

Reading Community Carnival

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



Annual Report

30th September 2008

Year Ending 30th September 2008

Reading Carnival Committee 2008

Patricia Alleyne
Chairperson

Stuart Kennedy
Vice Chair

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Secretary

Ros Reid
Treasurer

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Chairperson's Report

Following the last AGM I was delighted with the number of committee members that came on board but as the year went by, I was very disappointed that the committee reduced to a few dedicated members. But with determination and support of a smaller committee we have had a successful carnival.

Well what can I say about the weather, I thought it could not possibly happen three years in a row but it did, so following the recommendations from the Safety Team de-brief, the wet weather plan was implemented and it worked well with the support of the local authorities.

Yet again I was not surprised at the number of floats that went on the road, despite the conditions the people of Reading showed the true spirit of carnival by coming out and supporting those who braved the weather. We had groups from all the surrounding areas including London. I think the local press said it again what severe weather this '**Carnival was hot**'; I would like to thank everyone who braved the weather.

I was delighted to see so many younger members of our community taking part both on stage and in costume bands; looking out from our marquee it was a joy to see them enjoying themselves and did not stop even after the music finished at 7.00pm. I hope we can encourage them to take part and come and be part of the committee because we need new ideas to take carnival forward.

With funding from the Arts Council of England, Hillman once again ran workshops which proved very exciting as we had young members from our local community making costumes. This was covered by Emma Pyne from Thames Valley Tonight TV who did not only report on the workshops but also on activities on the Friday before carnival and throughout Carnival day itself. Well done to the groups that took part. It was great seeing the youngsters coming together and having fun making costumes. I would like to congratulate them and hope they will continue to take part in carnival.

The Prince and Princess Event was held at the Mapp Centre. The lack of support was disappointing with but those that came had a good time and congratulations to our Princess for 2008 Aaliyah.

Our King and Queen dance was also held at the Mapp Centre, The young people taking part showed off their costumes made in the workshops and the pride on their faces showed the hard work that went into making their costumes. Congratulations and well done to all who took part and special congratulations to our King and Queen for 2008, Dennis Longa and Chantelle Ramsey.

To our sponsors, Payzone, Newmont Travel, SAS International, Rawlings Transport, Super Malt, Tesco (Oxford Road), Island Delight, Sign-up.To, RamJam Radio and ReedSmith Richards Butler on behalf of the committee we thank you once again for supporting us. Also special thank you to Veronica's Caribbean Kitchen for the encouragement, continual support and sponsoring our hospitality refreshments.

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I, personally, would like to thank the team of dedicated committee volunteers, and a special thank you to Stuart Kennedy our Vice Chairperson who will be standing down this year. Stuart has worked extremely hard over the past 3 years getting our sponsors involved and we are truly grateful to him. I know he will be in the background if help is needed. It has been a pleasure working with him. Also to Debi Daniels and her team at Reading Borough Council for the help and support in making carnival a success. I hope we can build on what we have achieved this year and make carnival a community event and attract more sponsorship in the future.

To you, the local community we need your support more than ever, Carnival cannot continue to grow unless we get everyone involved and working together. We hope that those of you who are able to spare a little time will help to make costumes, come to workshops and get involved in Carnival. Come and be a committee member and present your ideas and vision for the future of Reading Carnival.

I would say a special thank you to the outgoing committee and wish the new committee all the best for the coming year.

Patricia

*Patricia Alleyne
Chairperson (2008)*



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Events 2008 – Pictures

1st March - Carnival Launch Party @ South Street



April - Carnival Workshops @ The Mapp Centre



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17th May - Children's Carnival Evening @ The Mapp Centre



24th May - King and Queen Dance @ The Mapp Centre



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26th May - Carnival Day @ Prospect Park



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Treasurer's Report

Well, I was right that the weather couldn't be worse than last year. It rained throughout Carnival Day but unlike 2007, the park was not saturated by rain in the weeks leading up to Carnival so the stallholders were able to setup, and there were no high winds to prevent the stage going up. The stage show this year was truly fantastic, with everyone giving great performances. My personal favourites were the dance groups from London, whose sets were heart pounding high energy, and the sweet reggae sounds of Yaz Alexander. We were also treated to great performances from our local DJ's.

We have ended the year with a small surplus and a reasonably healthy bank balance. There has been no increase in grant support from Reading Borough Council (RBC) for more than six years so this has been achieved with additional sponsorship, additional support-in-kind from RBC and cost savings. For example, the cost of the Marquee was halved this year by changing the supplier; also the King and Queen Dance was scaled down with ticket and drink sales just about covering the costs. Carnival was again awarded an Arts Council Grant to improve the artistic content of Carnival. A series of costume making workshops were run in the weeks leading up to Carnival Day. Also, payments were made to Steel and Mas Bands taking part in the Procession and to some of the performers on stage. The grant was also used to cover some of the costs of staging the Children's evening which was completely free to everyone who attended. In the current financial climate we have all seen a rise in our personally expenditures, it is therefore inevitable that the coming year will see a rise in Carnival costs as well. The Committee will therefore have to work hard to secure additional funding and sponsorship.

