



Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society

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PRESS RELEASE

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Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival Society's 40-year anniversary programme kicks off next weekend 7 October with the Ann Hallett Children's Carnival. It's been given the special 40th anniversary treatment with a children's festival outside the Market House after the colourful and varied procession through the town centre.

The procession starts at 3pm, with the children's festival running til 5:30pm.

Then on 14th October the celebrations really get into their stride, with an afternoon of varied live music from 2:30pm, before the illuminated evening procession leaves Ansford Academy at 7pm.

There will be some additional road closures in operation to ensure all the events pass off safely.

DETAIL

The children's carnival festival

As well as the usual colourful and varied Ann Hallett Children's Carnival procession starring over 100 local children; after the procession until 5:30pm, outside the Market House, Castle Cary, there will be a circus skills workshop, and entertainment from our very own primary school children.

Flavours of the fair with hot-dogs and candyfloss, face-painting and mask making will make it a great afternoon of entertainment for all the children there.

Cary Primary partners with Notting Hill!

This year the Primary School's entry will have a special twist, as they have been working with one of Notting Hill carnival's best known clubs; Mahogany. "It's great to be coming to a different part of the country and feel the same excitement for carnival as in the city!" says Clary Salandry, Director, Mahogany Carnival Club, Notting Hill.

Live music before the illuminated procession on 14th October

As part of celebrating our 40th anniversary, there will be a programme of afternoon entertainment from 2:30pm outside the Market House, Castle Cary. Highlights include:

- **Pantasy Steel Band** more than ably supported by Ansford Academy's steel band.
- **Somerset Hills Chorus**, a 20-strong acapella group, who last year reached national finals.
- **Justin Daish**, Hank Marvin's double
- Cary's very own high-stepping twirlers the **Cygnets Majorettes**
- And ahead of the procession, **Chris Banderas**, professional rock guitarist will take



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the surface off the asphalt with some classic anthems!

Road closures

On Saturday 7th October for the Children's Carnival, roads around the route will be closed and traffic diverted between 3:00 – 4:00pm, and then outside the Market House until 5:30pm.

On Saturday 14th October, roads outside the Market House will be closed from 3:30pm, with the road closures around the town coming into effect from 6:30pm.

For the latest news of our 2016 carnivals and more details on the road closures, and parking go to www.ccacs.org.uk and www.facebook.com/CaryCarnivalSociety

Photos

- Children's carnival 2016

Please contact carolinejsharley@gmail.com if you would like more / different photos.

Background for Editors

[The Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival](#) has existed in its present form for well over 30 years, but its history actually dates back to the 1920s. Popularly known as "Somerset's Family Carnival", it takes place annually on the evening of the second Saturday in October; the Children's Carnival usually takes place on the afternoon of the preceding Saturday. The Cary Carnival is sixth in the Wessex Grand Prix Circuit which also comprises the towns of Sturminster Newton, Mere, Frome, Shaftesbury, Gillingham, Trowbridge and Warminster.

2017 is Castle Cary and Ansford's 40th anniversary year, which will be celebrated with a number of special events during the year.

Previous years have costed in excess of £6000 to present Cary's carnivals which are produced by volunteers of the Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society's committee and have relied entirely on local sponsorship and fund-raising events through the year. In 2017, to celebrate their 40th anniversary the Society was awarded a Lottery funded, Arts Council England grant.

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