

TAUNTON CARNIVAL – Saturday 21st October 2017

ENTRY CLASSES, PRIZES and RULES

SOUTH SOMERSET FEDERATION CLASSES

Class	Title	Description
1	FEATURE	Movement, music and/or dance by cast or construction of float Prizes - 1 st £100 and The Taunton Hospital Cup, 2 nd £70, 3 rd £50
2	TABLEAU	No movement by cast or construction of float Prizes - 1 st £100 and The Somerwest Rose Bowl, 2 nd £70, 3 rd £50
3	COMIC	Subject matter, music and/or construction of float causing amusement Prizes - 1 st £100 and The Edwards Cup, 2 nd £70, 3 rd £50
4	YOUTH, FEATURE OR TABLEAU	Whole cast on float to be under 18 years on the day of the first Carnival of the South Somerset circuit Prizes - 1 st £100 and The Taunton Cider Cup, 2 nd £70, 3 rd £50
5	OPEN	Float not to exceed 15metres, some or all cast on the float. Entries to have lighting and music. Prizes - 1 st £50 and The Vic Ellis Cup, 2 nd £40, 3 rd £30

Classes 6-9 - Costumes may have supporting castor wheels. No stand alone, separate prop permitted. Costume = a complete style of dressing, including all of the clothes, accessories etc worn at one time, as in a particular country or period. Separate = Things forming units by themselves.

6	ADULT SINGLE WALKING	One person walking in the Procession – no separate wheeled prop. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged. Prizes - 1 st £30 and The Silver Street Motors Trophy, 2 nd £20, 3 rd £15
7	JUVENILE SINGLE WALKING	Person under 18 years on the day of the first Carnival of the South Somerset circuit. One person walking in the Procession – no separate wheeled prop. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged. Prizes – 1 st £30 and The Broom Centre Cup, 2 nd £20, 3 rd £15
8	WALKING PAIR	Two persons walking in the Procession – no separate wheeled props. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged. Prizes - 1 st £40 and The Carr & Quick Cup, 2 nd £30, 3 rd £20
9	WALKING, GROUP	Three or more persons walking in the Procession – no separate wheeled prop. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged. Prizes - 1 st £50 and The Tesco Cup, 2 nd £40, 3 rd £30
10	WALKING OPEN	All cast to be walking. Motorised part of entry must not exceed 15 metres. Separate wheeled props are permitted. Entire entry to be judged. Prizes - 1 st £50 & The Mary Wyatt Memorial Cup, 2 nd £40, 3 rd £30

NON-FEDERATION CLASSES

11	TRADERS DISPLAY	ENTRY FEE £50 PER VEHICLE Entries MUST be decorated. Restricted to a total entry of 25 vehicles. Not more than two vehicles from one business. Entries must have a direct relationship to the business they represent Prizes - 1 st The Van Heusen Cup, 2 nd and 3 rd Certificates
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| 12 | MAJORETTES | INVITATION CLASS ONLY
Limited to six troupes invited by the Carnival Committee
Prizes - 1 st £15 and the Taunton Carnival Cup, 2 nd £10, 3 rd £5 |
| 13 | YOUTH WALKING | <i>To include Groups, Pairs and Singles</i>
All to be under 18 years on the day of the Carnival
Prizes - 1 st £15 and the Taunton Carnival Trophy, 2 nd £10, 3 rd £5 |
| 14 | SUPPORTERS | THIS CLASS WILL NOT BE JUDGED
Open to any voluntary organisation who wish to take part in the Carnival in a non-competitive role |
| 15 | FEATURE, TABLEAU or COMIC | (Entry, excluding tractor and generator, not to exceed 50ft)
Prizes - 1 st £50 and The Majestics Trophy, 2 nd £35, 3 rd £25 |

These rules, although individual town rules are recognised, will be enforced by the Federation. A party of Federation representatives from all towns may inspect for compliance with these rules at Wellington and at any other town during the Carnival season.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Procession numbers and assembly details will be forwarded approximately 10 days prior to the Procession. Please ensure these are read as soon as they are received and all Club members made aware. The assembly location will be on Castle Street and Tangier Way. All entries must approach via the Tesco junction in Wellington Road. Judging will take place on route, between the Start on the bridge in Tangier Way and the Finish at the bottom of East Reach.

