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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Gillingham Carnival Programme 2026.

The Gillingham Carnival week culminating in the Carnival Processions, is here again, for everyone to participate in, watch and enjoy. Yes, another year has gone by.

Gillingham Carnival Committee continues its work to organise and run Gillingham Carnival, raising funds through Sponsorships, Donations, Event and Street collections, in order to finance the annual Carnival.

So thank you to our main sponsor David Wilson Homes and everyone in Gillingham and the surrounding areas who support the Carnival. Your help with our fund raising, programme adverts, street collections, donation appeals and Carnival Marshalling makes a real difference.

Carnival preparation relies on the Committee members giving up their free time and I am grateful to all the Committee members for their ideas, support, actions and friendship. My gratitude extends to all carnival entrants who spend their summer months building the illuminated cart, non-motorised entries and crafting the intricate costumes.

Please browse through this free programme and come along to as many of the Gillingham Carnival week events as you can. On Saturday 10th October spectators can see the various entries in the Processions. Please give generously in cash to the passing street collectors and collections floats. I look forward to seeing you

Tim Kingsmill
Chairman & Chief Marshal



CARNIVAL DAY ALERT

Please be aware that there are two Maroons (loud bangs) let off from Chantry Fields to indicate the start of the Children's Procession at 3.00pm and again at the start of the Grand Illuminated Procession at 7.15pm

ROAD CLOSURE

Afternoon Carnival:

High St from Station Road to end of Queen Street **14:50 to 16:15**

Evening Carnival:

Brickfields Business Park **15:00 to 21:30**

Newbury Roundabout to end of Queen Street **18:15 to 21:30**

New Road to L Neubourg Way (Station Road Junction) **18.45 to 20:30**

Bay Road and Fairy Crescent **19:00 to 21.30**

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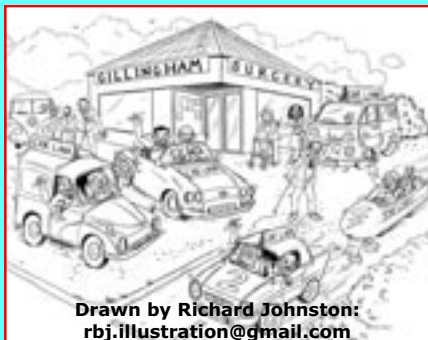
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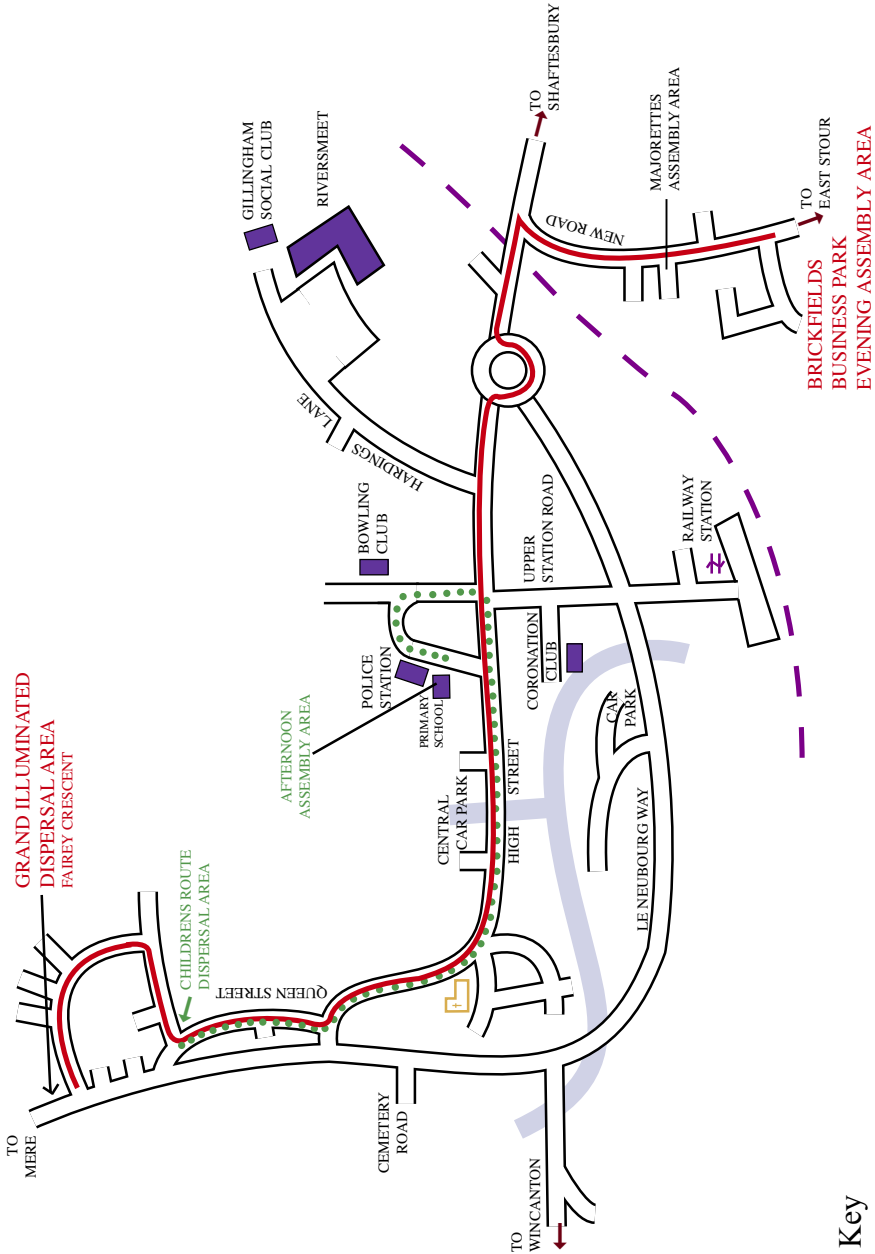
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 Children's Procession
 Grand Illuminated Parade _____

