



Take a look through previous PISCES exhibitions and you will see that the annual Carnival was an integral part of Port Isaac life. In recent years it has made a comeback ...

PORT ISAAC CARNIVAL



It is great to announce that our Fairy Queen and Attendants visited Sticker Carnival and managed to win not one, but five classes, giving them a great start to their season and some much deserved silver to proudly display as they make their way around the county.

The Carnival Committee

What a stunner!

Port Isaac's very first Carnival Queen, Joan Murray, led the procession in true regal style in a chauffeur driven limo

July 2012

DEMELZA IS THIS YEAR'S CARNIVAL QUEEN



CARNIVAL QUEEN AND ATTENDANTS

Once again we had a very successful selection concert, thanks to everyone concerned. Unfortunately some of the acts were unable to appear, but it was still a very enjoyable concert. Thanks to Bess, Eric, Eddy, Graham and Port Isaac New Kids On The Rock, to Jamie and Richard for being M.C.s (does this stand for Missing Cues or Minor C...ups!). Only joking! You both did a great job and put all the contestants at ease. And of course a Big Thank You to the contestants, the Real Stars of the evening. Once again the Judges had a very difficult job. The winners are: Fairy Queen - Karen Pattenden, Fairy Queen Attendants - Emma Lanyon and Lynsey Sim. Congratulations. Carnival Queen - Donna Byfield, Carnival Queen Attendants - Ellen Fletcher and Emma Talbot. Congratulations. Don't forget the Carnival is on Wednesday 21st. July, so start making those costumes and organising your floats.

Pat Hingley.

June 1993

CARNIVAL QUEEN '91

At the successful Selection Concert in the Village Hall, £73 was raised for Carnival funds. Artists included the Kingdom Kids, the Brownies, Bess Coates, Eric Stokes Moseley was crowned the new Fairy Queen and Kailyn Lanyon and Issabella Bushell as her attendants. With our carnival being later this year - August 24th for those of you who don't know - the girls will not be attending as many carnivals as last year's royalty did. However, we are just as proud to know that they will be leading ours.

Obviously they won't be doing any of this on foot, and with the Crown came the keys to the Royal Float. The boat worked so well last year that we are going to use it again. It will be having a makeover with a change of decoration. This is where we ask all fishermen or anyone who may have some fishing nets, bouys, pots, flags or rope etc that we may have. Be warned that the return of these items is highly unlikely.

There will also be a number of advertising spaces available on the float this year. More details will be made available soon.

We are also looking for somewhere that we can store the float. If anyone has some space in a barn or an empty garage that we can use it would be greatly appreciated. So long as it is dry it does not matter. Free would be nice but a rent can be negotiated.

May 2013

July 1992

THE CARNIVAL 3 LEGGED RACE & FUN ON THE BEACH

It was great to see the race return to the village. Six teams looking great in fancy dress and full of smiles and energy started at The Port Gaverne Hotel. Some where along the course the energy and smiles were lost as well as other things that won't be mentioned here. Apologies to anyone who found more than just a step outside their front door. A great effort was put in by all teams and the winning team was Sam Eaves, Josh Brewer and Jay Pattenen know as Animal Farm. They completed the course in just over 15 minutes and were very closely followed by the other teams.

The alcohol and soft drinks were donated by The Port Gaverne Hotel, The Edge, The Old School, The Moat and The Slipway. This was very much appreciated.

There are lots more pictures on the Port Isaac Carnival page on facebook. Not all of them are suitable for the young or faint hearted!



Thanks to Sally Stratton for these photos

Due to the weather we were unable to have all of the fun on the beach that we wanted. Thanks to Marie Moseley and Barbara Bell who tried very hard with the Easter Hat competition and cookie decorating but despite their best efforts these had to be abandoned. Barbara Hawkins and Jo Hope had a bit more luck with the Face Painting and despite the cold wind patiently decorated many a child's face. The Easter Egg Hunt was very popular and lots of children with weary parents in tow followed the clues around the bottom of the village eagerly looking for the missing letters in exchange for an egg.

The Duck race also proved to be popular and despite a bit of a wait as the ducks tried to navigate their way down the Loat we were finally awarded with the sight of a number of ducks, all fighting for first place. Number 8 won the fight as well as a large Easter Egg, cuddly Easter Bunny and a £75 holiday voucher for Rachel Grills.

March 2012

Carnival thanks People of Port Isaac!

