



## **CARNIVAL COMMITTEE**

For those that don't know me I'm Sally Watts, I'm the new Secretary of The Aldeburgh Carnival Committee after our long-standing Secretary Judy Gown stood down at our AGM in March after an incredible 49 Years.

We had a very successful Carnival last year, resulting in the Carnival Committee being able to donate hundreds of pounds to local charities and organisations. Like everything the cost of putting on the Carnival has increased, and there is more and more red tape surrounding everything.

We introduced rolling road closure's which meant that we didn't have to close as many roads around the town, this worked extremely well and will be in place again this year

Last year we decided to change the procession route to only one way, this was to try and stop crowds following the procession to the fair whilst we were trying to turn the procession around to come back.

As it turns out, this wasn't a very popular decision so this year the procession is turning round and coming back up the High Street to the Moot Hall.

Preparations for this year's Carnival are well under way, this will be our 80<sup>th</sup> year so we have some special events planned, these will be announced very soon.

This year's Carnival Queen has been chosen.

The Kites on the beach will be back and lit up on the Saturday evening.

The 10K Marathon will be on the Sunday, registration for that is now open.

The Waiters Race will also be returning on the Monday.

As will all our other Carnival Traditions over the Weekend.

We will also be holding a disco in the High Street on Monday evening along with our Samba Band performing .

And to end the day we will be having an even bigger fireworks display to celebrate our 80 Years.

Whilst everything went well last year, we are still struggling to get volunteers to help not just on the Monday but for an hour or 2 over the weekend. We are a very small Committee so any extra help would be very much appreciated.

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In another area where we are struggling is collecting cash on the day, unfortunately less and less people carry cash and the tradition of shaking the bucket on Carnival Day is slowly becoming a thing of the past.

We have introduced Sum Up machines and our QR Code is now on every leaflet and Carnival poster around the town. This and volunteering are our 2 major stumbling blocks at this time.

If anyone has any ideas on how we can get people to donate over the Carnival weekend, or if you have any questions on how you could volunteer, please don't hesitate to ask.

Aldeburgh Carnival and its future are very reliant on volunteers, donations and sponsorship, help us keep this Aldeburgh tradition going for years to come.

Thank You