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# CARNIVAL 2026

| Day                         | Event   | Starting Time | Where                            |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday<br/>25 Jul</b>  | Raft Race   | 17.00         | East Quay                        |
| <b>Friday<br/>31 Jul</b>    | Super Mario Galaxy PG   | 15.00         | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | American Diner Night  | from 18.00    | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | School Disco Party Night + meal • 18+                                       | 19.30         | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane    |
| <b>Saturday<br/>1 Aug</b>   | Handmade Textile Fair   | from 10.00    | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | Gansey Shore  | from 10.00    | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | Busy Bee Crafts – two sessions  | from 10.00    | Gordon Barrett Hall, Clubbs Lane |
|                             | Storytelling & Crafting with Isabelle King                                  | 11.00         | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | Children's Fun Bingo  | 13.30         | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane    |
|                             | Carnival Prize Bingo  | 17.30         | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane    |
|                             | Bon Giovi + supp. Christie Prentice – live music                            | 20.00         | The Buttlands                    |
| <b>Sunday<br/>2 August</b>  | Gansey Shore  | from 10.00    | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | Carnival Craft Workshops – two sessions                                     | from 10.00    | Gordon Barrett Hall, Clubbs Lane |
|                             | Live Music  | from 11.00    | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | Carnival Loves Lego   | from 11.00    | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane    |
|                             | Fete Day  | from 11.00    | The Buttlands                    |
|                             | inc. Fakenham Town Band, Produce Show,<br>Maypole Dancing, Children's Races |               |                                  |
|                             | Junior Town Crier Competition   | 11.30         | The Buttlands                    |
|                             | Crowning of the Carnival Queen  | 14.00         | The Buttlands                    |
|                             | Tug of War  | 16.00         | The Buttlands                    |
|                             | Mixed Bouquet in Words and Song   | 15.00         | Friends Meeting House, Church St |
|                             | Nigel Anthony – live music  | 16.00         | War Memorial Institute Club      |
|                             | Women in Rock – live music with support                                     | 20.00         | The Buttlands                    |
| <b>Monday<br/>3 August</b>  | Creative Art Competition  | from 10.00    | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane    |
|                             | Moonbrush Felting Workshop  | from 10.00    | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane    |
|                             | Talk – Inside the Hive: The World of Honeybees                              | 11.00         | Gordon Barrett Hall, Clubbs Lane |
|                             | Children's Paddington Party   | 12.00         | The Buttlands                    |
|                             | Junior Town Crier 2nd Heat  | 14.00         | The Buttlands                    |
|                             | Open Air Disco  | 14.30         | The Buttlands                    |
|                             | Wells United Charities Quiz   | 16.00         | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | The Black Shuck Experience • over 18s                                       | 19.30         | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane    |
|                             | Race Night  | 19.30         | War Memorial Institute Club      |
|                             | Film Paddington + Live music  | 20.00         | The Buttlands                    |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>4 August</b> | Little City – three sessions  | from 10.00    | Gordon Barrett Hall, Clubbs Lane |
|                             | Food & Craft Fair with live music entertainment                             | from 10.00    | The Buttlands                    |
|                             | Carnival Craft Workshops – two sessions                                     | from 10.00    | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane    |
|                             | History Talk  | 10.30         | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | Summer Vibes Crafts – Creative Planet                                       | 10.30         | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | Gillying Competition  | 10.30         | Quayside                         |
|                             | Summer Singing Workshop   | 11.00         | Congregational Church            |
|                             | The Tricky Twister – two shows  | from 11.00    | Wells Library, Station Road      |
|                             | Open Mic  | 19.00         | Wells Maltings                   |
|                             | Elton by Candlelight – Live music show + meal                               | 19.30         | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane    |
|                             | Live music – Messi Joes   | 20.00         | War Memorial Institute Club      |

