

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the second newsletter from the Carnival Archive project

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The new website has now been launched, which provides a fantastic way to see what is in the archive as well as share and preserve your memories. Please have a look at:

www.carnivalarchive.org.uk

Why not try searching for your name? We are constantly adding extra information and transcribing programmes and newspaper articles so you never know what you might find...



See inside these at www.carnivalarchive.org.uk

Do you have any programmes?

Thanks to some great donations we now have many programmes for Northampton Carnival throughout the years. Programmes are a fantastic source of information about the carnivals, showing not only who took part but also who money was collected for, as well as information about the previous years carnival and adverts for local businesses.

We also have a large programme for the Northampton Festival Trades Exhibition Pageant 1930 and a programme for Prisoners of War Concert Fund and Parade 1918 as well as programmes for parades in Rushden and Towcester. However we would love more from other parts of Northamptonshire, the archive is about all carnivals in the county, not just Northampton.



Newspaper articles about carnivals in Northamptonshire are really useful too!

Recent highlights of the Archive!



The Big Heads at Northampton Carnival, 1961. From a brilliant collection of over 100 items donated by Freda Riches



The famous Higginson bicycle group at Northampton Carnival. Donated by George Twiselton, whose account of his amazing experiences in the troupe is coming soon to the archive.



Northampton Carnival Parade, c.1960
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Can you help?

1. We're gathering a list of the names of everyone who has ever been carnival queen in Northampton, do you know any?
2. We're looking for information about winter parades in Northamptonshire, such as lantern parades or bonfire parades.

3. Do you know who this Northampton Carnival Queen from the 1960s is?



If you have any information please contact Charlotte Dickerson on charlotte@carnivalarts.org.uk. Tel: 07930 346 547 Postal address at bottom of page.

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Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to join our project to help us create and use the archive. Whether you're interested in Archives, Education or the Arts, our volunteering roles are a great way to learn new skills, make new friends and be part of the wonderful world of carnival. Please contact Charlotte Dickerson at charlotte@carnivalarts.org.uk or on 07930 346 547 if you are interested.

We are especially looking for people who want to help with tasks such as typing up notes and adding simple content to the website as well as people who would like to help us research the history of carnivals in Northamptonshire.

Training will be given for all tasks and there is no obligation to stay for a set period of time so why not give it a try!

If you do not have access to the internet please call or write to Charlotte Dickerson,
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