



## Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society

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### Outline

It's showtime in Castle Cary this Friday! The town's Carnival Committee, in association with the Vintage Varieties company, is putting on a sparkling evening of song and dance from the twenties and thirties in aid of carnival funds.

### Story

The Vintage Varieties company are back by popular demand, following last year's Victorian Music Hall show. This time, the theme is the music of the twenties and thirties. Cast member Bryan Hallett said, "Vintage Varieties has appeared in Cary three times already. *As Time Goes By* celebrates the early 20th century in song, with plenty of favourites for folks to sing along with. It's a fast-moving and fun evening for all the family, guaranteed to have your toes tapping and hands clapping; all the joys of the age without the distraction of rickets and the Blitz."

The show is in aid of carnival funds. It takes place in the Castle Cary's Constitutional Club this Friday, 8 May. The doors open at 7.30 pm and the show starts at 8.00 pm. Carnival Secretary Sue Stockman said, "This is always a very popular event in Cary; we encourage folk to come in period costume, to add to the fun, but that's not a "must" – you can just come as you are and have a good time."

The evening includes a supper, and a splendid time is guaranteed for all. Tickets are great value at £7.50, available from Sue Stockman (01963 440472) and at the Constitutional Club, now or on the night.

### Background

**The Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival** is popularly known as "the family carnival". Its illuminated Evening Carnival takes place annually on the evening of the second Saturday in October; a Childrens' Carnival 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, Wincanton and Warminster. Local Carnival clubs include the Britannia Carnival Club and the Cary Comedians.

**The Vintage Varieties Company** is a group of old hands who, many years ago, decided that what the Great British Public needed was a good old knees up around the Joanna. They have performed breath-taking melodramas, daring feats of magic and mesmerising demonstrations of terpsichore in village halls and Scout huts throughout the area, all without the aid of a safety net.

The company includes Musical Director Lynne Merrifield and Ralph 'Dhobi' White on percussion. The cast includes James Buckle and Charmaine Bray, Mary Buckle, David Evans, Bryan Hallett, Colin Martin and Vivienne Patterson.

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