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

| Day                                     | Event                                      | Starting Time                        | Where                             |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Wednesday<br/>5 August</b>           | Children's Painting Competition            | from 10.00                           | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane     |
|   | Gyotaku Fish Printing                      | from 10.00                           | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane     |
|   | Dog Agility – two sessions                 | from 10.30                           | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Broadway Boogie Kids                       | 10.30                                | Wells Maltings                    |
|   | Ice cream & Slushie Making Workshop        | from 10.30                           | Wells Maltings                    |
|   | Carnival Crafts at Wells Library           | 10.30                                | Wells Library, Station Road       |
|   | Tennis                                     | from 11.00                           | Tennis Courts                     |
|   | Croquet                                    | from 11.00                           | Croquet Green                     |
|   | Teddy Bear's Picnic                        | 12.30                                | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Carnival Open Bowls Tournament             | 14.00                                | Town Green                        |
|   | Teatime Tunes with Martin Holford on piano | 15.00                                | St Nicholas church, Church Street |
|   | FILM Minions and Monsters (PG)             | 16.00                                | Wells Maltings                    |
|   | Dog Show                                   | 17.30                                | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Beach Café Party – Lee Vasey Band          | 18.00                                | Outside Beach Cafe                |
|   | Quiz Night 'Quiz of Quiz Shows'            | 19.30                                | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane     |
|   | After Beach Party!                         | 20.30                                | War Memorial Institute Club       |
|   | <b>Thursday<br/>6 August</b>               | Judo Taster Sessions – four sessions | from 10.00                        |
| Planetarium – Wonderdome – 11 shows     |  | from 10.00                           | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane     |
| History Talk                            |  | 10.30                                | Wells Maltings                    |
| Circus Workshop – three sessions        |  | from 12.00                           | The Buttlands                     |
| Vintage Games on The Green              |  | from 12.00                           | The Buttlands                     |
| Musical Keys – two sessions             |  | from 13.30                           | Wells Library, Station Road       |
| Sandcastle & Sand Sculpture Competition |  | 15.00                                | Wells Beach                       |
| Run next the Sea                        |  | 18.00                                | Beach Café                        |
| Bingo Star Special                      |  | 19.00                                | Wells Maltings                    |
| Wine Tasting with North Norfolk Cellars |  | 19.30                                | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane     |
| Casino Night                            |  | 20.00                                | War Memorial Institute Club       |
| Cedar Creek UK Country Band             |  | 20.00                                | The Buttlands                     |
| <b>Friday<br/>7 August</b>              | Mini Tennis                                | 10.00                                | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Carnival Indy Ride                         | 10.30                                | Harbour Office, Wells Quay        |
|   | Dayglo Indydarc Show – three shows         | from 11.00                           | Wells Maltings                    |
|   | Funforce                                   | 12.00                                | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Carnival's 'Tea next the Sea'              | 14.00                                | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane     |
|   | Darts Competition – three age groups       | from 14.00                           | War Memorial Institute Club       |
|   | Jigsaw Joust                               | 17.30                                | Wells Community Hospital, Mill Rd |
|   | Opening of Grays Fair                      | 18.00                                | Recreation Field, Beach Road      |
|   | Northern Soul & Motown Party Night         | 20.00                                | Wells Maltings                    |
|   | K-POP Live + The Big Boyband Reunion       | 20.00                                | The Buttlands                     |
| <b>Saturday<br/>8 August</b>            | Carnival Craft Fair                        | 10.00                                | Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane     |
|   | Carnival Day                               |                                      | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Entertainment                              | from 11.30                           | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Arrival of the Carnival Queen              | 13.30                                | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Judging of Fancy Dress – Arena             | 14.00                                | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Carnival Parade                            | 15.00                                | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Junior Town Crier Final                    | 16.15                                | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Karaoke and Lip Sync Night                 | 19.00                                | Wells Maltings                    |
|   | Fake Tan + Chappell Roan Tribute           | 20.00                                | The Buttlands                     |
| <b>Sunday<br/>9 August</b>              | Carnival Songs of Praise                   | 11.00                                | Wells Methodist Church            |
|   | Musical Brunch                             | 12.00                                | Wells Maltings                    |
|   | 'Summer Strings Prom'                      | 14.00                                | The Buttlands                     |
|   | Tea Party with Ad Hoc Strings              |                                      |                                   |
|   | Ronan Williams – Live music                | 17.00                                | War Memorial Institute Club       |

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# Events Running Th

## Spot the Stranger

Entry forms are on page 64 in this programme

The shops in Wells have dressed their windows for Carnival Week, but they've added something that shouldn't be there. Can you find all 40 strangers? Look for the stickers in shop windows.

FREE

Closing date Sunday 9 August

Remember that the thing you're spotting is in the shop window – don't go into the shop and ask the person behind the counter what the 'stranger' is. Please respect the shopkeepers and keep your spotting to the outside!

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## Carnival Photo Quiz

Have fun with a picture hunt around Wells trying to identify images snapped by our cunning photographers.

Entry forms available from The Maltings Information Centre, Staithe Street or Wells Post Office, Station Road • £1 each • Closing date 16 August  
Full details on entry form. Prize for winners!

Sponsored by Imogen and Elodie Clarke

## Don't Ask Mr Google!

A fun, FREE quiz

Quiz sheets available from The Maltings Information Centre, Staithe Street or download from website

[www.wellscarnival.co.uk](http://www.wellscarnival.co.uk)

Closing date Sunday 16 August and results posted on Wells Carnival website ASAP.

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## A Wells Wander – Quiz

A gentle walking quiz, when you get a few minutes! Visit the nooks and crannies of our town.

Quiz sheets on sale £1 each from The Maltings Information Centre, Staithe Street or Wells Post Office, Station Road. Closing date 16 August.

The winner will be drawn and results posted on the Wells Carnival website ASAP

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## Walking Mystery Quiz

### The Salty Gull Mystery

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The Carnival photographer will be out and about all week, taking loads of photos. If you would prefer **NOT** to have your photo taken, please tell him. He won't be offended. Scan this QR code on your phone to get your **Carnival photos**

## STREET FOOD EVERY EVENING

Wells Maltings Café,  
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Saturday 8 August  
5pm – 7pm • Prices  
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Join us early evening during Wells Carnival for tasty street food – the perfect way to ease you from a busy day into a busier night of Carnival craziness!

## NORFOLK CREATIONS

Artisan Craft Fair  
10am – 4pm  
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# roughout The Week

## Dressing up at Wells Carnival

The Carnival Committee loves any excuse to dress up – please join us!  
Many events are excellent dressing-up opportunities (it's always optional!)  
Accessories available at the Carnival merchandise tent  
(all profits go towards Carnival expenses)

**School Disco Party Night** – Friday 31 July – Hey Macarena!

**Bon Giovi** – Saturday 1 August – swoon

**Women in Rock** – Sunday 2 August – Can you compete with these glam ladies?

**Paddington** – Monday 3 August – Children's Party and Open Air Film night

**Elton by Candlelight** – Tuesday 4 August – In the style of outrageous Elton John!

**Evening Beach Party at the Beach Café** – Wednesday 5 August – Crazy!

**After Beach Party** – Wednesday 5 August – Beach Party attire

**Mosey on down to the Buttlands** – Thursday 6 August – Cowboy hats on sale!

**KPOP/Boyband Reunion** – Friday 7 August – KPOP accessories at Merch Tent

**Classical open air concert** – Sunday 9 August – Dress in style!

## Carnival Day • Saturday 8 August

Prize for best dressed shop staff • Prizes for best costumes for arena entrants,  
vehicles and occupants, lorries, trucks etc. then join the parade at 3pm

## Carnival Night

Stay in fancy dress OR dress for a last night party Chappell style!

