

Reading Community Carnival

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



Annual Report

30th September 2006

Year Ending 30th September 2006

Reading Carnival Committee 2006

Patricia Alleyne
Chairperson

Stuart Kennedy
Vice Chair

Donna Kellman
Secretary

Ros Reid
Treasurer

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Kendal Falconer

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Chairperson's Report

Well where do I start, this was my first year as Chairperson for Reading Community Carnival, although over the past 3 years I was the secretary this year was a real learning curve for me and I have no doubt for the rest of the committee with all the new licensing regulations that came into force.

This year as in previous years, it was a small but dedicated team that worked extremely hard to make the event a great success. I cannot thank the rest of the team enough for their encouragement and much needed support, and especially Kendel for walking the route in the rain with me to put up the road closures.

My only regret was the carnival dance, yet another year due to lack of support from the community the dance was quite disappointing.

The day of carnival despite the weather, I felt extremely proud to be part of Carnival Committee, when all the floats were lined up on time and the numbers which took part. It was great to see such a colourful procession. It has taken years to get Reading Carnival back on the map and we did it this year with the help of our main sponsor Newmont Travel. Not only did we have bands like Sounds of Steel on the road but also Reading was pleased to launch Magnet Man direct from Barbados.

One of the most prominent features of the Reading Community Carnival is its appeal to children and families, and our objective was to continue to create a safe environment with a wide range of activities and facilities for them. The day is also a celebration of diversity reflecting and promoting our multicultural population in Reading.



For the first time in years with the help of a grant from the Arts Council we were able to run carnival workshops. My sincere thanks goes out to Hillman Philbert (Bronco) who worked tirelessly to get costumes on the road and went to Ranikhet School with me to run workshops which the children and parents both enjoyed. A special thank you to all those of Ranikhet School and Ranikhet Extended School.

As a committee we met a week later after the event and discussed how we can make next year's bigger and better as it's going to be the 30th Carnival. We can only do this with the support of the community not only on carnival day but during the months of preparation by attending workshops, coming to fundraising events and working together.

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I personally, would like to thank our sponsors to name a few like Newmont Travel, SAS International and Asda Tilehurst. Without their sponsorship we would not have been able to have a successful carnival.

To you, the community, thank you very much for your support on the day. I must re-iterate that we need your continued support more than ever to make the 30th Carnival even better than this year. Together we can put floats on the road to represent the last 30 years with previous Kings and Queens.

Once again my special thank you to the rest of committee for all their help during my year as chair. I have thoroughly enjoyed the position despite its challenges. I would like to be considered for the position again next year, but, in any event I wish the incoming committee all the best for the 30th Carnival.

Pat Alleyne
Chairperson (2006)

Workshop Feedback

I enjoyed the carnival workshop because it was interesting. It was also simple but the out come of the costumes were brilliant and affective. I made some friends and their costumes made the float look so much better and they all enjoyed the workshop as well. If I do the workshop next year I would make a bigger and even better costume. I would also bring more people along with me.

Kimberly.
Age 14

I absolutely loved and I will definitely do it again, the costumes were amazing and I made new friends too. Next year I am bringing loads of people with me I think they would really enjoy it. But for a fact I know I definitely would.

Catherine
Age 11

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Secretary's report

This has been an eye-opening experience – my first year on the Carnival committee. I had no idea how much work was involved, but I'm glad that I came aboard; I have learnt new skills, met lots of new people and had a great time working with the team.



Highlights of the year for me were:

- Getting creative at the carnival workshops.
- Meeting the community whilst working in the beer tent.
- Seeing the wonderful procession on carnival day, there were more than 12 floats!
- Watching Magnet Man on stage....wonderful!

This year's carnival was totally awesome and well worth all the hard work. The weather wasn't too good, but that didn't dampen our spirits. We had lots of stalls on the day, and the range of music on our main stage (both local and international) was sure to appeal to a wide audience.

The attendance at the carnival dance was quite disappointing. We had an excellent Afro-Fusion band and a Soca DJ from London – the music on the night was hot, it's just a shame that more people were not there to experience it, so you'll just have to take my word for it. If you didn't attend this year, make sure you do in 2007!

My personal thanks go to:

Our wonderful sponsors at Newmont Travel.

The Carnival Committee – for being patient with the new-girl on the block

All our stall holders new and old

The Reading Community, Press and other media – for your interest in and support of the carnival

Next year will be even better!

Regards

Donna Kellman

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Carnival Feedback

RESOURCE

Reading Mental Health Resource Centre

Patricia Alleyne
Carnival Committee
PO Box 17
Reading
RG1 7TD

2 October 2006

Dear Patricia,

I am writing this on behalf of the members as Chairperson of the Resource Members Group. Hope this is ok.

As you know, Resource is a local mental health charity supporting people with their recovery.

Reading Resource has been involved with Reading Community Carnival since 2003. We decided to take part when we moved from Kings Road to Waylen Street West Reading to help reduce stigma around mental health and also to become part of the community.

Many of our members who attend are very vulnerable and find it difficult to take part in things. However, because of the family atmosphere, Members enjoy it. The carnival has been a good way for us to raise funds and for members to show off their artistic skills. This year we raised over £700. We look forward to having fun with you all again next year

Yours Sincerely,

Zena Palk
Chairperson



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Treasurer's Report

I think that everyone will agree that the carnival was a great success this year - the spectacular costumes, 13 floats, great stage performances, and a huge audience despite the weather.

