

Reading Community Carnival

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



Annual Report

30th September 2009

Year Ending 30th September 2009

Reading Carnival Committee 2009

Patricia Alleyne
Chairperson

Louise Chandler
Vice-Chairperson

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Secretary

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Treasurer

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Report: Vice-Chairperson

Reading Community Carnival may have started in 1977 as part of the Queens Silver Jubilee celebrations but it continues to be as popular as ever. The local community enjoy the street party and people choose to travel in to Reading to take part.

Carnival 2009 was a busy but thriving year with highly decorated floats, steel bands and bands.

The Costume workshop, Prince and Princess Carnival Party and Carnival Dance provided a run up to the big day itself and was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended and participated.

On Carnival day the weather stayed dry which was a huge relief and as a result there was a good turn out of revellers and party people.

It was fabulous to see the colourful and lively procession through the streets of West Reading -everyone enjoyed the sights and sounds of Carnival.

One of the things that makes me proud is to see all the Caribbean islands represented in the procession – all the flags, emblems and colours represent our presence in Reading and long may it continue.

As a committee we must thank the performers: people like Magnet Man and Yaz Alexander who performed on stage and entertained the crowd.

For me Carnival is about coming together, having fun and appreciating our culture. What is encouraging is that other cultures enjoy the day just as much as us West Indians and that's a positive thing.

But we'd like to make an appeal to you. Carnival is enjoyed by all but organised by a few people and we really need your help. As an event Carnival takes all year round preparation and we need people to help to ensure the event continues to be a success. Please speak to any committee member if you're interested.

I look forward to carnival 2010 and I've already received interest from stall holders and performers who are keen to be apart of this celebratory event so it shows that Reading Community Carnival has a positive image.

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I would also like to pay tribute to the committee and say a massive thank you for the hard work and efforts – Carnival is run by a dedicated team who volunteer in addition to having busy lives and full time jobs. We should be proud of ourselves as this comment suggests:

Just a quick note to say 'Nuf Respect' for a job well done with no official sponsor - the community owned & owns the carnival.

Once again - Thank you & your team for all your hard work - well done Pat - so glad perseverance is a quality you possess by the bus load.

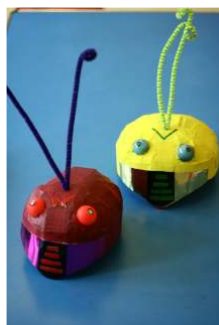
Joshua Wilson – runs Bethal United football club

***Louise Chandler
Vice-Chairperson (2009)***



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16th May - Children's Carnival Party @ The Mapp Centre



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Helping out at Carnival

The Carnival possession was great, all the floats were brightly coloured, the people enthusiastic and 'working up' in the beaming sunshine. A couple of hours later the floats returned to Prospect park greeted by hundreds of people from the local community sampling the Caribbean cuisine and admiring the beautiful costumes.

I helped in the carnival committee tent serving drinks. Gosh it was none stop. The tent was positioned in an ideal place right by the stage. So attracted loads of people, as well as giving us helpers the ability to enjoy the quality acts that performed.

The tent also served as a 'found' area, for lost children and lost items. Luckily we had only 5 little people, all were quickly reunited with their families.

The tent was run effectively and smoothly. Personally I really enjoyed helping out, a combination of the sun, music and people made it extra special.

Roll on next year.

Natalie Alleyne (24)



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26th May - Carnival Day @ Prospect Park



Photographers:

Natalie Morgan

Peter Toft

Nigel Smith

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Report: Treasurer

The sun came out for Carnival 2009 and it was definitely one of the best. The weather was hot, the costumes were hot, and the stage performances were hot. It was hot, hot, hot!

The hot and thirsty revellers drank all the beer, water and rum punch in the Committee's refreshment marquee making a profit of £791. This year's carnival dance was held at the Jazz Club. Those of you who attended the event were treated to a great night and helped us to make a fantastic profit of £718. Thanks are due to the Jazz Club, who provided the venue free of charge, the DJ's who donated their time, and to new committee member David Williams who organised it all. The Committee also ran the free carnival workshops in the 10 weeks leading up to Carnival day, and the free Children's Carnival Party at the Mapp Centre both of which would not have been a success without Carnival Artist Hilman Philbert.

Our income was reduced this year as there was no Lottery funding or monetary sponsorship and it was necessary to dip into the reserves built up over the past few years. An application was made to Reading Borough Council (RBC) for an increase of £5,000 in the Core Funding grant but received just £20. RBC has in previous years paid for the generators used on Carnival day but the Committee was asked to pay the £2,762 bill, which has further reduced our reserves.

Due to an under-spend of around 10% on the budget for our 2008 grant application, the Arts Council did not pay the remaining £500 of the grant and this has had to be written-off. Usually, the Arts Council requires that any under-spend is repaid, however such is our reputation with the council that we were allowed to retain this money to be spent in 2009. The remaining lottery money was used to fund the workshops, to assist Mas and Steel bands to participate in the procession to increase the artistic content, and to stage the children's carnival party.

Carnival's long standing suppliers such as Sabre (PA equipment) and S and C (Security) have maintained their prices for some time but the expectation is that prices will rise over the next few years.

Carnival is also faced with new costs, which could mean the end of Reading Carnival unless the event is properly funded and sponsored in the future.