## Tickets for Carnival events

The number of people we can have at some venues is strictly limited. Tickets for all Wells Carnival events requiring them will be available to purchase from Wells Maltings Box Office, Staithe Street, online at [www.wellsmaltings.org.uk](http://www.wellsmaltings.org.uk), in person at the box office or telephone 01328 710885. Cash or card payment.

Please try to get your tickets early. However, there may be availability on the door. Please note, you will not need a physical ticket for our events. Wells Maltings will send a confirmation email to you and we will have a list of tickets sold at each event. The Carnival Committee is grateful for the help of Wells Maltings and its ticketing system. Also, our grateful thanks to the staff who are always ready to help. Save the planet – you do not need to print tickets.

## Raffles

Fabulous prizes have been donated by generous Carnival supporters. Raffles at our larger events will each have star prizes eg. holiday accommodation. Each event has a separate raffle, with tickets sold and the raffle drawn at the event. Raffle money raised is used to help fund Carnival and enables us to bring you as much free entertainment as possible.

With grateful thanks to our generous donors

## BARRY THE BEACH HUT HUNT

Entry forms available in this programme (page 61) or available to print from our website

[www.wellscarnival.co.uk](http://www.wellscarnival.co.uk)

Find our mascot around the town and surroundings. Each one is numbered. Simply fill in the business name or location of Barry on your form.

Closing date **Sunday 9 August**

A winner will be drawn and results posted on Wells Carnival website ASAP



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## The Carnival Grand Draw

We are delighted to announce our Grand Draw with fabulous prizes.

Thanks to our donors we have:

- A weekend break at Pinewoods, Wells or Holme
- A short break in a bijou period cottage in Wells
- A day's beach hut hire – Wells beach
- Sea fishing trip from Wells
- A local produce hamper

Tickets £1 each. Available at Ele and Me, Goldings, Ivy Cottage Bees, The Wildwood Florist, the Wells War Memorial Institute Club and at Carnival Merchandise. Please purchase by 10 August. Draw will take place on 15 August

All monies raised will help fund Carnival Week. Please support us.



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You can also donate using our QR code – just point your phone's camera at this image and a link will pop up. Click on it and you will be taken to our donation page.

Cash and cheque donations are ALWAYS gratefully received – keep an eye out for our fuchsia buckets/collection pots. All donations go towards funding Wells Carnival.

Don't forget to start collecting loose change for the Carnival parade bucket collection! The parade collection (topped up from Carnival Funds and The Holkham Charitable Foundation) is shared between local groups.

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## Dog Owners

We know Wells is a dog friendly town so please see this as advisory information.

Our live music nights on The Buttlands attract a large crowd and can be noisy. Some dogs may not be comfortable in this environment so please be aware. Also, a reminder that all dogs must be on a lead. This is a byelaw of The Buttlands public space.  
**PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG!**

## Carnival Merchandise

At many events our Carnival merchandise gazebo will be there, selling 2026 wristbands, Carnival mugs, lots of 'flash and glow', lots and lots of hats, leis, wigs, KPOP accessories, hair garlands, blow up guitars, monkeys, flamingos, lollypops and many other exciting items. We have Carnival printed re-useable cups and pens. These are all sold at reasonable prices and profits go to fund Carnival. Please support us.

A special thank you to the following, who have sponsored the sound and lighting crews:

**Quayside Pantry • Jim and Ali Smith**

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**BTP Electrical & Renewables Ltd**

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**Stallard (Seashell Cottage)**

Without this support we would be unable to bring you all the great music nights in Carnival week

We also would like to give a special shout out to **David Jagger Ltd.** Chemist, Staithe Street who has kindly sponsored NEMS – Norfolk Event Medical Services, our first aid provision for Carnival week

## Recycling and Rubbish Clearance at Evening Events

We aim to recycle as much as possible during Carnival. Please help by not bringing glass to evening events but if you do, please take it home and put it in your recycling bin. We thank you for any help you give us clearing the venues of rubbish at the end of the night. If you need a large bin bag for your rubbish, please collect one from the Carnival Merchandise Tent

## SPEND A PENNY

In April Carnival crew member Elisa took on a 100 mile sponsored walk to help fund the Porta Loos. If you need to 'spend a penny' during Carnival, please add to the fund by putting a donation in the bucket!



# WELCOME TO CARNIVAL 2026



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The lovely Wells Carnival Committee is very pleased to bring you the best carnival in the region and we are looking forward to meeting you in the week.

Where do I start with my thank yous...?

My first is to the committee and their families and friends. Before, during and after the week they are there – wearing a happy smile, trying to think where they should be and why they are at the gilying event, or on a bike while holding their dog, trying to win best of breed. All will be OK as they are wearing their fuchsia tops – the magic colour of invincibility. Only worn by true heroes.

The Wells Carnival Committee is very strong at the moment. A few new friendly faces have joined us this year and the average age has been halved! We are always looking for new crew members or Friends of Wells Carnival (to help in the week) – please contact us.

