Goodleigh on Sat. 25th September, starting at 7.30pm sharp. Entry fee is 50p with all profit to charity. Approximately 80% of the questions will come from the book EXODUS and this time - following last spring's event at Pilton - we hope for at least two teams of three people. If you are interested please let Bryan Worsley know (71260) by the end of August - and swot up your Bibles!

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The parish CMS organiser Monica Piper tells us that the total from Box Holders for the half-year amounted to £72.55. In the autumn, an event will be organised to raise additional interest in - and support for - this important part of our Christian work.

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS and THE LUNCH CLUB. There will be NO COFFEE MORNING on the last Thursday this month; the next one will be on Thursday 30th September. The Tuesday LUNCH CLUB will not be meeting during August; the next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th September.

WOOLLEY TURKEY SUPPER - that is a Turkey Supper at Dave and Jean Woolley's in aid of Church funds! It's on Sat. 21st August from 6.30pm onwards: tickets are £3.00 each from church or from Dave and Jean, 18 Beech Grove (45239).



The Temperance Marchers clash with the revolting agricultural workers



One of the many dancing groups portraying Beatrix Potter characters



The Mayor and Mayoress of Barnstaple - Ian and Margaret Scott linger by potter Albert Linacre's stall



Lewis Carroll's Alice meets the White Rabbit in the Pageant



It's "Business as usual" at Pilton Stores

NOTICES and EVENTS

ELDERLY AND LONELY?

The Abbeyfield Society has a vacancy in their supportive care house in Pilton. Enquiries by phone please (45504) between 10am and 12 noon.

RING AND RIDE. This is a new service for the elderly or disabled who are unable to use public transport. We will collect you from your door and take you into the centre of town. You will have two hours to do your shopping etc., and then you will be taken home again. For further information ring Valerie Hoad on 328866, 10am to 12 noon Monday - Friday.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL and GIFT DAY EARLY IN SEPTEMBER.

The feast of St Mary the Virgin - the Patron Saint of our Parish Church - falls on Wednesday 8th September; and this day will be OPEN HOUSE at THE VICARAGE. Morning coffee, a light lunch, and afternoon tea will be available. The day will end with Evensong in Church at 7.00pm.

Gift envelopes will be distributed with next month's magazine, and will also be available in church: they can be returned on the Gift Day (book the date NOW) or through the church offertory. Come and share a happy feast day, and support our lovely church and its work.

FOR OUR LOVE AND CARE

Our very best wishes to WALTER BRAILEY of Yeo Vale Road, recovering from his recent eye operation at Torquay.

It's good to have REG BROWN back at church again, and in his usual place in the choir: he was away while his wife was in Derriford hospital, and we are glad to hear she is improving.

Our greetings to The Revd HARRY KENNEN who had a spell in bed - really poorly with a chest infection: we very much miss having you around, so 'get-well soon'.

ROSE GREEN has not yet made it back to church again after her nasty attack of shingles: we pray that she will soon be feeling a great deal better.

It was really nice to see NORA WESTWOOD back again on the third Sunday after Trinity. She came to spend a few days with Dorothy Kolbert, and took her usual seat for the Monday morning Bible Study: it hardly seemed she'd been gone for so many months. Come again soon, Nora!

Congratulations to TREVOR NORMAN of Meadow Road who won the under-16 trophy in the Bideford-Barnstaple Fun Run in 1 hour 10 min. and 58 seconds; also to ADRIAN DENNIS who finished the course.

Congratulations to SAMATHA CROCKER of Meadow Road on gaining her City & Guilds for Plumbing! "Well done!" - and also for passing her driving test too.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs CHARLES GILBERT of St Margarets Garden who celebrate their Diamond Wedding on 5th August; and to LILY DEAN of Raleigh who has recently celebrated her 80th birthday.

Best wishes to Drs DESMOND and ELIZABETH ABERNETHY who retired at the end of June: we expect they will find plenty to do now that life is not quite so busy!

