



plaxtock

1998



Class of 1998

Last Plaxtock this century...

# Plaxtock '99.....



Welcome to **THE** pre-mellenium festival of '99 where Totality can be admired for 100% of Bank Holiday weekend. Once again the all inspirational and dedicated committee have convened to provide another **Plaxtock** under said famous skies for all who crave the urge to celebrate the passing of the final summer of the **20th Century**. With all the pre-match hype going the way of the West Country we can sit back and bathe in what has become known as a Landmark event in every returnees' diary. Read on for literary fill for '99.



## Plaxtock 1998 oscar acceptance speech.....

Oh my god, this is just so-unbelievable, after all these years in the business I thought my chance had come and gone, but to be recognised by my peers as the best festival in 1998 is a total honour. Gosh theres so many people who made this all possible I don't know where to start, thank you Jill and Peter Webb, your unstinting support and generosity in the weeks before and after was the bedrock for all my accomplishments. To Jill for the beautiful orchard, the transport, the flora and fauna, and Peter (Mr.Cobwebb) for loaning out the office staff, fixtures and fittings. And who can forget the catering trailer, the Stuffed Pepper and all who served in her (I really couldn't have done it without a fully macrobiotic diet). My soundtrack was so superb, so inspirational to work off, and for that I must thank the bands, the dj's and Dom for the scoops, wedges and bins. And a special mention to my sisters All Spice, tomorrow the world. You were all so good to me...sniff, sniff...thanks also to Ian Betts for the soundstage and to the fabulous set design crew...sniff, sniff...you deserve this award as much as much as I do, Guy your light was fantastic, sniff.. and to rest of Plaxtol you rock my dingy. I could go on all day, the featured honeymooners were so beautiful, the sun beat down...thank you sun...thank you trees...big hugs...love you...sniffle, and the bees for their honey...blub, sniff, wahhhh...see you all next year...

Plaxtock loves you... Sophie, Jo, Dom, Phil, Dave, Dave Trumpet, Jo Trumpet, Jon, Maya, Tim, Gitiga, James, Pad, Jamie, Chris Hyde, Will (Rawk), Enzo, Andy, Adle, Marky Mark, All Spice, and hello to Evie Gwen, Leo, Erin, MollyM, and first timers, Tazmin, Tashi, Lucas, Molly

# THE LONELY JANET GUIDE TO PLAXTOCK

## HISTORY

Who knows when it really began mid 90's is what you hear. There is not a lot of recorded facts it's all just in the air and who you talk to. Allen's Farm though goes way way way back like Romans lived here and made tiles. They sure picked their spots couldn't find a more perfect place deep in Tuscany. It must have been a wealthy and privileged family who lived by the river bank and gazed over the gentle Kent countryside. Allen's gained independence from being part of the Main house sometime in the early 19th century, turning a cart and horse stable into a converted house.

## THE WEBB INFLUENCE & CITY CONTACT

There was a growing need for a place for friends to get away from the hubbub of the city and celebrate in true festival fashion according to the timing of Woodstock. Some say it is better. The Webbs have been a longstanding source of charisma influencing the evolution of Plaxtock.

## CLIMATE

Mostly sunny, some blustery showers, cool nights and bright mornings.

## CURRENCY

The currency at Plaxtock is pigs there is no unit smaller than a pig. One pig = one pound.

## AGRICULTURE

Cobnuts, sheep, chickens, cherries...

## TRADITIONAL CULTURE & CUSTOMS

### COMMUNITY LIFE

Most Plaxtockers rarely work over this period of year. There are a series of celebrations and rituals during this time which makes for a rich, varied and active cultural life. There is much gathering of members of the society, you can't help but get to know your neighbour as your life is so entwined with theirs which makes for a strong community spirit.

### MEN AND WOMEN

Social life is relatively free and easy based around music and friends. Men and woman are very much equal here with no discrimination, both sexes appear on stage performing to others. People

share out the roles hence a sense of wellbeing.

## CHILDHOOD

If ever there were a people who love children it must be the Plaxtockers, anybody who visits Plaxtock with children can attest to that.

## DRESS

No offense is made whether wearing loose or tight clothing. Shorts are considered polite as well as sleeveless singlet tops. Jackets and wellies come in handy over the rainy spells. It is customary to take shoes off before entering someone's tent.

## ARTS

Music, dance & crafts

Music is at the forefront of Plaxtock's culture.