Thank you for making our Party in the Park Fun Day such a success! I think it's safe to say we don't let the rain stop us having fun! We managed to pick the wettest day of the year but thankfully, because of our lovely big top marquee, we all kept warm and dry and had great fun (I think the Black Rat cider helped too!)

Now for the thank you's! To Aimee Eaves, Rosie Brogan and Nicola Bradbury for all your help with bits and bobs leading up to the day and clearing up afterwards.

To Meacher and Glut for sorting out the goal posts, pallets and rubbish for us!

To Dee, Mark and Sue for judging all the amazing fancy dress contestants for us and Sue for getting everybody revved up for the Nick Bunt Memorial Tug of War competition, which was won by the Lifeboat crew boys! Respect to everybody who braved the weather to get involved with that event! It was very messy but very funny!

To Caroline Cleave for putting together a fabulous creative area and for making 'The Carnival Crab' for all the children to decorate on the day! Thanks to the Grills boys for getting that back to Caroline safely ... after a little drunken midnight tour around Port Isaac and a little sleep in Mumy Grill's garden!!

October 2016



some of the carnival pics

photos taken at the carnival

September 2015



"Absolutely brilliant! Well done!"

PORT ISAAC CARNIVAL

"SUPERB!!! You were great" "A fantastic effort for a small village" "Pink Elephant? Only in Port Isaac, Magic!" "Thank you so much. You have left us with some great holiday memories." "One wedding day gift we won't forget. Thank you."

Although the tent was quiet during the evenings the day times were busy with many children (and parents) taking advantage of the various activities and shows that were provided. But Saturday was soon upon us and as the kids sat, watched and took part in the magic show, the committee took the time to put the final arrangements in place. Before we knew it the first float was driving onto the field and then it was non-stop for all of us. We had entries from as far away as Hayle, six visiting Royal Floats, four bands, a life size pink elephant, garden gnomes, pirates and the flower pot men. Even the Police turned up with their latest catch of villains.

The roads closed and it was time to start. Our very own Royalty followed the enchanting sound of the pipes and drums who led the procession through the streets and past the waiting crowds. No-one was disappointed as the parade passed by. With the drums leading into the distance the floats and walkers kept on coming accompanied by the sounds of jazz from the second of the marching bands. Behind them there were yet more fine displays of hard work and artistic talent before the Barnstaple Youth Band took hold of the dying notes from the jazz band and replaced them with their very own musical talent. After the last of the Royalty it was time for the big stuff. As the fire engine fell into place it was shadowed by a pink elephant being towed on the back of a vintage tractor. Then, in what is now becoming not only our tradition but also our trademark (on so were told) we finished with more pipes and drums. Well done to everyone who entered. Selecting the winners was the hardest job and really, everyone deserved a prize!

For most of the week the marquee had been reasonably quiet but that was about to change. We had definitely kept the best for last. This years after-party music was provided by the Tank Slappers. They not only entertained everyone for over two hours but rocked the tent and probably a few houses at the same time. Great band, great music and a great way to finish.

So as not to offend anyone by forgetting to mention you personally we would like to thank everyone who helped either during the year, week or on the day. You know who you are and we appreciate everything that you have done. A full list of our main sponsors will be available on our Facebook page soon. Also available on the page will be the final total from the collection buckets both for the Carnival and the Raft Race and the Carnival winners. This info will also be printed in next month's Trio.

A big thank you to the Fishermen's Friends for letting us collect on one of their Friday nights on the Platt - we collected £523. Thanks also to the Port Gaverne Hotel who sponsored the outside bar and hog roast for the Raft Race and putting £680 into our funds.

Whether you took part, helped or stood and watched you should all feel proud to have been a part of this years Carnival. Another great achievement for Port Isaac, once again putting itself on the map as the place to be for great entertainment.

Dean



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September 2014

Carnival days!

Wouldn't it be nice to have a Port Isaac Carnival again? There's mention of the 1984 Carnival in this month's 'Past Times'. The following extracts are from a report about the Port Isaac Carnival from the Camford & Delabole Post of September 1956.

'Port Isaac Carnival Week began with an open-air service on the Town Platt conducted by the open-air witness team. As usual the Town Platt and street were crowded with visitors and many favourite hymns were sung.

On Monday the ceremony of crowning the Carnival Queen (Miss Christine Bate) took place in the crowded Temperance Hall followed by a concert by the St Breward Silver Band.... After the concert everyone joined in the flora dance through the village streets....

On Tuesday a boxing display was held in the Church Hall. The contestants were boys from ages 9-18 and some keen boxing was seen from some of the younger boys, especially Paul Oliver and Eric Donithorne.... The bout between James Platt and Robert May was stopped by the referee in the first round when James Platt proved to be too heavy and fast for his opponent....