My second thank you goes to the amazing Wells community. Once again, the town has stepped up and given us fantastic support, allowing us to put on a fun-packed week with most of the events free or affordable for all. We are so grateful to the businesses and individuals that continue to support Wells Carnival. Every year we receive amazing support, making all our hard work worthwhile.

This year has brought additional challenges, with our essential costs rising by £12,000. We have introduced Carnival Patrons this year, for donors of over £500. We are extremely pleased with the response to this and I would like to say welcome and a sincere thank you to the new Patrons, our 'Fuchsia Champions'.

Once again, we have received a massive boost to our funds from the Holkham Charitable Foundation, donating £14,000 to us this year (£7,000 to add to the money we raise for good causes and £7,000 to help with our ever-increasing running costs). A big thank you to Holkham for its continued support. All the money collected during the parade on Carnival Day will be added to Holk-

ham's donation and hopefully topped up from Carnival funds. Doing this last year allowed us to give away over £17,000 to local charities and organisations. Please give generously if you are able to.

Committee members will be at our evening events, manning the merchandise tent, organising raffles and bucket collections to help towards costs. Most events have sponsorship but there is always a shortfall plus hidden costs (like the loos for you good people!) Please help where you can. If you can't find any cash down the back of the sofa, donations can always be made through our website: [wellscarnival.co.uk](http://wellscarnival.co.uk) or to donate £5 just text WELLS to 70970.

This year we are delighted to have Jade Seaman as our Carnival Queen. Jade will be crowned on Sunday 2 August at the Family Fete Day, along with her attendants. Once again, the Lifeboat Crew has kindly sponsored the Carnival Queen – thank you to Nicky King and his team for their continued support. Make sure you cheer loudly when you see Jade and her attendants at events – they'll be joining in and handing out prizes and leading the Parade on Carnival Day at 3pm.

We've done the hard work and had fun organising the week – now it's your turn to plan your events. Watching is great fun but joining in is so much better! The raft race, tug of war, the many competitions and the Carnival Parade are all chances for you to join in. Dig out those old dancing clothes, even if they've 'shrunken', and come to a live music night. Our fun filled merchandise stall will have suitable dressing up bits and lots of hats to compliment the event that night.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you at an event or two...

*Patrick Weston*  
Very proud Wells Carnival Chair

# Wells churches events in Carnival Week

## Wells Congregational Church and the Gordon Barrett Memorial Hall Clubbs Lane, Wells next the Sea

The Gordon Barrett Hall  
will be open from

**Wednesday 5 August until  
Saturday 8 August**

from 10am to 4pm (ish) daily  
Light lunches, cakes, scones,  
teas and coffees.

## Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

The Buttlands, Wells

Carnival week is fun, but sometimes we  
just need a five minute rest to gather our  
thoughts. Enjoy some peace and quiet: our  
door is open to all for rest, quietness and  
contemplation.

## Wells Methodist Church

Theatre Road, Wells next the Sea

**Sunday Morning Service**  
9 August • 11am

**Carnival Songs of Praise**

All welcome • Followed by tea/coffee and cake  
Collection/donations for Carnival funds

## Friends Meeting House, Church Street

**Ask the Angels**

Saturday 1 August and Monday 3 to  
Wednesday 5 August 10.30am – 4pm.

An exhibition of 11 paintings by Brett Fletcher

**A Mixed Bouquet in Words and Song**  
Sunday 2nd August • 3pm

A varied programme of songs and poetry  
spanning many centuries and styles.

Refreshments will be available after the concert.  
Admission free • Donations welcome

## St Nicholas Church

Church Plain, Wells next the Sea

St Nicholas Church is open every day 10am to 6pm  
Come and wander around our beautiful church, by yourself  
or using the free Detective Heritage Trail.

Second hand books for sale

Children's Area with play activities, books and carpet toys.  
Interpretation boards in the churchyard and wildlife areas

**Wednesday 5 August 3pm**

Martin Holford

*Teatime Tunes* on piano

Free • Donations welcome • Followed by afternoon tea

**Saturday 8 August**

Cake & Produce Stall • The Buttlands  
Proceeds in aid of St Nicholas Church.

**Wednesday 26 August • 3pm**

Teatime concert *Desert Island Discs* with  
Pat Weston (Chair of Wells Carnival Committee)

# Wells Carnival Queen 2026

Thanks to SmithGelder Photography and Wells RNLI for hosting us

## Carnival Queen • Jade Seaman

I'm a local woman and proud mum to one son. I have worked at Pinewoods Holiday Park for the past 10 years, where I have built lasting friendships and truly enjoy what I do. In my spare time, I enjoy making the most of summer by paddleboarding along the quay with friends and relaxing with a cold pint at a local pub with my family. I am very excited to be part of the community spirit during Carnival Week.



## Lilly Andrews

### Carnival Attendant

I'm 15 years old and have been a Wells girl all my life. I enjoy going on walks around the area and reading. I am looking forward to Carnival week and getting involved in the many activities and events.



## Jaimie-Rae Pitcher

### Carnival Attendant

I'm a 13 year old Wells girl. I attend Alderman Peel High School. I love Wells and Carnival is one of my favourite times of the year and this year will be extra special for me.



## Junior Attendants

Amber Belton,  
Arlo Faima, Leo  
Tree, Taya Walters,  
Blake Warnes



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# Friday 31 July

**11am**

Malfest – Opening day  
Come and sample  
beers from around the  
world (hic!)

