



Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society

Somerset's Family Carnival • established since 1977

PRESS RELEASE

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Outline

Castle Cary swings into Carnival mode. Castle Cary's carnival season starts on Saturday 9 October, with its children's carnival.

Story

It will be carnival time in Castle Cary this Saturday afternoon (9 October) when the Children's Carnival parades through the town. The carnival has been going for 25 years and is believed to be one of only two in Somerset specifically for children. It starts off from the Constitutional Club at 3 pm.

Judging of entries takes place at the Constitutional Club beforehand (around 2:15 pm) - the winner of each class is presented with a perpetual trophy and a memento of the day. There are also trophies for the youngest entrant and for the entry with the best props. No child goes away from the carnival without something: there will be refreshments on hand, and a goody-bag for every entrant.

Cary Carnival committee Press Officer Paul Hansford said, "We are looking forward to this year's carnival and expect it will be every bit as good as last year's." He added, "Despite the credit crunch, Cary folk give us tremendous support and given generously, and we are very grateful for that."

The procession will be led by this year's children's carnival prince and princess, **Oliver Higgins** and **Tia Reynolds**.

Children up to 14 years of age are welcome to take part. If you would like to know more about Castle Cary Children's Carnival contact the organiser Ann Hallett (01963 350857). Entry forms are available at Heather's Flowers and McColls in Castle Cary. But be quick: they must be in by Friday!

Background

The Children's Carnival takes place from 3 pm on Saturday 9 October. The Illuminated Carnival takes place from 7:30 pm on Saturday 16 October. **The Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival** has existed in its present form for over 30 years, but its history dates back to the 1920s.

Popularly known as "Somerset's Family Carnival", it usually takes place annually on the evening of the second Saturday in October; the Children's Carnival usually takes place on the afternoon of the preceding Saturday.

The Carnival is sixth in the Wessex Grand Prix Circuit sequence of towns comprising Sturminster Newton, Trowbridge, Mere, Frome, Shaftesbury, Gillingham, Castle Cary & Ansford and Warminster.

It costs around £5000 to present Cary's carnivals each year. They are produced entirely by volunteers of the Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Committee and receives no public or charitable funding. Local carnival clubs include Cary Comedians (www.carycomedians.co.uk) and the Britannia Carnival Club (www.freewebs.com/britcc05).

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