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From the Organisers

Welcome to the start of the real work-time for the:

8th Thornbury Carnival on 1st July, 2017.

This email is addressed to all in earlier mail shots, others we have met since, and also to all local Thornbury area groups whether or not included as described, to let everyone know that **we are up and running** following what has been a period of testing challenges to our organisation and much preparatory work additional to what we have had to deal with in past years. But more of that later.

As the Carnival has grown into its biggest ever event in 2016, so the Organising Committee has welcomed the developments of partnerships with several local groups that have undertaken a regular, committed role in the delivery of specific essential functions – see later!.

STOP PRESS!

Major Headline Act for *Carnival* Finale

The Carnival Entertainments for the 2017 event will showcase Finale Act "**The Bohemians**", a renowned and highly popular Queen Tribute Band – a major catch for this ambitious and popular Community event. These guys are sure to raise the roof and interest levels with its 90 minute set, concluding the usual quality presentation of local and invited acts.



Please take Note – If you are advertising on the programme, entering the Parade, or providing an Attraction or presenting a Stall

You will need to have done the following:

- Completed an on-line Advertisement Order, Parade Entry or Stall Application form. This will be responded-to with an acknowledgement, and an indication of what your Invoice cost will be. Be sure to keep a copy of what you have ordered.
- Provided a copy of your vehicle Insurance Certificate to the Parade Organiser
- Taken note of the Food Allergens legislation if you sell loose food
- Sent a copy of your Food Handling Certificate to the Stalls Manager, along with your 3rd Party Liability Insurance Certificate
- Completed a Risk Assessment for your activity and sent to the Stalls Manager or Entertainments manager
- Responded to the Invoice within 30 days, please

Our Allies

Thornbury Lions	Thornbury Rotary Club	Thornbury Tennis Club	Thornbury Churches Together
Organise the morning Parade, a 75 minute, 1000+ participants, and a 10+ Bands spectacular of great variety watched by huge roadside crowds. The first organisation to sign up for Carnival support.	Staff the main, pedestrian Gate 1 and collect the admissions charges on a day-long rota, usually involving at least 10 persons per shift, shared with the Inner Wheel colleagues.	These are the first, welcoming faces to greet stallholders arriving from 6am, when they begin their day-long rota, ensuring all start with a cheery face, checking arrivals have been properly entered.	These are a bit less visible, manning Gate 2, a bit hidden away, on duty from about 11am. Reliable! Other colleagues prepare a stall to represent the Christian mission from local Churches.
Rainbow Teddies Pre-School Group	Thornbury Chamber of Commerce	Thornbury Town Council	South Gloucestershire Council
These ladies operate the Lost Child facility for the event, and have been advisers on our Child Protection Policy. They also present their own stall on the adjacent pitch.	Essential supporters from the start, offering advice, contacts and financial help from time to time. The health of the local trading community is integral to our Aim.	Convinced of the value of the Carnival to the life of the Town, the Council gives financial support and makes its facilities available to the event. Indispensable allies, working with us!	Our Unitary Authority also supports us financially and with much guidance on legislative matters, and providing the validation for other actions in the public view.

The Carnival Committee thanks each of these partners for the valued support they lend to the organisation.

The “Early Bird” discount scheme for Stalls (pitch applications has now entered its Phase 2) allowing those who complete their on-line forms soon, to benefit from a Discount on the basic charges. These discounts will enable stallholders to meet pitch fees that are essentially the same as for 2016.

An Important Omission from the documents List! (With apologies.)

Craft Makers Marquee 2017

The Craft Makers marquee at the Carnival will give true crafters a great opportunity to exhibit and display the beautiful items they have so carefully made. In line with the Thornbury Art Trail we are seeking to make this a true craft market so only items made by the exhibitor will be permitted. To this end we ask you to provide photographs of your work with the application. This can be craft or food but no cooking is permitted in the Craft Makers marquee.

The position of the Craft Makers Marquee will not be as last year but potentially the same as or close to where it was positioned in previous years. As soon as possible the position will be confirmed to those who have booked a stall. If then you completely disagree with the planned position you can cancel as long as you give a clear reason for that decision.

The pitch sizes and prices are as stated on the application form but they will be a space only and you need to decide how to fill it effectively without going over the limits. It is possible to purchase one or more pitches and then they will be combined. Electricity is available at a cost but it must be indicated on the booking form when booking the pitch and you must provide your own linking leads / cables. Private generators are not permitted.

We are really looking forward to welcoming Crafters to Thornbury Carnival. To apply please complete the application form on www.mythornbury.co.uk/thornbury-carnival-stalls-application. There is the possibility of two marquees should there be sufficient demand so we could really make our mark.

Once your application has been accepted an invoice will be raised which is payable within 30 days of receipt. Further information will be issued to all accepted Craft workers stallholders by mid-June.