Happy 18th Birthday to SARA DWYER for 14th August!

Welcome to ANDREW, DIANE and SAMUEL HOLLAND who recently moved in to Elm Cottage. Andrew will be teaching at Fremington and Diane at Pilton Community College. We hope they will be very happy in Pilton.

Greetings too to Mrs HILDA COOK and son JOHN, who have moved from Elm Cottage to Braunton Road. We hope it's not long before they feel more settled again.

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A NEW BABY for ABBEY ROAD! KIRSTY LOUISE was born on the 2nd July to Jacky and Melvyn Burge at No. 5.

Our best wishes go to MARY PASSMORE who retires as Headteacher of Bratton Fleming County Primary School after thirteen

years. On the final day of the Summer Term she was presented with several presents including a nest of tables. Mary has been in the teaching profession for 36 years and was Headteacher of Kentisbury C.P. school before moving to Bratton. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

THE 12th N. DEVON (PILTON) SCOUTS

THE BEAVERS had great fun at Pilton Festival being a "Revoltin' Crowd" asking for bread: they went to Instow the other weekend to build sandcastles with many other Beavers from N. Devon.

THE CUBS are looking forward to their Summer Camp at the end of August - at Taunton, running various fund-raising events to keep the camp cost as low as possible. They helped run a stall at the Festival, and have made a cycle ride to Instow.

THE SCOUTS went swimming a few weeks ago, but more recently have been concentrating on the Pioneering badge. They are hoping to build a rope bridge across a local river.

THE GROUP is starting to get ready for the Barnstaple Carnival - all parental help would be appreciated - ideas, materials or just assistance: phone Terry Chaplin on 71714.

We still need more leaders (or helpers) to teach Scouting to all sections of the group. Do not be afraid - please help us to help the boys - it can be very rewarding - Terry Chaplin.

PILTON BLUECOAT SCHOOL

With a predicted fall in the number of children at Bluecoat School next year to 240, Devon County Council will be giving the Governors so much less money that the number of teachers will have to be reduced; and there will be 35 children in a class despite the government's promise in the Citizen's Charter that numbers will not exceed 30. A great deal of effort has gone into making this change with least possible distress, and after much thoughtful exploration Mrs Di Pennyfield and Mrs Pauline Soper will be taking early retirement, and one new teacher of less seniority will be appointed. Our best wishes to both DI and PAULINE on their retirement from full-time teaching.

PILTON BELLRINGER'S OUTING at the end of June.

Leaving Pilton the weather being a little overcast, we made our way to Cullompton for our coffee break, while some of us took the opportunity to view this fine church. Then on to Broadcylst and some excellent ringing on these fine bells. This being their Flower Festival we were able to enjoy a lovely display of flowers and lace. Here we met some old Pilton friends - Mr & Mrs Derick Courtney who now live at Crediton; also a ringing friend from Oxford who joined in our ringing and then came with us in his car to our other ringing towers.

We then travelled to Torquay arriving for lunch and an afternoon stay, the weather now warm and sunny, and we enjoyed some good ringing at St Mary's Upton. Our evening ringing was at St Andrew's Ippleden, again a fine church with a good peal of bells upon which we enjoyed our ringing. Here we said farewell to our Oxford friend as we proceed to Exeter for our last stop: some were able to enjoy Fish and Chips, while some found other refreshments. Our journey home was via Tiverton, and we enjoyed Graham's musical entertainment before arriving at Pilton after a most enjoyable day. J.N.

The London MUSIC MAKERS Chamber Choir at PILTON FESTIVAL

An unexpectedly summer evening, a church magnificently bedecked with flowers - a glorious setting for the concert given by the London Music Makers Chamber Choir on the opening day of the Pilton Festival. Their programme perfectly reflected both the general theme of the Festival and the particular theme of the displays in church.

continued

Under their conductor, Christopher Ross, the 17 strong choir thrilled us with their singing, which was interspersed with well-chosen short poems and prose.