**3pm**

The Super Mario  
Galaxy Movie (PG)

**6pm**

American Diner Night

**7.30pm**

School Disco  
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Music and a meal.  
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Wells Maltings, Staithe Street

3pm • £7 adult, £5 child

Tickets available from  
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Mario ventures into space, exploring  
cosmic worlds and tackling galactic  
challenges far from the familiar  
Mushroom Kingdom

(PG)

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## AMERICAN DINER NIGHT

Wells Maltings, Staithe Street  
6pm – 8pm

Prices as per menu  
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Sizzling burgers, juicy hot dogs,  
tasty Sloppy Joes – all served  
with a side salad of retro vibes!

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Carnival off with a  
Stateside swing



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## School Disco Party Night

Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane • 7.30pm • £17.50 (incl. meal)

**Tickets from Wells Maltings Box Office • 18+**

A two course school dinner will be served at the start of the evening  
(included in price). Vegetarian option available but must be requested  
48 hrs in advance (tel. Carole 07990 720891 once ticket bought).

A fun packed night with DJ Chris Esposito  
Relive those groovy school discos, throw some shapes, dress up,  
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**Licenced bar • Raffle**  
**Fancy dress optional but recommended**

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# Happy Carnival!

Introducing Denby - our newest (and fluffiest) recruit! Pop in to say hello to Denby and chat with the team about all things property.



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# Saturday 1 August

**10am**  
Handmade Textile Fair

**10am**  
Gansey Shore



**10am**  
Busy Bee Crafts

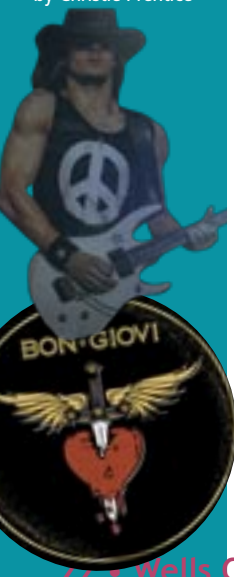
**11am**  
Storytelling and  
Crafting with Isabelle  
King

**11.30am**  
Busy Bee Crafts

**1.30pm**  
Children's Fun Bingo

**5.30pm**  
Carnival Prize Bingo

**8pm**  
Live music on  
The Buttlands with  
Bon Giovi, supported  
by Christie Prentice



## HANDMADE TEXTILE FAIR

Wells Maltings, Staithe Street • 10am till 5pm • FREE

A range of items for sale including craft kits, fabrics and materials as well as unique, handcrafted items.

Mini make and take workshops (small charge) running throughout the day

Sponsored by North and The Alder Tree, Staithe Street

## Gansey Shore

An exhibition of traditional hand-knitted  
fishermen's jumpers

**The Maltings • Staithe Street**  
**Saturday 1 – Sunday 2 August**  
**10am to 4pm • Free entry**  
**All welcome**

Ganseys are traditional hand-knitted wool sweaters, originally worn by fishermen and sailors in the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The East Anglian coast is renowned for its ganseys and we have gathered superb examples, both historical and modern, of these beautiful, practical garments for you to admire and examine.

### What's on?

- Ganseys – new and old
- Knit Space – bring your knitting and chill. Drop-in, any time
- Gansey surgery – are you stuck? Come and ask the experts
  - Grappling with Gussets workshops. 2pm on Saturday and Sunday. FREE. Book online at [www.ganseysthore.co.uk](http://www.ganseysthore.co.uk)
  - Prize Draw – tickets on sale. Fab prizes!
  - Sticker vending machine and other merchandise for sale

Organised and run by Wells & Stiffkey Gansey Knitters

## CHILDREN'S FUN BINGO

Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane  
Doors open 1.30pm • Eyes down 2pm  
Parents are welcome to stay.

All young children must be accompanied  
Bar – also serving soft drinks and snacks

Both these events organised and run by Wells Primary and Nursery School PFA

## BUSY BEE CRAFTS

Gordon Barrett Hall, Clubbs Lane  
10am and 11.30am • £7.50

Tickets available from  
Wells Maltings Box Office  
Suitable for children aged 7 to 12  
Children to be accompanied  
(adults do not require a ticket)

Mini chat about bees and  
display of bee making equipment,  
followed by two makes to take home

- A Bug House •
- A Beeswax Candle •

Organised and run by Michelle  
Shenston of Ivy Cottage Bees

## Storytelling and Crafting with Isabelle King

Wells Maltings, Staithe Street  
11am • £5/child, adults go free  
ages 4 to 11

Tickets from Wells Maltings Box Office  
Join children's author **Isabelle King**  
for a journey through stories and  
legends with a particularly local theme.  
Make your own crafted creature and  
continue your own story!

Organised and run by  
Wells Maltings

## Carnival Prize Bingo

Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane  
Doors open 5.30pm • Eyes down 6pm

A popular event with great prizes – don't be late!

**Raffle and Bar – also serving  
soft drinks and snacks**

# THE FIRST BIG MUSIC NIGHT

## BON • GIOVI

The Buttlands • 8pm • FREE



Support: Christie Prentice



Carnival  
merchandise  
and  
Glitter Bar

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### Food Stalls

Arthur Howell (burgers, chips, hog roast) • Norfolk Thai (authentic Thai food) • Amigos Grill (Mexican food, vegan and vegetarian) • Currylicious (Indian Cuisine) • Overhead Pizzas (pizzas with pazz) • The Crepe Cabin (sweet and savoury crepes) • Crown Confectionery (ice cream) • Flora's coffee shop (freshly brewed coffee and other hot drinks)

Also, Black Shuck (alcoholic drinks, local gin and cocktails), Moon Gazer bar (local beer)  
These food and drink concessions will be with us all week

Raffle with fabulous prizes. The ticket sellers will be moving through the crowds or please buy a ticket at the merchandise tent. Card or cash. Raffle will be drawn during the interval. Text to Donate or scan the QR Code or make a cash donation – all gratefully received.