If you require more information please email stalls@thornburycarnival.co.uk



Ground works in the days before diggers, for Portsmouth Waterworks Company. No Risk Assessments or H & S concerns then! Just hard graft in often

The Work You Never See

Even before the Launch of the next Carnival campaign, there is a great deal of preparatory work, simply to decide if we have enough personnel to make a start!

Replacing Committee members standing down really needs the equivalent of a C19th Press Gang. Why are so many so reluctant to become involved in even modest ways that would not impact on their ability to enjoy a great Carnival Day? There are lots of self-contained task sets that anyone could help with. No skill required, just a bit of time and some adaptability.

Applying for Licenses, Permissions, Road Closure Orders, Premises bookings, submitting Grant applications and inviting Sponsorships – these all have to happen during the Autumn Term, and with them, all necessary evidential and relevant Policy details, with a willingness to attend a hearing.

poor conditions.

Identifying suitable and appealing attractions and Entertainment, following-up contacts suggested by others, making arrangements with folk who know nothing of our event and who are being asked to travel a long way and stay overnight. Agreeing contracts and making travel arrangements.

Seeking

the involvement of a Military Band or other Military assets takes forever and will never get a response before April, even less any indication of likely costs. Securing such a major asset is a prize indeed, but waiting all that time does get in the way of finalising arrangements for other Acts. There is usually a Site meeting and changing accommodation and feeding to be sorted.

Just think of

all that was involved in 2016 to complete the details for the Tigers Junior Motorcycle Team from Gosport, the Welsh Horse Yeomanry from Carmarthen, the Band & Bugles of the Rifles from Winchester and the ZHL String Quartet from London! Oh Yes! And then the Local Authorities weigh in with their new legislation and procedural expectations of Event Organisers – plenty of issues for us to attend to and solve, plenty of advice, but little practical help to deliver on the demands.

And

there are Policies and Procedures and a host of website documents to be refreshed for the start of the campaign; an ever-increasing list of administrative demands that are met with a reducing group working to present this wonderful Carnival for everybody's benefit. Can you help us in any small way?

There is little evidence of any of this work on the Day, other than that the Event happens. Some of the time, there is no outcome from any particular initiative, other than the experience gained from the exercise.

Highlights of Past Carnivals

We have always sought to bring to the Town something special, something not previously seen in the area. We haven't got photos of them all, but here is a selection. Do you know of any others?



2009
Red Arrows



2010
Central Band of the RAF



2011
Dray Horses



2013
King Edmunds Acro Gymnasts



2014
BBMF Spitfire & Hurricane display



2015
Band & Bugles of the Rifles



2016



2016



2016

Gugge 2000 Band



Welsh Horse Yeomanry



The FEMMES

City of Bristol Pipes & Drums



Something for the Community!

In each of 2015 and 2016, the Carnival sought to organise something that would be seen as a valued contribution to life in the area, rather like the highlights illustrated elsewhere- something that has not previously happened.

The two Secondary Schools in the centre of our area of prime concern were the recipients of something unique, but each quite different.



Mounted Section at St. Mary's Primary School

In 2015 Marlwood School hosted a tri-service, co-ordinated Emergency display that has not been seen in South Glos. before. The South Western Ambulance Service, the Avon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service along with the Avon & Somerset Police Constabulary put on a memorable display which included a Patrol through Town and a visit to a Primary School by the Mounted Section, a display by 5 Police Dogs of their renowned skills, a casualty retrieval from a crashed car by the local Fire Brigade Crew and the casualty management by the Ambulance Service – all helpfully co-ordinated by the South Glos. Road Safety Dept.

In 2016, the Thornbury Castle School took its turn for a very different kind of contribution with the presentation of a Carnival-Commissioned unique oil painting by local Artist Barry Walding, handed over at the end of the 2016 Carnival.

My visit to a Model Railway Exhibition in Thornbury brought me into contact with Artist Barry Walding who, after an 18 month gestation period, completed his Commission to produce this unique oil painting of the Thornbury Castle Locomotive to Headteacher Peter Smart at the 2016 Carnival,



Castle School's retiring Maths teacher, John Fill, presenting the original Loco Plates to the Thornbury Castle School

thus adding a 3rd artefact of no small value to the School's Locomotive Plates display.

The local links include Barry, as a resident of nearby Wotton Under Edge, the framing sponsored by ex Castle School pupil and Thornbury's "Surroundings" business owner Richard Edwards, who has produced copies for sale, and son-in-law of John Fill, Ian Walker, who is a member of the Carnival

Committee and chair of the Friends of Thornbury Carnival.



*Commission Artist Barry Walding, with
Carnival Organiser David Goldring, at the first viewing of the
completed oil painting*



*New owner of the Thornbury Castle loco,
Jonathan Pratt Jones, M.D. of Crosville Motors, Weston-Super-
Mare*

Visit our website:

MyThornbury.co.uk/Carnival

to view galleries of images from past Carnivals

and to use the on-line application forms and background documents.