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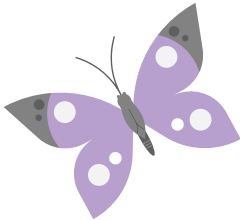
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Entry £2
Entry forms are available
from Station Road Garage

WALKING TREASURE HUNT

Start 2.00pm at the Gillingham Social Club.

Finish at 4.00pm for marking,
a rest and a cup of tea.

Entries on the day – £3 per team.

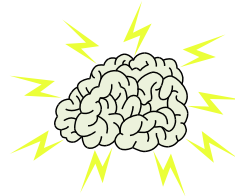
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QUIZ NIGHT

at Coronation Club

7.30 pm

TEAMS OF 4 – ENTRY FEE
£5 per team

In Memory of Ron Cake

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MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER

BABY SHOW



Bowling Club

School Lane

£2.00 per entry



Age groups: **0-6 months,**
7-12 months, 13-18 months
19-24 months

All entries to live in SP8 postal code

(No entries after Judging has started)

Organised by Gillingham Carnival
Committee & Gillingham Scout Group

Doors open 10.00am, Judging 10.30am

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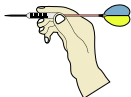
Doors Open 6.45pm

Eyes Down 7.30pm

Grand Prize Raffle

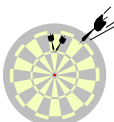
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SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER**CARNIVAL DAY TIMINGS**

- 1.00pm COLE'S FUNFAIR (see advert page 7)
- 2.00pm Judging: Afternoon Procession - Gillingham Primary School
- 3.00pm CHILDREN'S PROCESSION - Dispersing in Queen Street
- 6.00pm Assemble: Evening Procession - Brickfields Business Park.
- 6.30pm Parade of Bands through the High Street.
- 7.00pm "A Cavalcade of Steam" starts at Barn Surgery
- 7.05pm Parade of Majorettes starts at the Railway Bridge
- 7.15pm GRAND ILLUMINATED PROCESSION

Route

New Road, Railway Bridge, along Newbury, through the High Street, into Queen Street and along Bay Road.
Dispersing at the end of Fairey Crescent.

Tickets
£1 each

Gillingham Carnival Committee

GRAND DRAW

1st Prize - £150

2nd Prize - £75 ★ 3rd Prize - £50

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2025 WINNERS



CHILDREN'S PROCESSION CLASSES

Entry Forms available from:
 Procession Secretary Kath Outram, 4 Palace Road, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 4PQ
www.gillinghamcarnival.org.uk

A limited number of entries can be accepted on Carnival Day but please help our Procession Secretary at this busy time by submitting entry forms beforehand if at all possible.

No Motorised entries are accepted in this procession.
 Children must be accompanied by an adult.

All classes receive prizes and trophies.
 First Prize £20, Second Prize £15, Third Prize £10, Unplaced Entries £5.