Every donation and raffle ticket bought helps us bring live music to Carnival.

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# Ganseley Shore

An exhibition of traditional hand-knitted  
fishermen's jumpers

## What's on?

- Ganseley - new and old
  - Knit Space – bring your knitting and chill Drop-in, any time
  - Ganseley surgery – are you stuck? Come and ask the experts
    - Grappling with Gussets workshops. 2pm on Saturday and Sunday. FREE. Book online at [www.ganseleyshore.co.uk](http://www.ganseleyshore.co.uk)
  - Prize Draw – tickets on sale. Fab prizes!
  - Sticker vending machine and other merchandise for sale

**The Maltings • Staithe Street**  
**Saturday 1 – Sunday 2 August 2026**

**10am to 4pm • Free entry**

**All welcome**

**[www.ganseleyshore.co.uk](http://www.ganseleyshore.co.uk)**

# Sunday 2 August

**10am**  
Sandy Toes & Crafty Hands

**10am**  
Gansey Shore

**11am**  
Carnival Loves Lego!

**11am**  
Live Music at The Maltings

**11am**  
Carnival Fete Day

**11am**  
Maypole Dancing

**11.30am**  
Junior Town Crier Competition – Heat 1

**12 noon**  
Sandy Toes & Crafty Hands

**12.30pm**  
Fakenham Town Band

**1.15pm**  
Maypole Dancing

**2pm**  
The Crowning of the 2026 Carnival Queen  
**Jade Seaman**

**2.30pm**  
Fakenham Town Band

**3pm**  
Children's Fun Races

**3pm**  
A Mixed Bouquet in Words & Song

**4pm**  
Tug of War Competition

**4pm**  
Live music at Wells War Memorial Institute

**8pm**  
Live Music on The Buttlands – **Women in Rock** with support from Nathaniel

# CARNIVAL

The Buttlands

A Carnival collection will be made during the day – thank you



## Crowning of the Carnival Queen at 2pm

Sponsored by Wells  
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## Junior Town Crier Competition First Heat at 11.30am

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Maypole Dancing 11am & 1.15pm •  
Smoothy Bikes (supplied by Active  
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Modeller • Home & Garden Stands •  
Summer Crafts • Wells Fire Brigade • Food  
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Carnival Tea Tent – also serving cream  
teas

## Fakenham Town Band



Playing at 12.30pm and 2.30pm

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## Children's Fun Races at 3pm

Sponsored by Norfolk Sealants

## TUG OF WAR COMPETITION



4PM

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## Home & Garden Produce Competition

### Adults

- 1 • Coffee and Walnut cake
- 2 • Six sausage rolls
- 3 • Six sweet muffins
- 4 • Display of home grown produce (not exceeding 30cm x 20cm)
- 5 • Flower arrangement in an unusual container
- 6 • Jar of homemade jam/chutney
- 7 • Bottle home-made liqueur
- 8 • Item of knitting or crochet

### Children – under 16

- A • Paddington themed cake
- B • Friendship bracelet
- C • Photo of Wells in summer 10cm x 15cm
- D • Decorated stone
- E • Item of knitting or crochet

Entries to the Produce  
Tent on The Buttlands  
between 10.30am and 11.30am  
Presentation of prizes at 2.15pm  
Entries to be collected  
between  
3.30pm and 4pm

Sponsored by Over the Garden Wall, Staithe Street

# WELLS CARNIVAL FETE DAY

Wells • 11am to 5pm

Thank you for your generosity. Monies collected will help towards Carnival expenses

Plenty of parking available. Please see Map page 59

## Ganseyside

The Maltings, Staithe Street  
10am – 4pm • FREE

An exhibition of traditional hand-knitted fishermen's jumpers  
Space to knit – come and chill

## Sandy Toes & Crafty Hands

Gordon Barrett Hall, Clubbs Lane  
10am & 12 noon • £5

(accompanying adults free)  
Tickets from Wells Maltings Box Office  
(perfect for children aged under 10)  
All children must be accompanied

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## Carnival Loves Lego!

Free Entry  
Carnival Marquee,  
Clubbs Lane • 11am – 3pm  
Last entry 2.30pm

The entire Carnival Marquee will be dedicated to the World of Lego. Displays of Lego designs and builds by our Lego Masters. Opportunities to make your own creations with spot prizes. Entries will be judged and overall winners will be awarded special prizes at the end of event

Sponsored by Hair by Jenny,  
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## Live Music

The Maltings, Staithe Street  
From 11am • FREE  
Free music in the Maltings bar.