After the poor procession of the previous year we made this our priority. The committee applied for and won an Arts Council Lottery grant of £5000 with a proposal to improve the procession by running workshops and hiring a demonstration Mas band. The grant covered the hire of rooms, materials, payment of the workshop leader, and costs associated with the appearance of the combined Mas band, Phoenix and T and T carnival club.

We also managed to attract several sponsors. Newmont travel covered the cost of our headline act Magnet Man as well as putting the award winning steel band Sounds of Steel on the road in the procession. SAS also provided 2 lorries and drivers free of charge for the day.

The stage show was great this year and included all music genres. Thank you to everyone who appeared on stage especially to all the local bands and DJ's who actually volunteered to entertain their local community for free.

The committee ran a bar on carnival day, which raised a magnificent £1,200 for the funds. The committee is a small one and we would not have been able to do this without the help of those of you who just turned-up and gave us a hand on the day. So thank you to every one who did.



We made a small loss on the dance again this year. Personally speaking, as these days no one seems to want to take part in a King and Queen Gala competition, I would like to see Reading develop a Children's Carnival event.

I am really proud of what the committee and the community has achieved this year. Let's hope that the 30th will be even better.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ros Reid".

Ros Reid
Treasurer

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Income and Expenditure

	Notes	Year 2005/06 £	Year 2004/05 £
INCOME			
Grants	1	10,280	5,280
Donations	2	1,090	40
Activities	3	11,265	9,853
Interest		9	6
Total Income		<u>22,645</u>	<u>15,178</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Workshops - Tutor/Materials/Room Hire		1,894	0
Phoenix, T&T Mas Band		1,259	0
Prizes		500	400
Administration		170	35
Security		3,496	3,496
Activities (Carnival)	4	8,598	6,731
Activities (Dance)	5	936	609
Activities (Fund Raising)	6	120	8
Activities (2005 AGM)		30	0
Activities (2006 Launch)		20	0
Activities (Presentation Evening)		61	0
Refunded Deposits		1,050	1,100
Advertising		183	125
Printing		222	0
Paramedics		1,880	1,763
Insurance		350	350
Bank Charges		10	4
Total Expenditure		<u>20,779</u>	<u>14,621</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)		<u><u>1,866</u></u>	<u><u>558</u></u>

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Income and Expenditure Notes

Note		Year 2005/06 £	Year 2004/05 £
1	Grants		
	Reading Borough Council - Core Funding	5,280	5,280
	Arts Council Lottery Grant	5,000	0
		<u>10,280</u>	<u>5,280</u>
2	Donations		
	Newmont Travel	1,040	0
	Marks & Spencer (Voucher)	20	20
	John Lewis Partnership (Voucher)	20	20
	Tesco	10	0
		<u>1,090</u>	<u>40</u>
3	Activities		
	Fund Raising	0	183
	Children's Festival	10	0
	Carnival Dance	291	383
	Carnival Day	8,681	7,941
	Carnival Bar	2,284	1,346
		<u>11,265</u>	<u>9,853</u>
4	Carnival Day		
	Marquee's	1,133	687
	Live Stage and Acts	1,178	1,431
	PA System	911	911
	Car Park Attendants	1,050	720
	Carnival Bar - Stock	989	621
	Carnival Bar - Assets	73	134
	Photography	391	0
	Hospitality	23	0
	Events License	100	0
	Site Clean-up	250	250
	Generators	2,500	1,977
		<u>8,598</u>	<u>6,731</u>
5	Carnival Dance		
	Hall Hire & Decoration	266	140
	Security	120	0
	Sound System	0	300
	DJ	350	150
	Live Band	201	0
	Catering	0	19
		<u>936</u>	<u>609</u>
6	Fund Raising		
	Valentine's DJ	120	8
		<u>120</u>	<u>8</u>

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Balance Sheet

	Notes	Year 2005/06 £	Year 2004/05 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	1	500	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>7,440</u>	<u>4,951</u>
		7,940	4,951
Creditors: Falling due within 1 yr	2	<u>(2,750)</u>	<u>(1,977)</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		5,189	2,973
Creditors: Falling due after more than 1 yr		<u>5,189</u>	<u>2,973</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Share Capital			
Revenue Reserves	3	<u>5,189</u>	<u>2,973</u>
		<u>5,189</u>	<u>2,973</u>

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Balance Sheet Notes

Notes	Year 2005/06 £	Year 2004/05
1 Debtors		
Arts Council Lottery Funding - Final Payment	500	_____
	<u>500</u>	<u>_____</u>
2 Creditors: Falling due within 1 yr		
RBC - Park Clean-up (estimated)	250	
RBC - Generators (estimated)	2,500	1,977
	<u>2,750</u>	<u>1,977</u>
3 Reserves		
Revenue Reserves b/f	2,973	26
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,866	558
Generators - creditor write-off		2,000
Rivermead Hire - creditor write-off		390
Unpresented cheques - 2005	100	
Park Clean-up paid by RBC - 2005	250	
	<u>5,189</u>	<u>2,973</u>

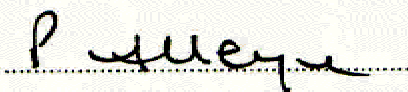
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Summary of Financial Activity

	Year 2005/06 £	Year 2004/05 £
Income	22,635	15,173
Expenses	<u>20,779</u> 1,857	<u>14,621</u> 552
Other Operational Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,857	552
Interest Receivable	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u><u>1,866</u></u>	<u><u>558</u></u>

Chairperson:

Mrs. Patricia Alleyne



Date: 11/10/06

Secretary:

Miss Donna Kellman



Date: 11/10/06

Treasurer:

Mrs. Rosalind Reid



Date: 11/10/06