

# Pewsey Carnival News

## September 2011

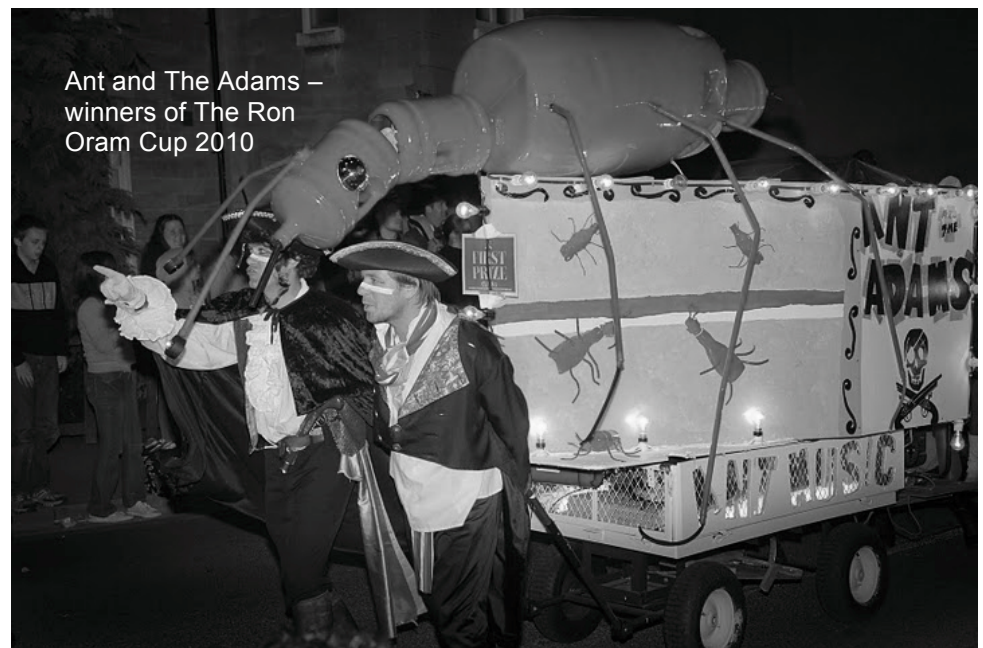
### Carnival is around the corner

**Pewsey Carnival Illuminated Procession 2011 is on Saturday 17th September leaving the Carnival Field, on Milton Road, Pewsey, at 7.30pm**

Additional floats and bands will make this a most spectacular procession.

People are encouraged to bring a picnic to enjoy the social gathering at the Carnival Field before the procession sets off.

Responsible drinking is permitted in the field but participants are asked not to take any alcohol into the procession so we can continue to enjoy a safe family event.



Ant and The Adams – winners of The Ron Oram Cup 2010

A new float class has been introduced – Community and Beginners (Class 5) - dedicated to those moving from walking to motorised class, or who have never entered the procession.

Entries to this year's procession can be submitted up to 4pm on the day but early entries are encouraged to make things more streamline. Entry forms are available from Martins Newsagent, Next Door, China Rose, Cossor's Shop, The Royal Oak and The Coopers Arms or via the website [www.pewsey-carnival.org.uk](http://www.pewsey-carnival.org.uk)

**Insurance** - Pewsey Carnival has public liability cover for classes 1,3,4 and 5. This protects entries in those classes against injury to persons and damage to property ONLY.

However, it will NOT cover you in the event of damage, loss or theft to any equipment on your float – such as lights, sound equipment

and generators. Individual walkers (Class 2) enter at their OWN risk.

Each vehicle used in the procession must have an insurance cover note to confirm it is insured for this use. Bring this with you to the Assembly Field, on Milton Road, on Procession Day (17th September) as it needs to be checked prior to the procession.

# Children's Carnival

The Children's Carnival Fancy Dress Party, on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, was a wonderful success.

People worked very hard on their costumes and more than half were homemade. The youngest entrant was three months old, dressed as a Dalmatian dog, and the oldest was 11.

The biggest group entry comprised many different Disney characters - from Minnie Mouse to a Mrs Potato Head minus an ear! Tinker Bell and Jack Sparrow where there too. They managed to bag top prize for the group section.

Nemo was found in the Rowberry family's wheelbarrow and Adam and Freddie were sea creatures. Nannie McFee and the baby had a brilliant old-fashioned pram style wheelbarrow. And we had bumble bees, pirates, Harry Potters and clowns.

The children enjoyed a wonderful tea by Lee and Jan Grafton and Nikki and Steve Limber. Many thanks to all that helped with face painting and Steve Goddard for the disco.



**\* The Children's Three Legged Race (five-15 years) is on Sunday (September 11) at The Cooper's Arms, 2-5pm. Entry £2. Fancy helping and dressing up as a pirate or clown? Please join us at 1pm on Sunday.**

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## Promoting a safe carnival

On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008 three representatives from Pewsey Carnival Committee were invited to a Kennet District Council Public Events Safety Group meeting at their Devizes office. The council group had recently been formed to promote safety at public events in the Kennet area and was made up of representatives from the emergency services, the licensing department, and health and safety representatives from the council.

At this meeting the police raised concerns for the safety of the crowd and participants in the Carnival. They said there were insufficient barriers, inadequate stewards and a large crowd mingling with large moving vehicles. Furthermore, they said the amount of alcohol consumed by the crowd and participants posed a threat to safety.

Following this revelation the council decided to discuss this at a separate meeting. Carnival representatives were not invited to that meeting but we did subsequently meet with a group from the council to walk the procession route.

Following this we received a letter from the council on 16<sup>th</sup> June listing over 20 issues they insisted be addressed prior to Carnival taking place. As a result of this letter an emergency meeting was held by the Carnival Committee to discuss the contents of the letter and to see if it was possible to implement the required actions so Carnival could take place. The Carnival Safety Group was formed and all the issues were addressed allowing Carnival to take place.

The Carnival Safety Group meets on a monthly basis, chaired by Steve Mercer. The group has continued to look at all events from the risk and safety perspective to make sure we are doing all we can to promote a safe carnival.

*Pewsey Carnival Safety Group*