Organised and run by Wells  
Maltings, Staithe Street

## A MIXED BOUQUET IN WORDS AND SONG

Friends Meeting House Church Street • 3pm  
See page 14 for more information

## Wells War Memorial Institute Club

Theatre Road • 4pm – 7pm • Free  
Non members welcome

Live Music – Nigel Anthony

Organised and run by Wells War  
Memorial Institute Club

## The Buttlands • 8pm • FREE



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# Monday 3 August

**10am**  
Creative Art  
Competition

**10am**  
Moonbrush Felting  
Workshop

**11am**  
Inside the Hive:  
The Remarkable World  
of Honeybees



**12 noon**  
Children's Paddington  
Party

**2pm**  
Junior Town Crier  
Competition, second  
heat

**2.30pm**  
Children's Open Air  
Disco

**4pm**  
Wells United Charities  
Quiz

**7.30pm**  
The Black Shuck  
Experience

**7.30pm**  
Race Night

**8pm**  
Screen on the Green  
**Paddington**  
Bring your marmalade  
sandwiches!

## CREATIVE ART COMPETITION: STITCH, PAINT, DRAW

**Carnival Marquee 10am – 2pm • £5 entry (pay on door)**

Open to all students 11-18 and adults 18+

The theme is 'The Wonder of Wells'. Create your entry using recycled and found materials (bring your own or use those provided)

1st, 2nd and 3rd will be selected and prizes awarded in both age categories

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### Moonbrush Felting Workshop

**Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane**

**10am – 2pm • £6 • 11 years +**

Make a needle felted beach hut keyring. Drop in session, no need to book – should take around 30 mins, but if you would like to take a little longer then that's ok with us.

All materials provided.

NB Min age 11

### Inside the Hive

**The Remarkable World of Honeybees**

Gordon Barrett Hall, Clubbs Lane • 11am  
£7 • Tickets available from  
Wells Maltings Box Office

A talk by Michelle Shenston of Ivy Cottage Bees. Suitable for adults. Price includes a small jar of honey to take away

Sponsored by Bang, Staithe S

## Children's Paddington Party

**12 noon – 2pm on The Buttlands • FREE**

Fun, dancing, games and crafts and maybe a special guest!

Live music and entertainment with Lisa Martin



Sponsored by David Jagger Ltd, Chemist, Staithe Street

### JUNIOR TOWN CRIER COMPETITION

**Second Heat • 2pm**

**The Buttlands**

**Last chance to enter!**

**Final on Carnival Day**

Sponsored by  
The Crown Hotel

### Children's Open Air Disco

**2.30pm – 3.30pm on The Buttlands  
FREE**

Dancing • Games • Competitions  
Children must be accompanied - by a  
dancing (hopefully) adult

Sponsored by David Jagger Ltd,  
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## Wells United Charities Quiz

**4pm – 7pm approx • The Maltings Bar, Staithe Street**

**Tickets £4 per person from Wells Maltings Box Office**

**Bring your own team of up to four people or join another team**

Quizmaster Simon Daykin dishes up some devious general knowledge trivia testers, raising funds for Wells United Charities

**DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THIS EVENT, ADVANCE BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. PLACES LIMITED**

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# THE BLACK SHUCK EXPERIENCE



An evening with the team from Black Shuck Distillery  
**7.30pm • The Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane**  
Entry by ticket • £40 available from Wells Maltings  
Box Office • **Over 18s only**

This year's legendary event includes a welcome cocktail,  
drinks throughout the evening and a light supper.  
Plus stories, entertainment and a few surprises.  
Every penny of the ticket price will go straight to  
Carnival funds.

A Black Shuck gift to take home is included.  
**Maximum 50 guests**

Our sincere thanks to Black Shuck Ltd for organising and  
running this event. ALL ticket monies donated to Wells Carnival

# RACE NIGHT

**Wells War  
Memorial  
Institute Club  
Theatre Road  
7.30pm**

Come along and try  
your luck!  
Non members  
welcome all week  
with no fee

Organised and run by  
Wells War Memorial  
Institute Club

# SCREEN ON THE GREEN

**The Buttlands • 8pm • FREE**

## PADDINGTON <sup>PG</sup>

Live music before the film performed by  
**Lisa Martin and Jimmy Hart**

There will be a raffle tonight with fabulous  
prizes. The ticket sellers will be moving  
through the crowd, or please buy a ticket at  
the merchandise tent. Raffle will be drawn  
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# Tuesday 4 August

**10am**

Little City

**10am**

Little Recyclers

**10am**

Carnival Food and  
Craft Fair

**10.30am**

Gillying Competition

**10.30am**

Wells History Talk

**10.30am**

Summer Vibes Crafts

**11am**

Summer Singing  
Workshop

**11am**

The Tricky Twister

**11.15am**

Little City

**12.30pm**

Little City

**12.30pm**

Little Recyclers

**2pm**

The Tricky Twister

**7pm**

Open Mic Night  
Carnival Special

**7.30pm**

**Candlelight with  
Ultimate Elton**

**8pm**

Live music – Messi  
Joel



Gordon Barrett Hall, Clubbs Lane  
Sessions at 10am • 11.15am  
• 12.30pm

£7 • Tickets available from  
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For children under 6

**All children must be accompanied by  
an adult (no ticket required)**

Welcome to Little City  
An entirely mobile role-play City for  
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## Little Recyclers

Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane  
Under 10s • 10am & 12.30pm • £5  
(accompanying adults free)  
Tickets can be purchased from  
Wells Maltings Box Office

Join us for fun seaside-inspired crafts using  
recycled and reused materials!  
Perfect for little makers under 10. Book in  
advance to guarantee a place – 'walk-ins'  
welcome if spaces are available  
All children must be accompanied.

