

# Reading Community Est. 1977 Carnival

"Bringing the Sun and a Smile to the Thames Valley"



Annual Report

30th September 2005

Year Ending 30th September 2005

**Reading Carnival Committee 2005**

Kendal Falconer  
*Chairman*

Bob Popat  
*Vice Chairman*

Patricia Alleyne  
*Secretary*

Ros Reid  
*Treasurer*

Ruth Wilson  
*Public Relations*

Stuart Kennedy

Geoff Thomas

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## CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Well, it does not seem like five minutes since I was working hard on last year's report and it hard to put into words how the year has gone, but let me try and find the right words which would do this great day justice.

Once again there were a small number of people who worked very hard as a team to put together this event. However it would seem that as soon as you ask anyone to supply services for this event they believe you have unlimited funds and will pay over the top for services. If you take a look at the accounts, it's only because we work hard at buying services that we have started to build up some funds with the aim of putting on a great show when we reach carnival's big 30. We have worked hard with local and national companies to gain goods, services or money. Our local Asda has also worked very hard with us and it looks as if continuing to work with them next year we could go onto bigger things.

The lead up to the event was hard as usual but the turn-out on the day made it worthwhile and I would like thank everyone who turned up on the day. The sun shone, the food was great, the people enjoyed themselves, so what more could we ask? Well let me tell you, we would like to have more floats on the road, more local and national companies and local groups working with us to build the event.

One area, which we seem to undervalue, is in our music; it does not have an outlet on any of the local radio stations. I feel that if one of the local radio stations had a show within the schedules this would help with selling the event. However I will leave that point for another place and time.

All I really have to say is thank you all for your help over the last three years. It has been fun most of the time but at other times it has been hard work. I hope the event can move onto bigger and better things over the next few years.

Many thanks

**Kendel Falconer**

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## Treasurer's Report

The committee was not able to meet the deadline to submit an application for funding carnival 2005 and with no increase in the grant from Reading Borough Council it was vital that we budget effectively, raise additional funds, and reduce losses. The grant from Reading Borough Council is to meet the cost of security, paramedic cover and generators for the main stage. The grant has been fixed at £5,280 for some time and the increasing cost of these services (total cost this year £7,236) has to be met from our other income.

Additional funds were raised as follows,

- With the assistance of additional volunteers, the committee ran a bar on carnival day making a profit of over £700.
- Three committee members braved freezing temperatures in early April to join with the Barbados and Friends Association marshalling the Reading Half Marathon to raise £80.
- The promotions team at Asda in Tilehurst organised 2 weekend events for Carnival. A display of pictures and costumes from carnival 2004, and a Fun (half) Day, with lucky dip, tombola, music and seaside picture booth. Asda provided all the prizes and over £100 was raised, despite the rain.



Reading Community Carnival Chairman and Secretary with the Promotions Team from Asda's Tilehurst Branch

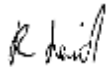
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Over the last few years the carnival dance has made significant losses. Consequently, the dance was scaled down this year. The dance was held at RISC on the Saturday of the May Bank Holiday weekend. Due to other events happening in Reading on the same evening, the numbers attending the dance was not at many as we would have liked, but it was a very enjoyable evening. The event made a small loss of £226.

With the significant savings made on the dance this year it was possible to pay all the artists appearing on stage on carnival day, including two well know Soca artists Soca Wen'd and Squeezy.

The Carnival procession this year was very disappointing with several regular participating groups missing. We have ended the year with a healthy bank balance and the committee plan to use this to assist groups in participating in next year's carnival procession.



*Ros Reid*  
*Treasurer*

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**Income and Expenditure Account**

	Notes	Year 2004/05 £	Year 2003/04 £
<b>INCOME</b>			
Grants	1	5,280	5,280
Donations	2	40	101
Activities	3	9,853	6,884
Interest		<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		15,178	12,271
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Prizes		400	400
Administration		35	106
Security		3,496	3,702
Activities (Carnival)	4	6,731	5,218
Activities (Dance)	5	609	1,811
Activities (Fund Raising)	6	8	70
Refundable Deposits		1,100	1,000
Carnival Launch		0	30
Carnival Banner		0	114
Advertising		125	0
Paramedics		1,763	1,300
Insurance		350	350
Bank Charges		<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		14,621	14,101
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<u>558</u>	<u>(1,830)</u>



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**Notes to the Income and Expenditure Account**

Note	Year 2004/05 £	Year 2003/04 £
<b>1 Grants</b>		
Reading Borough Council	5,280	5,280
	<u>5,280</u>	<u>5,280</u>
<b>2 Donations</b>		
Marks & Spencer (Voucher)	20	20
John Lewis Partnership (Voucher)	20	20
Other	0	61
	<u>40</u>	<u>101</u>
<b>3 Activities</b>		
Fund Raising	183	220
Carnival Dance	383	337
Carnival Day	7,941	6,327
Carnival Bar	1,346	0
	<u>9,853</u>	<u>6,884</u>
<b>4 Carnival Day</b>		
Marquee's	687	657
Live Stage and Acts	1,431	250
PA System	911	881
Car Park Attendants	720	736
Carnival Bar - Stock	621	0
Carnival Bar - Fittings	134	0
Musicians	0	200
Photographer	0	10
Hospitality	0	40
Site Clean-up	250	200
Hire Lorry	0	244
Generators	1,977	2,000
	<u>6,731</u>	<u>5,218</u>
<b>5 Carnival Dance</b>		
Hall Hire & Decoration	140	596
Sound System	300	0
DJ	150	0
Live Band	0	500
PA System	0	588
Catering	19	127
	<u>609</u>	<u>1,811</u>
<b>6 Fund Raising</b>		
Food Samples	8	70
	<u>8</u>	<u>70</u>

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**Balance Sheet**

		<b>Year 2004/05 £</b>	<b>Year 2003/04 £</b>
	Notes		
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors			
Cash at Bank and in Hand		4,951 <u>4,951</u>	2,466 <u>2,466</u>
Creditors: Falling due within 1 yr	1	<u>(1,977)</u>	<u>(2,440)</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		2,973	26
Creditors: Falling due after more than 1 yr		<u>2,973</u>	<u>26</u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
Share Capital			
Revenue Reserves	2	<u>2,973</u> <u>2,973</u>	<u>26</u> <u>26</u>

**Notes to the Balance Sheet**

<b>Note</b>	<b>Year 2004/05 £</b>	<b>Year 2003/04</b>
<b>1 Creditors: Falling due within 1 yr</b>		
Musicians - Fund Raising		50
RBC - Generators	1,977	2,000
RBC - Rivermead Hire		390
	<u>1,977</u>	<u>2,440</u>
<b>2 Reserves</b>		
Revenue Reserves b/f	26	1,856
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	558	(1,830)
Generators - creditor write-off	2,000	
Rivermead Hire - creditor write-off	390	
	<u>2,973</u>	<u>26</u>

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**Summary of Financial Activity**

	<b>Year 2004/05 £</b>	<b>Year 2003/04 £</b>
Income	15,173	12,265
Expenses	<u>14,621</u> 552	<u>14,101</u> (1,836)
Other Operational Income Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>0</u> 552	<u>0</u> (1,836)
Interest Receivable Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>6</u> <u>558</u>	<u>6</u> <u>(1,830)</u>

Chairperson:

Mr. Kendal Falconer ..... Date:.....

Secretary:

Mrs. Patricia Alleyne ..... Date:.....

Treasurer:

Mrs. Rosalind Reid ..... Date:.....

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