CLASS/DESCRIPTION

- A Individual – girls up to 5 years
- B Individual – boys up to 5 years
- C Individual – girls 6-9 years
- D Individual – boys 6-9 years
- E Individual – 10-16 years
- F Pairs – under 16 years
- G Groups – up to 6 persons – under 16 years
- H Groups – 7 or more persons – under 8 years
- I Groups – 7 or more persons – 8 to 16 years
- J Decorated cycle, pram,
pushchair & small trolley – under 16 years
- K Decorated hand drawn trolley – under 16 years

TROPHIES

- Wyke Trophy
- Robson Cup
- Peacemarsh Cup
- Lodden Shield
- A.E. (Dinger) Bell Trophy
- Tommy Suttle Cup
- Manic Mat Cup
- Bay Trophy
- Angela Ball Dedication Trophy
- Event Catering Trophy
- 1989 Committee Cup

Special Awards

- Chairman's Choice
- Best Gillingham Entry excluding Youth Organizations
- Best Gillingham Youth Organization Entry
- Entry showing most enjoyment

- Glyn Jones Cup
- Pullen Family Shield
- Colin Dyer Dedication Cup
- Phil Bailey Carnival Fun Cup

EVENING PROCESSION SPECIAL AWARDS

- Best in Carnival
- Best Gillingham Entry
- Best Gillingham Entry (excluding Carnival Clubs)
- Best Gillingham Youth Organization
- Best Comic Entry – Float OR Masquerader
- Most Original Entry
- Best Construction – Floats
- Best Lighting Effect – Floats
- Best Lighting Effect – Masqueraders & Trollies
- Best Dressed Driver
- Best Costumes – Motorised Entries
- Best Costumes – Walking Entries Adult
- Best Costumes – Walking Entries Juvenile
- Best Dressed Collector
- Best Band

- Best In Carnival Cup
- Challenge Cup
- Mary Bridle & Angela Ball Rose Bowl
- Youth Cup
- Secretary's Cup
- The Bayjays Trophy
- David Fry Memorial Cup
- Kevin Cross Memorial Cup
- The Bailey Family Trophy
- The David Webber Cup
- Carol Cake Memorial Cup
- Ron Cake "60 years in Carnival" Cup
- Heron Family Cup
- The Angela Ball Memorial Cup
- The Gerald Bird Shield

EVENING PROCESSION CLASSES

CLASS/ DESCRIPTION	TROPHIES	APPEARANCE MONEY
1 Wessex GP Circuit Entries - Tableaux Float	Gillingham Council Trophy	£175
2 Wessex GP Circuit Entries - Feature Float	Jubilee Cup	£175
3 Wessex GP Circuit Entries - Comic Float	Lee Hacker Cup	£175
4 Wessex GP Circuit Entries - Juvenile Float Comic, Tableaux or Feature	Walter Bridle & Stanley Maidment Memorial Trophy	£175
5 Wessex GP Circuit Entries Adult Non-VSO Float	Newbury Trophy	£90
6 Wessex GP Circuit Entries Juvenile Non-VSO Float	Chantry Trophy	£90
7 Decorated vehicle with or without Adult Walkers OR Undecorated vehicle with Adult Walkers	Phil Bailey Memorial Cup	£75
8 Decorated vehicle with or without Juvenile Walkers OR Undecorated vehicle with Juvenile Walkers	The Mary Bailey Trophy	£75
9 Wessex GP Circuit Entries Decorated Trolley (Hand Drawn)	Shreen Trophy	£50
10 Walking Group – Adult	Chamber of Commerce Cup	£35
11 Walking Group – Juvenile	Committee Shield	£35
12 Walking - Pair – Adult	The Wurzel Cup	£35
13 Walking - Pair – Juvenile	Royal British Legion Cup	£35
14 Walking - Individual – Adult	Linda Knox Deputy Mayor Cup	£30
15 Walking - Individual – Juvenile	Ron Weeks Memorial Cup	£30
21 Non-Wessex GP Circuit Tableaux or Feature Float	Fred Brown Memorial Cup	£175
22 Non-Wessex GP Circuit Comic Float	Ann Padfield Memorial Cup	£175
23 Non-Wessex GP Circuit - Juvenile Float Comic, Tableaux or Feature	Bernard Cole Memorial Cup	£175
24 Non-Wessex GP Circuit Adult Non-VSO Float	Claypitts Trophy	£90
25 Non-Wessex GP Circuit Juvenile Non-VSO Float	Kingscourt Trophy	£90
26a Non-Wessex GP Circuit – Decorated Hand Drawn Trolley with 2 or more pushers/pullers	Les Luffman Memorial Cup	£50
26b Non-Wessex GP Circuit – Decorated Hand Drawn Trolley with 1 pusher/puller only	Gylla Trophy	£50
27 Decorated Trade	WeDoVans.com Trophy	Nil
28 Majorettes & Dance Teams	The Majorette Trophy	£20
29 Oddities (for entries that do not fit any other class)	Oddity Trophy	£30

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SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER



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