



# Carshalton Carnival

**Rotary Club of Carshalton  
Wallington & Carshalton Round Table**



**Carshalton Carnival was held on Saturday, 12 June 2010  
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The sun shone onto Carshalton Park on Saturday as the annual Carnival organised by Wallington & Carshalton Round Table and Rotary Club of Carshalton came to town.

With the Carnival parade theme being "West End Musicals", 19 parade floats decorated with characters from a variety of shows including 'Wicked', 'Joseph', 'Lion King', 'Wizard of Oz', 'Oliver', 'Fame', 'Mary Poppins', 'Sister Act' and others started off from Sutton Arena and weaved their way through Carshalton, arriving at the park in a burst of noise and carnival atmosphere with music from the Romford Drum & Trumpet Corps Marching Band and the Croydon Steel Orchestra. Carshalton Cheerleaders provided their fantastic energy to the parade as well as performing an excellent routine within the carnival arena.

Deputy Mayor of Sutton Sheila Andrews crowned **Rachel Digman as this year's Carnival Queen**, and announced **Eleanor Pryse-Hawkins as next year's Carnival Queen**, with **Heidi Fowkes-Smith as the runner-up**.

Prizes were awarded to the following parade float winners:-

- **Sutton May Queen** won the Lord Crook Cup for the Best May Queen, with their theme of 'Sister Act'
- The **Circle Residents Association** in conjunction with Tweedale School won the St Helier British Legion Cup for the Most Outstanding Local Organisation float with their depiction of 'Lion King' with all the costumes being made from recycled materials
- The **3rd Beddington Guides & Rangers** won the Best Walking Group Cup, in the theme of 'Joseph'
- The **Carshalton Association For the Elderly - Meals On Wheels (C.A.F.E.)** won the British Legion Cup for the Most Humorous Entry dressing up as characters from 'Wicked' with the slogan 'Our meals are wicked!'
- And the ragged boys from 'Oliver' on the **6<sup>th</sup> Carshalton Scouts** float won the RAFA Trophy for the Best Youth Entry

In the arena, we had a great display from the **Portsmouth Field Gun Display Team** and fascinating birds of prey from the **Ben Long Falconry**. Together with Rose's funfair direct from the Epsom Derby weekend, over 60 trade and charity stalls, the 'Rockstock' Musical Showcase, Punch & Judy, Donkey rides, stilt walkers, licensed bar and the Carnival balloon race (the winner of which will be announced in the next few weeks) – the day had something for everyone young and old.

Thanks go to the Carnival committee and the many, many volunteers from other clubs and organisations without whose help the Carnival wouldn't happen at all.

Finally my thanks also to everyone who came along and supported the event and cheered and filled the collectors' buckets along the parade route - it was great to see so many people enjoying what was a true fun-filled local community event!

Regards

**Peter McBride, Carshalton Carnival Chairman**

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