Carnival Day opened on Wednesday with a Fete in Messrs Blakes Bros field, lent for the occasion, and a crowd of 400 watched a thrilling display of the Delray Fiesta Riders and performing dogs.... This was followed by the Carnival procession through the thronged village streets led by the president (Mrs Botwood) in the following order: Mr Peter Coppin in full huntsman uniform and the Delroy riders on their horses, St Breward Silver Band, the Queen and attendants (Misses Julie Tucker and Audrey Tucker) on a beautifully decorated vehicle followed by the Temperance Queen (Georgina Williams) and her attendants (Mary Hicks and Marilyn Parsons). Mr J Sherratt, dressed as an ape, caused much amusement by chasing many of the spectators and carrying them off in his arms or climbing anything that got in his way. Messrs Scott, Kerslake and Gifford, dressed as a camel and a driver, were also excellent in their antics. Lastly came Mr Vincent's barrel organ operated by Mr Spry and Mrs Slater

Town Platt had to be held in the Temperance hall due to the inclement weather. Children's sports were held on Saturday afternoon in Mr R May's field....

The event was sponsored by the British Legion and Tocht. The proceeds amounted to approx £150....

Is there anybody out there who thinks the Carnival should be resurrected?



August 2002

A general meeting will be held in the Village Hall on September 15th at 7.30pm for all committee members and anyone else who would like to take an active part. Anyone who cannot make the meeting but has any ideas, suggestions or comments can email these to us at lancon@hotmail.co.uk.

Local businesses can also help by agreeing to put a collection tin on their counter. Thanks to the village hall committee who have agreed to support us throughout the year.

We will keep you in touch with proceedings throughout the year with monthly updates in the Trio.

Dean & Ellen

November 2011



CARNIVAL QUEEN SELECTION CONCERT

Be entertained by local groups and performers and see the selection of our Carnival and Fairy Queens and Attendants on Wednesday 9th. June at 7.00pm. in the Village Hall. The contest is open to residents of St. Endellion Parish, those wishing to enter please contact Pat Hingley 880475 or Ann Collins 880755.

Fairy Queen aged 5 - 7 years, Fairy Queen Attendants under 5 years, Carnival Queen aged 14 - 21, Carnival Queen Attendants 8 - 13 years.

Come on girls have a go!

May 1993

PORT ISAAC CARNIVAL Time Again?

Saturday July 29TH

I have spoken to many people the village about resurrecting the Port Isaac Carnival. The replies I have had have been very enthusiastic and usually followed by some great stories of years gone by. It is a shame that it stopped as it seems to be missed by so many. So ...

LET'S BRING IT BACK!

It would be great to see it return along with a week of activities and events leading up to the carnival - remember 'Port Isaac Week'? Some of the events that I would like to include would be the return of the Raft and Three Legged Races (from the stories I've heard these were very much enjoyed by everyone involved), live music, children's entertainers, dragon boat racing and loads more.

But... For any of the above to happen I will need your help with:

- 1) Forming a Carnival Committee
- 2) Planning
- 3) Fundraising

You can also help by offering to sponsor a carnival float.

If you would like to help me bring back a village treasure email - lancon@hotmail.co.uk or call 01208 880984 or 07969 121581

The first steps to making this a success will have to be taken soon.

Dean Lanyon



Port Isaac Carnival photographs from the late 1980s/early 1990s. Above: Martin Thomas, Yvonne and Vanessa Pattenden and Richard Thomas. Below: Port Isaac Floatgroup float



Remember ...

No Help, No Carnival August 2011



The Carnival committee has been working hard planning many fund raising events to raise much needed cash for the Carnival.

2012 calendar

By the time you read this the calendar should be on sale. Well done and thank you to Amy, Kat and Juliet for all that they have done and to Sally Stratton for braving the sights and taking the pictures plus all of the businesses who sponsored a page and all of the men who got their kit off! Priced £5 each, you can reserve your copy by going onto the Port Isaac Carnival page on Facebook.

Psychic Night

This was a great success. It was a great evening and Paul Francis gave a fantastic demonstration of his psychic abilities. Many people in the audience received information of one kind or another. The general consensus after the show was how nice it was for something different to take place in the village. £413 was raised on the night and Paul has expressed an interest in coming back to do a workshop and another show plus a ghost hunt with his group, the KGB. He will need three properties for the ghost hunt so if you have a haunted property please let us know. You can find out more about Paul by visiting his website www.paulfrancis.net

Coming soon

We are planning a Bingo Night in St Peter's Church Rooms on Wednesday December 14th, a Ladies Night in the Village Hall on Friday December 16th and possibly a Christmas fair with kids party. Also in the pipeline are a poker night and casino evening. We would very much appreciate input as to the entertainment that you would like to see in our village.