On a personal note, I have been Carnival Treasurer for the past six years and have enjoyed the experience. However, I no longer work in Reading and I am finding it more and more difficult to achieve everything I need to achieve. I have therefore decided that this will be the final year that I will be prepared to be nominated as Carnival Treasurer.



Ros Reid
Treasurer (2008)

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Income and Expenditure

	Notes	Year 2007/08	Year 2006/07
INCOME			
Grants	1	10,280	19,105
Donations	2	1,800	1,625
Activities	3	8,166	8,085
Interest		<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
		20,249	28,820
EXPENDITURE			
Workshops - Tutor/Materials/Room Hire		1,292	2,115
Mas/Steel Bands		1,919	2,379
Prizes		410	725
Administration		177	282
Security		3,696	3,648
Activities (Carnival)	4	6,529	5,090
Activities (Dance)	5	804	2,760
Activities (Fund Raising)	6	0	0
Activities (Conference)		0	8,780
Activities (Childrens Event)		417	471
Activities (AGM)		36	10
Activities (Launch)		484	0
Activities (2012 Handover)		70	0
Returned Deposits		1,090	100
Refunds		0	3,850
Advertising		0	26
Printing		149	188
First Aid		987	971
Insurance		450	350
Charitable Donation		0	450
Bank Charges		<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditure		18,529	32,195
Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>1,720</u>	<u>(3,375)</u>

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Income and Expenditure Notes

Note	Year 2007/08 £	Year 2006/07 £
1 Grants		
Reading Borough Council - Core Funding	5,280	5,280
Arts Council Lottery Grant	5,000	5,000
Arts Council - Regional Conference	0	8,825
	<u>10,280</u>	<u>19,105</u>
2 Donations		
Newmont Travel	800	1,625
Payzone	1,000	0
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,625</u>
3 Activities		
AGM	50	0
Fund Raising	0	0
Conference Tickets	0	154
0800 Number	3	0
Carnival Dance	358	530
Carnival Day	6,550	6,290
Carnival Bar	1,181	1,110
2012 Handover	24	
	<u>8,166</u>	<u>8,085</u>
4 Carnival Day		
Marquee	443	930
Live Stage and Acts	200	775
PA System	909	909
Car Park Attendants	1,100	1,100
Carnival Bar - Stock	896	850
Photography	263	400
Hospitality	0	5
Events License	100	121
Carnival Expenses	118	0
Generators (estimated)	2,500	0
	<u>6,529</u>	<u>5,090</u>
5 Carnival Dance		
Hall Hire & Decoration	353	1,560
Security	60	0
Sound System	0	300
DJ	120	0
Entertainment/MC	271	900
	<u>804</u>	<u>2,760</u>
6 Fund Raising		
Fund Raising	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Balance Sheet

		Year 2007/08 £	Year 2006/07 £
	Notes		
Current Assets			
Debtors	1	1,300	2,199
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>9,110</u>	<u>3,965</u>
		10,410	6,164
Creditors: Falling due within 1 year	2	<u>(2,500)</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		7,910	4,664
Creditors: Falling due after more than 1 year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>7,910</u>	<u>4,664</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Share Capital		0	0
Revenue Reserves	3	<u>7,910</u>	<u>4,664</u>
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Balance Sheet Notes

Note	Year 2007/08 £	Year 2006/07 £
1 Debtors		
Arts Council Lottery Funding - Final Payment	500	500
Newmont Travel	800	1,625
Bar Sales	0	74
	1,300	2,199
2 Creditors:Falling due within 1 year		
Reading Town Hall	0	1,500
RBC - Generators (estimated)	2,500	0
	2,500	1,500
3 Reserves		
Revenue Reserves b/f	4,664	5,189
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,720	(3,375)
Generators - creditor write-off	0	2,500
Unpresented Cheques	100	100
Park Clean-up paid by RBC	0	250
Reading Town Hall - creditor write-off	1,500	0
Bar Sales - debtor write-off	(74)	0
	7,910	4,664

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Summary of Financial Activity

	Year 2007/08 £	Year 2006/07 £
Income	20,246	28,815
Expenses	<u>18,529</u> 1,717	<u>32,195</u> (3,380)
Other Operational Income	<u>0</u> 1,717	<u>0</u> (3,380)
Interest Receivable	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u><u>1,720</u></u>	<u><u>(3,375)</u></u>

Chairperson:

Mrs. Patricia Alleyne Date:

Vice Chairperson:

Mr Stuart Kennedy Date:

Treasurer:

Mrs. Rosalind Reid Date: