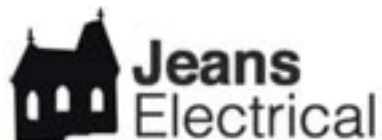


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**CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to Gillingham Carnival Programme 2025

With so many new houses being built in Gillingham, perhaps some of you receiving this programme won't know much about West Country carnivals. Gillingham held its first carnival in 1907 but it was not until 1949 that regular carnivals were held.

Gillingham Carnival Day consists of a Children's Carnival in the afternoon and a Grand Illuminated Procession in the evening. More details can be seen of these and the Carnival Week Events, later in this programme.

Gillingham Carnival Committee is an independent voluntary group who organise and run Gillingham Carnival by raising funds through events, donations and street collections, in order to finance the annual Gillingham Carnival Processions.

If you would like to help with the Committee activities please contact me.

We are very grateful to all our sponsors small and large as without them we would not have the funds to hold Gillingham Carnival. Please help us by putting as much as possible in the Collection Buckets and Trailers on Carnival Day and also come along and have fun at a Gillingham Carnival week event.



Thank you.

*Mary Bailey*

Chairperson

Gillingham Carnival Committee

The Badge House, Common Mead Lane

Gillingham, Dorset. SP8 4RB

Tel: 01747 823365 / 07518 071092

e-mail: m.bailey1950@btinternet.com

**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 18:30 to 21:30

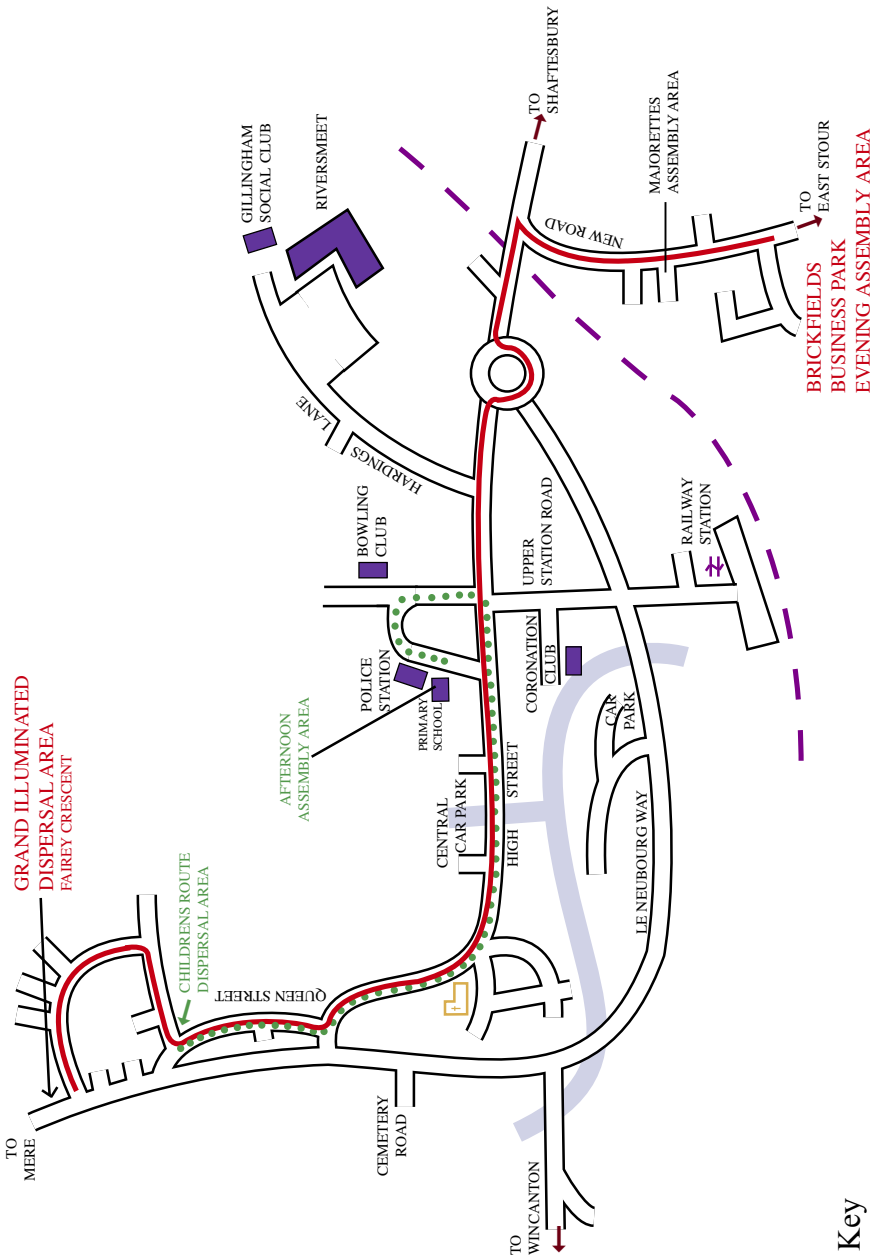
New Road 19.00 to 20:30

Bay Road and Fairy Crescent 19:30 to 21.30

**The carnival committee apologise for any inconvenience caused by the above road closure's**



# PROCESSION ROUTES 2025



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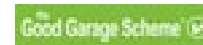


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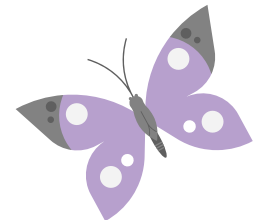
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This ever-popular competition, starts today and continues throughout the week. Closes Sunday after Carnival.

**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.

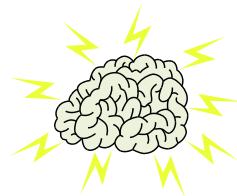
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**QUIZ NIGHT at Coronation Club**

**7.30 pm**

**TEAMS OF 4 – ENTRY FEE £5 per team**

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MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

**BABY SHOW**



**Bowling Club**  
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£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**  
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Doors open 10.00am, Judging 10.30am

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**Treasure Hunt**  
Winners - Whiskey Chasers



**Knockout Skittles**  
Winner - David Fry  
Runner up & Gents High Score - Sam  
Ladies High Score - Claire



**Darts Pairs Winners**  
John Payne & Neil Glass



**Quiz Winner**  
Phoenix Rising



**EVENING CARNIVAL SPECIAL AWARDS 2024**  
Cary Comedians CC: Best In Carnival + Best Comic Entry +  
Best Construction (Floats) + Best Lighting Effect (Floats)  
Just Ed: Best Gillingham Entry (Overall) + Best Costume (Juvenile Walking Entry)  
Effie Bowring: Best Gillingham Entry (Excluding Large Carnival Clubs) + Most Original Entry

## HONORARY FREEDOM OF GILLINGHAM 2025



**Mary Bridle - Carnival President**  
With committee Member Melanie Ball,  
The Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Gillingham May 2025  
Photo courtesy of The Town Hall



**Gillingham Imperial Silver Band**  
With the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Gillingham May 2025  
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## 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 or pushchair – 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

- 1 Wessex GP Circuit Entries - Tableaux Float
- 2 Wessex GP Circuit Entries - Feature Float
- 3 Wessex GP Circuit Entries - Comic Float
- 4 Wessex GP Circuit Entries - Juvenile Float  
Comic, Tableaux or Feature
- 5 Wessex GP Circuit Entries Adult Non-VSO Float
- 6 Wessex GP Circuit Entries Juvenile Non-VSO Float
- 7 Decorated vehicle with or without Adult Walkers  
OR Undecorated vehicle with Adult Walkers
- 8 Decorated vehicle with or without Juvenile Walkers  
OR Undecorated vehicle with Juvenile Walkers
- 9 Wessex GP Circuit Entries  
Decorated Trolley (Hand Drawn)
- 10 Walking Group – Adult
- 11 Walking Group – Juvenile
- 12 Walking - Pair – Adult
- 13 Walking - Pair – Juvenile
- 14 Walking - Individual - Adult
- 15 Walking - Individual – Juvenile
- 21 Non-Wessex GP Circuit Tableaux or Feature Float
- 22 Non-Wessex GP Circuit Comic Float
- 23 Non-Wessex GP Circuit - Juvenile Float  
Comic, Tableaux or Feature
- 24 Non-Wessex GP Circuit  
Adult Non-VSO Float
- 25 Non-Wessex GP Circuit  
Juvenile Non-VSO Float
- 26a Non-Wessex GP Circuit – Decorated Hand  
Drawn Trolley with 2 or more pushers/pullers
- 26b Non-Wessex GP Circuit – Decorated Hand  
Drawn Trolley with 1 pusher/puller only
- 27 Decorated Trade
- 28 Majorettes & Dance Teams
- 29 Oddities (for entries that do not fit any other class)

### TROPHIES

- Gillingham Council Trophy
- Jubilee Cup
- Lee Hacker Cup
- Walter Bridle & Stanley Maidment Memorial Trophy
- Newbury Trophy
- Chantry Trophy
- Phil Bailey Memorial Cup
- The Mary Bailey Trophy
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- The Majorette Trophy
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**SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER**

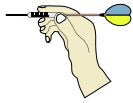


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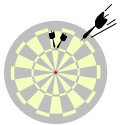
FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

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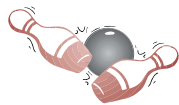


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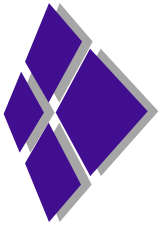
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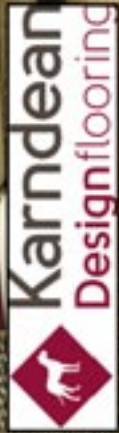
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## CARNIVAL DAY TIMINGS

11am - 2pm	Duck Race
1.00pm	COLE'S FUNFAIR (see advert page 17)
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.
6.45pm	Parade of Bands through the High Street.
7.05pm	"A Cavalcade of Steam"
	Parade of Majorettes
7.15pm	GRAND ILLUMINATED PROCESSION
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