Carnival entries

By now we hope that many of you are already planning your Carnival entry. Carnival classes have now been confirmed as: Best Royalty Float/Car, Best Visiting Senior Royalty and Junior Royalty, Comic Float, Artistic float, Children's Float, Walking Group and Walking Single and Trade Entry. There will also be prizes for the best decorated float, best original idea and the best in the carnival. In celebration of the Queen's Jubilee we will also be giving a prize for the best Jubilee entry.

All entrants must have own insurance and will be asked to sign a waiver. Floats should be viewable from both sides if possible. The route will start from the Playing Fields travelling down Trewetha Lane and New Road. Floats must be able to take the turning from New Road into Back Hill turning right at the bottom and coming back up onto New Road and returning to the Playing Field. An official application has been made for the roads to be closed.

Businesses can sponsor a cup or trophy (or anything else). To do this contact us on 880984/880920.

September 2011 Dean & Ellen

The Port Isaac Carnival is Coming Back!

Further to last month's plea for committee members to bring back the Port Isaac Carnival, we can confirm that we have had a positive response and now have enough members to bring it back to the village. Thanks to those people. Many have some splendid ideas of fundraising, so please support these when they are up and running so that we can give everyone in the village not only a great Carnival next year, but hopefully a Carnival Week with many events happening throughout. Lots of great entertainment has already been suggested and we can't wait to start.



Three cups have been sponsored and one has been donated. Insurance has been purchased and the application for the road closures has been submitted. Plus we have more events planned for the coming months and all funds raised will be used to provide a weekend of entertainment for everyone's enjoyment.

Carnival Queen & Prince Auditions

Fairy Queen, plus attendants, and Carnival Prince auditions will be taking place at Port Isaac School on Saturday March 17th at 2pm. Any child aged between 4 and 11 can apply. In fairness to all, the judges will be from outside of the village with no ties to the Port Isaac or residents. The winners will receive a cup/trophy and £20.

RETURN OF THE THREE-LEGGED RACE

On Saturday April 7th we see the return of the much missed three-legged race. Due to the increase in traffic since the last race was held, we have had to change the route. We don't for one minute think that this will infringe on the fun to be had. Nothing else has changed which is why this is an adults only race. Fancy dress is a must and there will be a prize for the winning team. To get your entry form and a copy of the rules you can either call 880984 or email portisaccarnival@hotmail.co.uk. There will be a £5 per person entry fee for each team.

RETURN OF THE RAFT RACE

Another old favourite to make its return is the Raft Race. We were hoping to hold this over the Easter weekend but due to the tides we have been forced to change this. Please check the Trio or look out for posters around the village for more details on when this will happen. This is an event that we have had to take out extra insurance for and we really hope that it will be a huge success. Now is the time to start planning your vessel! A full list of rules and entry forms can be obtained from the above. Your team should have a minimum of four members. Again there will also be a £5 entry for each team member.

KID'S EASTER EVENT

Planning is currently in progress for a kids Easter Event. More details for this will be in the Trio next month and posters will be around the village.

POKER NIGHT

For those that enjoy a good card game we have just the thing. A Poker Night is currently being arranged and more details will be available very soon.

If you have some time left over between making the kids look like a fairy or prince, buying fancy dress or building a raft then you might want to think about entering the carnival. Now is the time to plan your entry/float.

Dean & Ellen

February 2012

CARNIVAL AT PORT ISAAC

A chilly breeze blew across the Playing Field on Carnival Night, which meant a roaring trade for beefburgers and hot-dogs.

The Carnival Queen, Ella Philp, and attendants Donna Irons and Debbie Jahn, and Fairy Queen, Jessica Sweett and attendants Julia Berman and Kinca Andrews, were a credit to their mothers' hard work and artistic talent.

We thank all those who took part in the Carnival for their very hard work. The standard was very high and we had a lot of visitors congratulating us.

As usual St. Breward Silver Band and Launceston Town Band were in fine form, joined this year by visiting band 'The Pad-dock Youth' from Huddersfield. These boys and girls were very popular during their stay in Cornwall. The three bands gave a combined concert after the prize giving which was greatly appreciated.

Cancer Research Committee.

August 1984