



Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society

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Cary & Ansford Newsletter article

The Carnival Committee is very pleased and grateful to report that, at long last, we have a new Treasurer! We welcome Ann Emery and look forward to working with her as we run our fund-raising events and plan this year's carnivals.

Talking of fund-raising: many thanks to everyone who came to our Cheese & Wine Evening at the Consti on 3 April. The profit was over £230, and many thanks to Susie Higgins, Myra Helps and Jenny Lee for organising the evening. We were entertained with monologues by Margaret Adams and Tom Burr made an excellent MC for the night.

At time of writing (end April), we're looking forward to our Plant Sale at the Market House on 30 May and the "As Time Goes By" show by the ever-popular Vintage Varieties company, at the Consti on 8 May. I will report on this event in the next Newsletter.

More carnival dates for your diary: on 10 July, we'll be holding our Prince & Princess disco in the Swainson Building at Ansford School. Looking much further ahead, our carnivals are on new dates this year: the Children's Carnival will take place on 3 October and the Illuminated Carnival will take place on 10 October. We'll be presenting prize cups at the Consti Club in a separate event, on 23 October.

For the first time this year, we will award an appearance fee of £80 to every float that takes part in our Carnival, in place of prize money. Many other carnivals do this, and we hope this will help carnival clubs with floats to meet the ever-increasing costs they have to meet in taking their floats out. We will, however, still give prize money to walkers and similar entries as usual.

If you're thinking about running an event that could use walkie-talkies, we can help: Henry Hobhouse has been instrumental in getting us funding from Somerset County Council to purchase 15 two-way radios for our marshals to use on carnival night. We can also lend these to you if you need them for your event. If you want to learn more about this, contact Sue or Gordon Stockman (01963 440472).

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