



Brinsley Carnival 2007



Autumn Newsletter


The 2006 Carnival was a great success: more float, a spectacular parade, and a record number of visitors on the day,

The Wagon and Horses deservedly won the first prize of a fabulous £600 for best float with "World Cup". Second was Church Walk with "Beautiful Brinsley", winning £350. Then came the Parish Church with "Wedding" and a prize of £250, then Brinsley Scouts with "Camp" which earned them £100. These fabulous prizes were made possible by the generosity of longtime Brinsley resident and businessman Jack O'Neill, to who we all owe our thanks.

Janet Enever wins the most money collected prize, filling one collecting tin to the brim and almost doing the same with a second. Well done Noddy (not forgetting Big Ears – Janet's husband Brian). Many thanks also to Andy (Postman Pat, this year, Darth Vader last, who knows what in 2007) for his continuing support of the Carnival, and his magnificent effort with the bucket.

** Finances **

But Carnival isn't just about giving the village and our visitors a great day out. It's also an important way of funding worthwhile Brinsley causes. We aim each year to distribute as much money as possible, and to do this we rely upon our Team members and helpers to do all the donkey work, and to our treasurer to ensure that we spend as little as possible to make the Carnival a day to remember and fun for all the family. We felt it was worthwhile taking a look at how much we made from sponsorship, advertising, collection and so on, and how the cash has been and will be spent:

How much we raised	How much we spent	
	Insurance	£600
	Toilet hire	£530
	Float prizes	£1250
	Programme and label printing	£1300
	One off purchase - 2-way radios	£380
	One off purchase - Bunting	£85
	Fancy dress prizes	£135
	Refreshments for team, helpers and dignitaries	£90
	Hire of arena events	£1900
	Stage decoration	£100
	Flowers	£50
	Sundries	£80
	Donations to village causes, up to	£2500
	Total raised	£8403
		£9000

Any excess of spend over monies raised is made possible by the small reserve we maintain.

This year we made two one off purchases - 2 way radios to assist with gate control, general coordination and safety, and replacement bunting for the street decoration. We also achieved a significant first this year: As far as the current Team are aware it is the first year that programme printing costs were more than covered by advertising revenue.

This year we had amazing sponsorship, and used the majority to provide fantastic prizes for the floats competition, hopefully we will have similar gestures next year, so get planning your float **NOW!**

** Presentation Evening **

We will be hosting a Presentation Evening at the Parish Hall in January, when we will say our thanks in a tangible manner to all those people who are not part of the Team but whose help at Carnival time is invaluable, and to formally present the shields and prizes to our winners. We will also be asking the Carnival Queen and her attendants to help us donate cheques to all of the village organisations that we know of. If you represent a Brinsley Club, Group, Society or Association and would like to be considered for inclusion in the distribution of funds please contact Colin on 781623 or at 15 St. John's Close before the end of November and let us know who you are, where we can contact you and how your organisation benefits the villagers. If we aren't aware of you, we can't include you – it's as simple as that.



We have some long standing committee members leaving us this year, we **need** volunteers to help fill their shoes to ensure 2007's carnival continues to be successful and raise lots of money, so come along and meet us, maybe we can persuade you to help? Our next meeting is on Thursday 16th November at the Whit Lion, 8pm

Brinsley Carnival Team