The first half of the programme ranged from Parry's "Music, when soft voices die" to Benjamin Britten's delightful "Five Flower Songs" in which we heard the choir sing with power, with delicacy, with gentleness and precision. Much of the second half contained traditional songs, specially arranged for the choir by their director, which were sheer delight. It also contained a wicked little cautionary tale for the flower arrangers, meant more for the likes of Hyacinth Bucket than the good ladies of Pilton!

Their fascinating encore, a Fugue for speakers brought a highly successful evening to a rousing finale. Altogether a lovely start to this year's festival. J.P.

PILTON FESTIVAL 'VICTORIAN' EVENSONG

This event was typical of the kind of service which would have been heard in ordinary Parish churches in Victorian times, with just a little of what might have been heard in some of the cathedrals and important parish churches. All the music, and most of the words of the hymns were composed and written by Victorians.

Settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Herbert Brewer were sung by the choir, he wrote a good many church anthems and canticle settings and was an organist of Gloucester Cathedral. John Goss's anthem with words from psalm 34 "O taste and See" was somewhat irreverently known by generations of choristers as "The Froth Blowers anthem"! But think about it: that title is not quite so frivolous as it might seem.

This was a United Service, and many of the Barnstaple Churches cancelled their own evening service to take part: members from the Roman Catholic Church, from Christ Church, and other Anglican churches joined us, and the intercessions were led by the Revd Sue Macbeth in a traditional 19th century Congregationalist form. The vicar preached a genuine Victorian Sermon from the hand of a one-time Vicar of St Philips, Camberwell, and dated June 1894. At the end of the service John Piper played a short quiet piece of organ music by Cezar Franck, a much respected Romantic composer born in early 19th century Belgium, but who spent most of his life in Paris: his compositions would certainly have been known by mid and late Victorian organists.

POPULAR FESTIVAL EXHIBITIONS IN THE CHURCH HALL

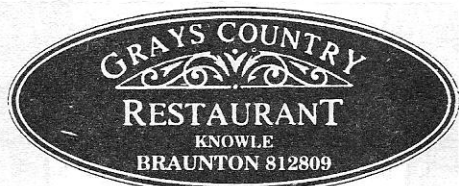
The Barnstaple Athenaeum Museum's travelling exhibition "PILTON TALES" drew some interested visitors on the Saturday of the Festival, and some house and shop signs - delightfully made by Jack Atkinson - showed what some of the Pilton street premises were one hundred or so years ago. Bill Forward had a steady stream of people to look at his display of some of the Pilton Archives - the church registers of marriages and baptism for example: it provided an interesting opportunity for folk to delve back into their family history.

The Pilton Art Group had a display of their work in the main hall, and children visiting the exhibition were invited to add some figures they had drawn to a prepared panorama depicting the top of Pilton Street - the result was a charming fresco which will make a fitting souvenir of the 1993 Pilton Festival.

PILTON CHURCH FULL FOR CHILDREN'S CONCERT

An appreciative gathering of parents and friends attended the Festival's children's concert. About 100 children from the Infants School enthusiastically sang a number of songs well-known to the older generation - including "Daisy Daisy" and "I do like to be beside the seaside"; and instrumentalists from Pilton Bluecoat school performed pieces for violin, recorder, guitar and clarinet. Thanks to them, their headteachers and staff for taking part.

VICTORIAN SUPPER with the **HEARTS OF OAK SHANTYMEN** end the 1993 FESTIVAL. It was "full house" in the Church Hall for this closing event: after a sumptuous meal - with pork-and-stilton or pork-and-apple pie and other traditional goodies swilled down with scrumpy, we were entertained by the **HEARTS OF OAK** shantymen with Dev Deverell, Ian Hudson, Tony Piper and locals Horace Bosence and John Parker. Well-known on both sides of the Atlantic (they toured on the East Coast of the USA last year) they delighted us with a wide variety of their ditties, and brought the 1993 Festival to a fitting close. As the Vicar said - "see you all again in 1995".