- In 2008 the Performing Rights Society (PRS) starting billing Carnivals all over the country for the use of music in processions, and on stages. This year Reading Carnival paid £856 fees to PRS for 2008/2009 and 2009/2010. They have now introduced a scheme whereby non-profit making organisation can apply to reduce their payments but acceptance on the scheme seems to be at the whim of PRS.
- The number of policemen at Carnival will be reduced, but they will be on-call in the event of a major incident. This is great news as it underlines the fact that Reading Carnival is trouble free, but it does mean that we will have to employ additional security personnel.
- The police will no longer be responsible for road closures and the committee will have to find volunteers (which based on past experience is unlikely), or pay a company to handle the closures.

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I have been based in London for the past two years and can no longer devote the required time to Carnival. I will continue as the webmaster for the website until a replacement is found and I will always be available for assistance and advice.

When I became Treasurer seven years ago my objective was to make Carnival finances clear and able to withstand any scrutiny, and I believe I have achieved this. Also, during this time Reading Carnival Committee has greatly improved its reputation, credibility and trust with suppliers, other community groups, the police and RBC. I have enjoyed my time on the committee and worked with a wonderful group of people to organise some of the best Carnivals in its 32 year history.

I wish the best of luck to the incoming Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ros Reid'.

Ros Reid
Treasurer (2009)

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Income and Expenditure

	Notes	Year 2008/09	Year 2007/08
INCOME			
Grants	1	5,300	10,280
Donations	2	20	1,800
Activities	3	9,801	8,166
Interest		<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
		15,122	20,249
EXPENDITURE			
Workshops - Tutor/Materials/Room Hire		1,937	1,292
Mas/Steel Bands		1,050	1,919
Prizes		116	410
Administration		255	177
Security		3,696	3,696
Activities (Carnival)	4	9,063	6,529
Activities (Dance)	5	318	804
Activities (Fund Raising)	6	0	0
Activities (Childrens Carnival Party)		184	417
Activities (AGM)		76	36
Activities (Launch)		0	484
Activities (2012 Handover)		0	70
Returned Deposits		980	1,090
Refunds		0	0
Advertising		0	0
Printing		0	149
First Aid		1,265	987
Insurance		425	450
Bank Charges		<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>
Total Expenditure		19,385	18,529
Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>(4,263)</u>	<u>1,720</u>

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Note	Year 2008/09 £	Year 2007/08 £
1 Grants		
Reading Borough Council - Core Funding	5,300	5,280
Arts Council Lottery Grant	0	5,000
	<u>5,300</u>	<u>10,280</u>
2 Donations		
Newmont Travel	0	800
Payzone	0	1,000
Tesco	20	0
	<u>20</u>	<u>1,800</u>
3 Activities		
AGM	0	50
0800 Number	7	3
Carnival Dance	1,036	358
Carnival Day	7,080	6,550
Carnival Bar	1,678	1,181
2012 Handover	0	24
	<u>9,801</u>	<u>8,166</u>
4 Carnival Day		
Marquee	433	443
Live Stage and Acts	1,555	200
PA System	1,121	909
Car Park Attendants	1,100	1,100
Carnival Bar - Stock	887	896
Photography	244	263
Hospitality	0	0
Events License	100	100
Other Carnival Expenses	5	118
Generators	2,762	2,500
PRS Fee 2008 & 2009	856	0
	<u>9,063</u>	<u>6,529</u>
5 Carnival Dance		
Hall Hire & Decoration	0	353
Security	0	60
Sound System	0	0
DJ	20	120
Entertainment/MC	0	271
Printing Tickets/Flyers	270	0
Raffle Prizes	28	0
	<u>318</u>	<u>804</u>
6 Fund Raising		
Fund Raising	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Balance Sheet

		Year 2008/09 £	Year 2007/08 £
	Notes		
Current Assets			
Debtors	1	875	1,300
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>4,946</u>	<u>9,110</u>
		5,821	10,410
Creditors: Falling due within 1 year	2	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		5,821	7,910
Creditors: Falling due after more than 1 year		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
		<u>5,821</u>	<u>7,910</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Share Capital		0	0
Revenue Reserves	3	<u>5,821</u>	<u>7,910</u>
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Balance Sheet Notes

Note	Year 2008/09 £	Year 2007/08 £
1 Debtors		
Arts Council Lottery Funding - Final Payment	0	500
Newmont Travel	800	800
MAPP - Room Hire Deposit	75	0
	<u>875</u>	<u>1,300</u>
2 Creditors:Falling due within 1 year		
RBC - Generators	0	2,500
	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500</u>
3 Reserves		
Revenue Reserves b/f	7,910	4,664
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(4,263)	1,720
Unpresented Cheques (Previous Year)	100	100
MAPP - Room Hire Deposit	75	0
Generators - creditor write-off	2,500	0
Arts Council Lottery Funding Final Payment -write-off	(500)	0
Reading Town Hall - creditor write-off	0	1,500
Bar Sales - debtor write-off	0	(74)
	<u>5,821</u>	<u>7,910</u>

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Summary of Financial Activity

	Year 2008/09 £	Year 2007/08 £
Income	15,121	20,246
Expenses	<u>19,385</u> (4,264)	<u>18,529</u> 1,717
Other Operational Income	<u>0</u> (4,264)	<u>0</u> 1,717
Interest Receivable	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>(4,263)</u>	<u>1,720</u>

Chairperson:

Mrs. Patricia Alleyne Date:.....

Vice Chairperson:

Miss Louise Chandler Date:.....

Treasurer:

Mrs. Rosalind Reid Date:.....