There is a tremendous variety of musicians and instruments played evoking eclectic sounds amongst the number of bands and artists performing. It is exciting and enjoyable for almost anyone with just the slightest effort. You don't need an arts degree to appreciate the magical tapestry that is woven through out your time at Plaxtock. (see entertainment)

There is a strong arts and craft culture to Plaxtock, one just has to look around to see the influence of the land in the art. There is a real sense of energy in the art which is both empowering and soothing. Look out for the creatively displayed night lights. There is no traditional dance as such though dancing in numbers seems to have grown from the comraderie within the participants.

## GETTING THERE

Most likely you will just come as you are. Before you realise it you're there and will have forgotten how it happened.

## ACCOMMODATION

Tents are most popular though the odd Plaxtocker may choose the open sky as their roof.

## POST & COMMUNICATION

You can always leave local messages on the new board at Plaxtock Radio. Recently, as of this year, a postal system has been put in place, so don't just ponder it pop some prose or poetry on a postcard and post it! Postcards are on sale nearby.

#### FOOD & PLACES TO EAT

There really is only one place to eat not because there is a limited choice but there is **ONLY ONE** choice the choicest choice: The Stuffed Pepper Café. Of a morning you'll find a fine roast, a friendly face and the tastiest of breakfast delights. It is never too crowded and you will always feel welcome amongst the regulars reading the papers. This is a great place to find out bits of gossip from behind the stove and you'll really pick up the local feel of the place. Inside or out people will chitter chatter about what's on that day so you will never feel left out or in the dark. Throughout the day, it's generally closed but come lunch time gathering begins again with still a few lingering from the morning. Take this opportunity to get a table tennis partner though you have got to be quick in selecting one as the best players tend to pair up rapidly. The Stuffed Pepper Cafe is really one of the cores of Plaxtock life, like anywhere close to the kitchen people feel comforted and at ease. This nearly made it in to the **PLACES OF INTEREST** but after great debate between the co authors at The Lonely Janet it was definitely a place to eat. An aside. Once again you will be drawn in by the savoury aroma of a warm and succulent dinner where it is a suggested spot for dining while allowing the musical entertainment to pour through you. You're bound to meet up with the Eavis' of Plaxtock here dishing out or mingling. Mostly vegetarian food is served and at any meal you won't spend much over 3 pigs.

#### GETTING AROUND

Walking is by far the best mode of transport for getting from place to place. Everything you need is within walking distance. Bicycles are a good way to see the surrounding areas of interest. You won't miss any of the smells or atmosphere. If you are lucky you can catch the local bike and trailer where there is always room in the back for one more. Mind your head on the low hanging branches! This will take you down past the paddocks of sheep to the house, there are

some great views to be seen on your way. Animals have right of way. If you have a chance take a walk (check out the OS map of where to go).

#### THINGS TO BUY

There's beer and wine and smokes. If you are merchandise mad buy this year's new Plaxtock design t-shirt. Sophie always has some stunning jewellery, candle holders and little or large lizards. So don't miss it bring a pig or two.

#### DOS & DON'TS

There are more dos than don'ts. Do have the best time. But please don't leave any gates opened (never mind whether you are keeping them in or keeping them out). Please keep the fires at the official spots only. Please pick up all litter and put it in the bins provided...animals live here... Please only eat fruit from the idyllic field or down the avenue. Don't forget to bring the gnome home. Don't be missin' any of the music. Don't stay up past your bed time.

#### THINGS TO DO (MORE MUST DOS)

You have to have to join in the traditional table tennis competition, though the locals are fearsome they love a challenge. The title has been with the same team since the start of the tournament. The interest grows over the weekend with a culmination of nerves and excitement on the final day of the three day championships.

Play footie, fling a frisbee at frisbee golf, fly a kite, join a team in "It's a knock out", a must must do is the Plaxtock Radio so you think you're a plaxtock junkie and so you wanna be a plaxtock junkie quiz, post a post card, seek out like minded people and do Yoga, see what Claudia & Naomi are up to. Join in the arts by learning about feltmaking. There are no strict schedules so listen out for announcements though Jo is always around the place. There is a photo fit: where have you and your plaxtock T been? Some further than others.

This year the Phantom Bike Race is making a debut for those who have bikes or trikes. and much much more.....

#### PLACES OF INTEREST

Tipi, a fine enclosure not only against the rain but you can come across a pot of boiling chai or some smooth talk a definite on your list of sights. Visit The Acoustic Tent/Disco Tent Tent there is always something on under the wartime canvas though it really comes alive on Acoustic night. Get there early, as seats are limited though it spills out into a groovin'

atmosphere.

The idyllic paddock for repose a rejuvenation.  
The Millennium Dome II. When you're up close the size really is put into scale...tremendous  
The sports arena: found surrounding the table tennis table.

And THE BEST for last is Radio Plaxtock, apart from the ultimate 21st century sounds, the coolest djs inside and outside of London, the hilarious and emotional Soap Trekko Bay (some will probably not want to hear that one of the cast is ill), Sports commendation better the Desmond Linam, constellation nights, early morning Whispering Tim. Outfront there's loads of information, a news board, other events mentioned, updates, merchandising. You can catch a glimpse of the djs and interviewee meandering around and you may just get a full tour of the inside. One of the trendiest places to be seen at Plaxtock.

#### ENTERTAINMENT

That's what most people come for... the MUSIC. Does it rock? It rocks. Both the Acoustic night and The Main night keep you bopping. Some go all the way the first night but still come back for more and there is always more: more great tunes, more great artists, more great bands, more live music then you could ever wish for, more new vibes and more of the known rhythms, everyone gets a chance to go LIVE to an outstanding audience. The Main Night is thick and fast, slow and smooth. The line up is decked with juicy SOUNDS Head lining are The ever loved Tin Pots and always greater then you remembered, Groovin' as always Tim and Gitika, Tom Flynn, Emily's back, The sexiest band of them all The All Spice, there's Will and of course the legendary but legendary Pig Head Boners that is growing BIGGER & BETTER all the time it's hardly believable but that is NOT all, there's ROPE (tie me up baby) and of course there is always room for one more... Backstage is a thriving pot of adrenaline stand back it will hit you in the gob. <PACE yourself if you can, most can't and that is where that extra day Monday comes in place to recover and rejoice and just when you can't take the pleasure anymore The Tinpots smack ya.> GOOD LUCK it is some ride!!!!!!

There will never be a MacDondalds here but make sure you come and those who make it before the year 2000 all the better.

## The FINALE...

On Monday for those of you who are left, there will be the FINALE - a parade of the most talented and amusing ( and gorgeous) people of Plaxtock - to say goodbye to the last Plaxtock of the 20th century...

contact Radio Plaxtock for more info..

## Activity Check list

- Millenium dome
- Bought the gnome home
- Frisbee golf
- Plaxtock quiz
- Phantom bike race II
- Huula
- Millenium dome
- Band with no name...
- Table Tennis tournament
- Plaxtock postcards
- Wash the Pigs
- Drawing competition

contact Radio Plaxtock for info on any of the above



## Lonely hearts

Wanted: single, sexy, grounded kite flying space monkey to glaze the chicken and bring the gnome home. Sad Sid Desperately seeking a settled life, a companion who loves lawns and flower pots preferably Irish sounding.

Dermott Gnome

(basically bring me home)

**Me:** young curling horned, fit outdoor type, plenty of grass, polygamy essential. **Ewe:** strickly vegetarian, non smoker likes the outdoor life, plenty of kids and lots of wool.

**Ramond age 3**

Searching for a suitable partner with good hand eye coordination and strict ball control, handles well under pressure.

Mr.P Pong

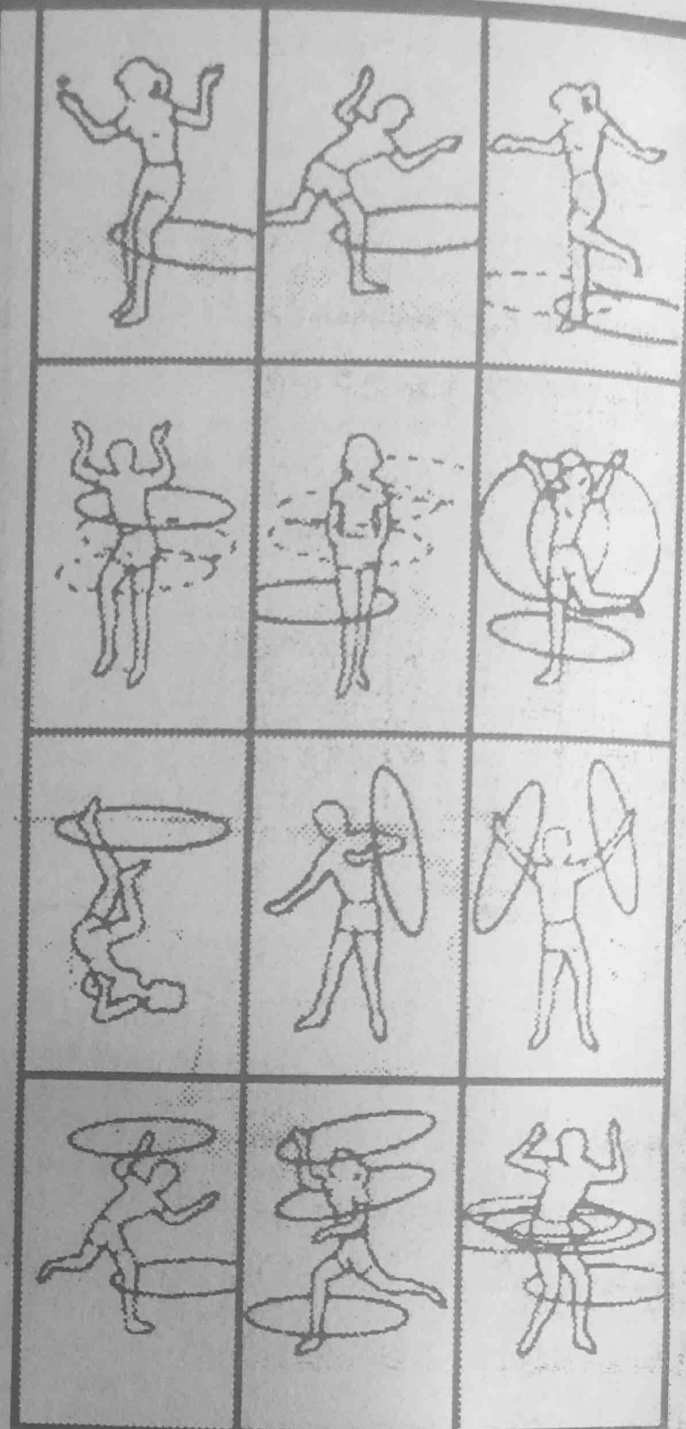
COME DOWN TO THE PEPPER  
COME DOWN TO THE PEPPER  
THE STUFFED PEPPER CAFE  
YOU KNOW THE TUNE  
COME GET THE FOOD

