



# Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society

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## Cary & Ansford Newsletter article

As many readers will know, both our October carnival processions were hugely successful: many thanks to everyone who took part and who turned out to watch. As a result, I am very pleased to report that once again, the Carnival Committee has raised around £3000 to give to deserving local causes. If you would like to apply for a donation, you'll find details in our leaflet - available from the Town Council's web site or from Sue & Gordon Stockman. Donations will be awarded at the Consti Club on 5 February.

The Children's Carnival took place in brilliant sunshine on Saturday 10 October. As ever, the entire event was organised by Ann Hallett and we received many compliments on how smoothly it ran – many thanks, Ann! We had a very good entrant turnout, with inventive costumes and props. The Prince and Princess were **James Heal** and **Stephanie Lewis**. Among the many prizes awarded: **Ellen, Daniel, Alice and Amy Stokes** won the Best Props and Best Overall Entrant for their 'Peter Pan' entry; The Most Entertaining Entry prize went to **India & Nyah Davies, Sadie & Topaz Oram and Phoebe Higgins** for their 'Jackson 5' entry. The Most Original Entry prize went to **Castle Cary Beavers and Cubs** for their 'Planes, Boats and Trains'. The Youngest Entrant was **Amy Stokes**, aged just 5 months.

The Illuminated Carnival took place in mild weather on Saturday 17 October. The Carnival Royals were **Emily Francis** and **Daisy Cryer**. Many folk think it was the best carnival in years, with two marching bands, four majorette troupes and a fantastic array of floats and walking entries. Local clubs **Cary Comedians** and the **Britannia Club** were there: Cary Comedians raised many laughs with their Life's A Drag entry while the Britannia won the Best Local Float award for its Spiderwick entry. The Best Visiting Float award went to **Just George's Carnival Club's** hugely colourful O'Rafferty's Motorcar entry and the Best Masqueraders Overall prize went to **Stardelights Carnival Club's** Samba Sizzler entry.

The Carnival's shop window-dressing competition was won this year by **Stripes** clothes, shoes and accessories shop, with the **Save The Children** shop in second place and **Cary Pet Supplies'** window taking third. **Emma C's** card shop was highly commended by the judges, Helen Kelly and Pat Osborne.

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