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BAPTISM - Greetings to little REES ANTHONY ASHFORD - son of Stephen and Kay - who was Baptised into the family of the Lord Jesus Christ at a Family Service on the afternoon of the 18th July; the family chose the hymns which included "Eternal Father, strong to save" reflecting the Royal Navy nature of the gathering.

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ASHFORD'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL. Another wet summer day gave way to a Sunday of glorious sunshine for the Festival Evensong. The church was sparkling and really magnificent flower arrangements (which will keep Pilton's Festival arrangers on their toes) graced all the usual positions and many extra window ledges. With several people away we were more than usually pleased to have a dozen Pilton folk, and of course their choir. Eric Ashton provided the music - a rare chance for John Piper to sing the tenor part with his choir. Lessons were read by Helen Chugg from Pilton, and Ashford's Margaret Jewson. The Vicar preached a sermon appropriate for St Peter's Day. Refreshments in the church hall afterwards were really delicious, thanks to everyone for their hard work.

Two cheques for £286-05 each were presented to Jean Marlow representing the N.D. Hospice Care Trust and to Majorie Adams for the Church Hall at a well attended village coffee morning on 14th July. The presentation was made by Neil Rowe who with his wife, Carol, had been the cornerstone of the recent 'Get-Together' Fete. Our grateful thanks to Neil and Carol for their splendid effort.

The **August Coffee Morning** will be in the Church Hall on Wednesday, 11th from 10.30.

The **Parish Council** have arranged for a skip to be placed outside the Church Hall for the week-end from 3rd September for the disposal of household items.

Congratulations to Alan Bosley on being elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. This award is a well deserved recognition of the long hours and dedication Alan has shown caring for sick children.

Welcome to Elizabeth and Stephen Gardner now at Woolstone Cottage.

PILTON FESTIVAL. Thank you to Shelia Gale and her helpers on the Ashford Stall at Pilton Fayre. The stall looked attractive with home-made jams, cakes and flowering plants. The stall holders looked pretty good too and featured in numerous photographs. The charming Victorial raffle was won by Marjorie Adams - what a good thing that it was the Vicar who drew the winning ticket! Thanks also to Judy Friend and helpers for their imaginative floral arrangements in the church.

SERVICES, READINGS AND READERS - AUGUST

Sun.			
1st	Trinity 8	Ephesians 6: 10-20	Judy Friend
.	9.15 Morning Prayer	John 17: 11b-19	.
8th	Trinity 9	Philippians 2: 1-11	Joyce Stanley
.	9.15 Holy Communion (1662)	John 13: 1-15	.
15th	Trinity 10		.
	9.15 Family Worship		.
22nd	Trinity 11	Isaiah 49: 1-6	Elizabeth Sanderson
.	9.15 Holy Communion (Rite B)	2 Cor. 5: 14-6:2	Joyce Stanley
29th	Trinity 12	Acts 7: 54-8:1	Marjorie Adams
.	9.15 Holy Communion (1662)	John 16: 1-11	John Arthur
Sep 5	Trinity 13	Ephes 5: 25-6:4	Olive Street
	9.15 Morning Prayer	Mark 10: 2-16	Margaret Jewson



PILTON FESTIVAL - Pictures for sale - outside "The Chichester"

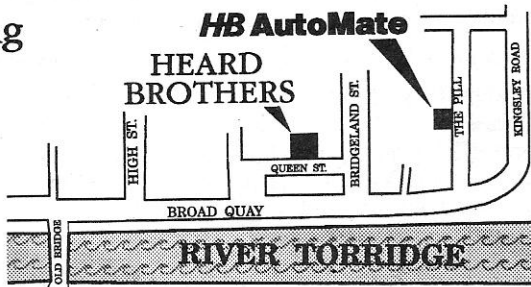
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