OUUUU YEAH

WANNA PLAY FRISBEE GOLF?  
BUT TOO SCARED TO TRY?  
YOUR WRIST ACTION ISN'T RIGHT?  
YOU CAN'T HIT THE BAG?

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SUNNY DISCMAN  
PLAXTOCK PRO



**WHAM-O huula!**

Anyone coming to Radio Plaxtock and being able to demonstrate 3 of the above (while shouting "Whammo huula huula" repeatedly) will qualify for a prize, and a part in the grand finale show at the last Plaxtock of the millenium



N.B.

Any Pow-wows in the Tipi of Love must adhere to the Tipi rules. Please ask for the location of any extra firewood if needed, plus the official location of bonfire sites. TA

## Activities

Once again there are loads of fun filled all enjoyable activities to play with, here's a taster:-

Bring the Gnome home III  
Frisbee Golf  
Football  
Table Tennis  
The Millenium Dome  
Wash the pigs  
Local walks  
Cosmic Yoga  
Intense Tattoos  
Chai in the Tipi of Love  
Huula Competition

Drawing competition (hand in entries at Radio Plaxtock)  
Best Dressed tent  
Tipi Pow-wows  
Ecoustic Tent  
Main Stage  
Lying down and watching the sun through the trees  
And if you get bored ..... make your own fun and tell us about it at Radio Plaxtock.

**KIDS: there's stuff especially for you to do, see Aunty Sally.**

### Stuffed Pepper Menu

Saturday

Lunch: Lovely saucy soup

Dinner: Exotic Stew

Sunday

Breakfast: Veggie Paradise

Lunch: Nutpickerslunchbox

Dinner: Kentish Kebabs & couscous

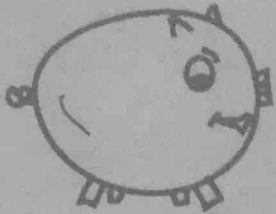
Monday

Breakfast: Croissant neuf

Lunch: Whatever's left

Dinner: you'd be lucky..





## Pigs... what are they

Anyone who has been to Plaxtock before will know of the system of 'pigs' that operate. You can exchange your money for these mysterious tokens, and use the pigs to buy;

T-shirts

postcards

beer

food

## Why?

to solve the problem of everyone going to the off licence 3 times a day, or a visit to the shop, we provide beer and some soft drinks and 3 meals a day. We charge a set number of pigs for these.

We do this to help to cover some of the costs that are incurred to run Plaxtock...  
ie. toilets, lighting, generator etc.

Last year we just covered our costs, so we are keen to stress that it is not a money making scheme (we wish) and we rely on a certain amount of participation from everyone.

## Exchange rate

1 pigs = £1

## What does that get me?

can of beer = 1p  
can of cider = 1p  
2 cans of coke = 1p  
breakfast = 2p  
lunch = 2p  
dinner = 3p

tshirt = 6p  
pack of ten postcards = 4p  
orders for this years cd = 10p  
back orders of 1998 cd = 12p

## Thanks...

You are under no pressure to join in, but we do appreciate any support that you can give.

