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Newbury Carnival 2007



Sunday 1st July saw grey clouds, gusty winds and heavy downpours but nothing could deter the dedicated float builders at Newbury Town Hall from putting together their "Carry On Up the Council" masterpiece that had taken six months to plan. Balloons were blown, creepers were entwined and everything loaded in preparation for the parade, which was due to start at 2pm. With everything crossed for a let up in the weather, the lorry made its way to Pound Street to join the other 53 entries, making this year's Carnival the most successful for the last two decades.



The "Carry On at Your Convenience" boys represent our public services department and upkeep of street benches and lighting. Obviously the toilet represents the film, not what our contractors do all day - honest!!



A little too at ease boys, if you ask me, looks like you've been training for years!!



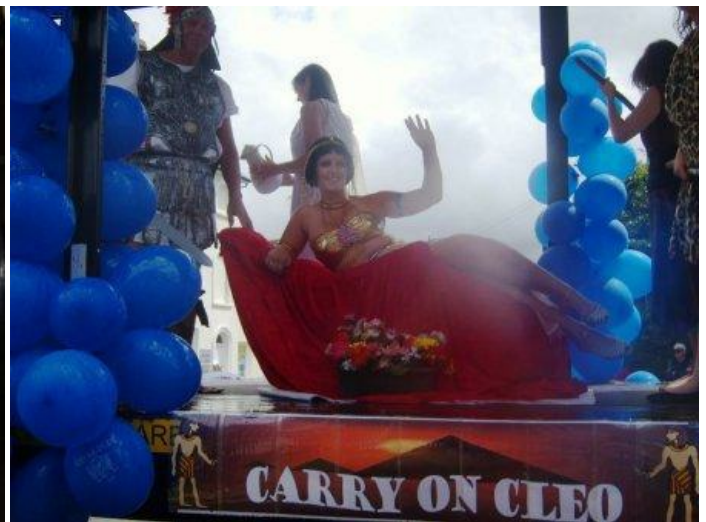
AAAggh!!!!**!! Oh, it's only Cllr Ian Grose and Accounts Assistant Karen Hutt doing a grand job in representing "Carry On Screaming" - representing Newbury Town Council's cemeteries of course.



Oddbod and Oddbod Junior - our very own cemetery boys, Jim McFerran and Steve Heath in their very first Carnival, great effort, very nice of you to get into character and pad those boiler suits!!



The "Carry On Cleo" crew, Granville Taylor as Mark Anthony, Graham Hunt as Julius Caesar, Sue Page as Cleo and Cllr Gabrielle McGarvey as a lovely Roman hand maiden.



Admin Assistant Sue Page has a bit of lie down, after all it's been a hectic day!!



Services Manager Granville Taylor as Mark Anthony in full battle regalia, I don't think you want to be messing with him with that sword!!



Chief Executive Graham Hunt seems to be practising his Kenneth Williams' faces as the sun eventually begins to shine!



Newbury's Young Peoples Council out in force in the "Carry on Camping" corner representing our open spaces and the beautiful Victoria Park.



The float moves up to Bartholomew street where the judges will be waiting outside Cafe Nero. Get ready to grin everyone!



Clr Julie Csala does a fabulous job in her Hattie Jacques role and yes that is all padding!!!



The "Carry On Up the Jungle" crew complete with monkeys, Tarzan Boy and the Lady Warriors of the deep jungle, kept in line by Committees Officer Margaret Gore as Lady Bagley.



Services Officer Joanne Lempriere, Chief Warrior, branding her spear and keeping everyone in check!



Allotment Steward George Russell has got himself in a right pickle in his boiling pot, although monkey Elliot Page has given him the thumbs up!!!



We made it!!! Arriving at Park Way with Brian Sylvester our Town Crier



Well, here we are at the Kick FM stage in Victoria Park in the sunshine winning "Best Business Entry" again, albeit jointly this year with Pageant Fancy Dress Shop. Just a little gloat but I think we deserved it.

What a thoroughly stressful, chaotic, manic, hysterical, fabulously enjoyable day again. Was it all worth it? Judging by the amount of people that have said they really enjoyed themselves and are straining at the leash to do it all over again next year, then yes, it most definitely was. Again, Newbury showed that they can indeed come up with the goods and show how a Carnival should be. Our most grateful thanks for everybody who took part, in any way shape or form, from finding or making props, to blowing up balloons, to lending us your lorry and giving up your Sunday to drive it, to making the journey from a different county to help with the stewarding, to taking photos, to making costumes, for face painting - this list could go on forever and without you all it would not have been the huge success it undoubtedly was. The Carnival Committee are meeting soon to discuss the theme for next year's Carnival - anybody interested?

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