RULES

- 1 Safety is paramount and it is the responsibility of the Clubs and Entrants to ensure the safety of their members and the public at all times.
- 2 All entries will conform to the conditions laid down by the Avon & Somerset Constabulary Working Guide To The Management of Carnival Vehicles (June 1998) and must have a valid Vehicle Special Order (VSO) if required to do so. The documentation must be available for inspection if requested.
- 3 Taunton & District Carnival Committee Ltd accepts no responsibility for loss, damage or injury, however caused to or by any person, article or vehicle. All entrants and participants are advised to insure against ALL RISKS. The documentation must be available for inspection if requested.
- 4 The maximum permitted size for any wheeled entry before, during and after the Procession is 5m high (from ground level), 3.35m wide and 30.48m long.
- 5 Entries falling within the VSO designation must have their VSO documentation available for inspection at the assembly point.
- 6 All entries comprising a towing vehicle and one or more trailers must display **Do Not Cross** signs of rigid construction (not paper) between each unit, visible from nearside and offside
- 7 All connecting lines will be of sufficient length such that disconnection around corners is not required
- 8 Entries in Classes 1 – 5, and 10-15 must carry an appropriate fire extinguisher and a supply of sand in case of diesel spillage. All fuel is to be carried in approved containers.
- 9 All floats and procession vehicles will have a driver qualified for the specific type of vehicle in attendance at all times.

- 10 Entries from organisations that are primarily for the purpose of advertising a trade or business MUST be entered in Class 11 – Traders’ Display.
- 11 Entries from voluntary organisations that are not competitive but are intended to support the Carnival Procession must be entered in Class 14 – Supporters.
- 12 For safety reasons entries on roller skates, roller blades or skateboards cannot be accepted.
- 13 Entrants under 18 years of age must have adult supervision with them at all times.
- 14 No alcohol will be consumed by any entrant or road crew in the Assembly Area or during the Procession.
- 15 In the event of an emergency all vehicles and participants will move, on instructions from Procession Marshals, to their left (in the direction of travel).
- 16 Entries must TAKE PART in a minimum of two of the four South Somerset Federation Carnivals to qualify for Federation points and trophies.
- 17 Entries must complete the whole Procession route (unless otherwise directed by the Committee) to be eligible for inclusion in the results
- 18 If the Procession is halted for three minutes or longer participants may relax their pose or dance routine but may not get off their float or leave their entry.
- 19 No objects may be thrown or liquid squirted at spectators or persons taking part in the Procession.
- 20 Procession numbers must be displayed on the nearside of the windscreen of towing vehicles
- 21 All entries will comply with instructions from Procession Marshals
- 22 Taunton and District Carnival Committee Ltd reserves the right to refuse any entry which, in their opinion, may give offence. This right can be exercised at any time.
- 23 The Judges’ decisions are final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into.
- 24 All cups and trophies are the property of Taunton Carnival Committee and must be returned by Friday 6 October in good condition to Marilyn House (5 St Augustine Street, Taunton TA1 1QH tel 01823 289395). The cost of making good any damage will be charged to the last holders of the trophy
- 25 Taunton and District Carnival Committee is licensed by Taunton Deane Borough Council to make a street collection. Charities, other organisations and participants are NOT ALLOWED to collect for their own funds.
- 26 The closing date for entries is Saturday 7 October for inclusion in any publicity. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

The following cups will be awarded to the Best Local Entry from the former (pre 1974) Taunton Borough and Rural District areas for the classes listed:

The Taunton Licensed Victuallers Jubilee Cup - Best Local Entry
 The Bill Down Cup - Best Local Entry in Class 1, Feature
 Taunton 1888 Cup - Best Local Entry in Class 2, Tableau
 The Rockett Trophy - Best Local Entry in Class 3, Comic
 The Taunton Times Cup - Best Local Entry in Classes 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9 and 12

Entries will be judged for:

*The Alderman FC Spear Cup - Premier Award - £25 - Best Entry in Classes 1 - 5
 The Bill Cole Statuette - Float with Best Costumes in the Procession
 The Taunton Motoring Club Trophy - Best Lorry Build Up
 *The Mervyn Grant Memorial Cup - £15 - Best entry in Classes 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9 and 12
 The Ken Gamblin Memorial Trophy – Best Costume on Foot
 The Jack Shute Memorial Cup - Entry will be chosen by Miss Taunton

**The Alderman FC Spear and Mervyn Grant Memorial Cups will be presented at the South Somerset Federation Presentation Evening in November.*

Entries in Classes 1 to 10 complying with rule 16 will automatically be entered in the South Somerset Federation of Carnival Committee's competition for the entries gaining most points in the equivalent class at Wellington, Ilminster, Chard, and Taunton Carnivals.

The results will be announced as soon as they are available after the Procession, Miss Taunton will present the Cups, Prizes and Certificates..

The prize presentation will take place at the Somerset County Cricket Club, entrance from St James Street

If any Carnival Club members not participating in the Procession wish to collect, a percentage of the amount counted in their tin will be donated to their Club's funds. Contact the Secretary for further details.

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Any changes to the Assembly arrangements or amendments to the Route will be published on the Taunton Carnival website www.tauntoncarnival.co.uk