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## Carnival Food and Craft Fair

**10am – 5pm • The Buttlands**

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of cakes, pastries and savouries also available

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## Gillying Competition

**Beach Bank (by the  
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**10.30am • £1 per line**

**Bring your own line  
and bucket.**

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## History Talk

10.30am • Wells Maltings, Staithe Street  
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### Smugglers of Wells

An illustrated talk by Steve Adcock

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## Summer Vibes Crafts

**with Creative Planet**  
Wells Maltings, Staithe Street  
**10.30am • £6 per child**

Tickets available from Wells Maltings Box Office  
**Children aged 4 to 10**

Ticket required for each child participants – all children to be  
accompanied at all times by up to two adults (no ticket required  
for adults, but please note maximum two per child).

Dip into summer with crafty creations –  
yours to take away!

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## Summer Singing Workshop

Congregational Church, Clubbs Lane • Run by Lauren Dove  
Starts promptly at 11am • £5 • Pay on door

A fun summer singing workshop followed by a 'flashmob' on The Buttlands (optional). Open to all ages and abilities

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## THE TRICKY TWISTER



**Magic Show and  
Balloon Twister**  
Wells Library, Station Road

Shows at 11am and 2pm

FREE event but booking essential  
Ideal for children 4+ but all ages  
welcome. Children must be accom-  
panied by an adult. To book pop into  
Wells Library and see staff or call  
01328 710467

This event is free this year as it has kindly been funded  
through Wells Carnival Funds and the Holkham Charitable  
Foundation. It is also supported by Wells Library Friends.

Organised and run by Wells Library

## Open Mic Night

Wells Maltings, Staithe Street • 7pm • FREE

Come and perform (sign up on the night)  
or just sit back and enjoy the vibe, man!

All welcome

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## Live Music

Wells War Memorial Institute Club  
Theatre Road • From 8pm

*Non-members welcome all week • No fee*

Live music from **Messi Joes** – party rock set

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# Wednesday 5 August

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## The Suzanne Rands Children's Painting Competition

**Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane  
10am – 3pm • £2**

Open to all children.

Themes for paintings will be given.  
The competition is divided into different  
age groups with winners in each category

**Prize giving at 4pm**

The winning pictures in each class will be framed and  
can be collected on Carnival Day or by arrangement.

All other pictures may be collected from the  
Gordon Barrett Hall between 10am and 4pm daily

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## CARNIVAL CRAFTS

**Wells Library, Station Road  
10.30am – 12 noon**

**Come along for some FREE crafts.**  
Ideal for ages 4+ but younger siblings  
welcome.

Children must be accompanied by an  
adult. No need to book, just drop in!

This event has kindly been funded through Wells Carnival Funds  
and the Holkham Charitable Foundation. It is also supported by  
Wells Library Friends.

**Organised and run by Wells Library**

## Dog Agility

**The Buttlands  
10.30am – 12.30pm & 2pm – 4pm  
£2 for each session**

Meet canine professional Angela Day, the  
Canine Advocate, who will guide you through  
our fun agility course. There will be plenty of  
opportunities for your 4-legged friends to  
have a go at the agility course with rosettes  
for the three fastest times.

**Sponsored by The Homestead Norfolk  
on The Buttlands**

## Anyone for Tennis?

Tennis courts (off Theatre Road) • £1 entry  
Arrive anytime between 11am – 2.30pm  
All ages welcome • Racquets and balls  
provided • Please wear non-marking trainers

**Our thanks to the Tennis Club  
for organising this event**

## Gyotaku Fish Printing

**Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane  
10am – 1pm • Cost £2, pay at event**  
Historically, Japanese fishermen  
documented catches by applying ink  
to a fish's body, placing paper on top  
of the fish, and pressing down on the fish  
to create a printed image of it.  
Take it home, frame it. What a  
wonderful memento of summer!

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## BROADWAY BOOGIE KIDS

**The Maltings, Staithe Street  
10.30am – 12.30pm • £6**

**Tickets can be purchased from Wells  
Maltings Information Centre  
Suitable for ages 6 – 11 years**

Dance fitness class inspired by stage and  
screen. The workshop will end with a  
short performance for family and friends  
at 12.15pm. **Bring water and a small  
snack for a short break**

**Sponsored by The Bowling Green,  
Church Street**

## ICE CREAM AND SLUSHIE MAKING WORKSHOP

**The Maltings, Staithe Street  
10.30am and 1pm • Age 6+  
Tickets £5 available from Wells  
Maltings Information Centre**

A fun 90 minutes! All ingredients  
provided. Bring your imaginations!  
**NB** all participants must have adult  
supervision (adults go free)

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## Croquet for Everyone!

On the croquet green  
**(see map on page 59)**  
11am – 3pm • £1 entry  
**FLAT SHOES MUST BE WORN**

**Our thanks to the Croquet  
Club for organising this event**

- 10am**  
The Suzanne Rands  
Children's Painting  
Competition
- 10am**  
Gyotaku Fish Printing
- 10.30am**  
Carnival Crafts
- 10.30am**  
Broadway Boogie Kids
- 10.30am**  
Dog Agility
- 10.30am**  
Ice Cream and Slushie  
Making Workshop
- 11am**  
Anyone for Tennis?
- 11am**  
Croquet for Everyone!
- 12.30pm**  
Teddy Bears' Picnic
- 1pm**  
Ice Cream and Slushie  
Making Workshop
- 2pm**  
Dog Agility
- 2pm**  
Carnival Open  
Bowls Tournament
- 3pm**  
Teatime Tunes
- 4pm**  
Minions and Monsters  
(PG)
- 5.30pm**  
Carnival Dog Show
- 6pm**  
Beach Café Party
- 7.30pm**  
The Quiz of Quiz  
Shows
- 8.30pm**  
After Beach Party

# TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

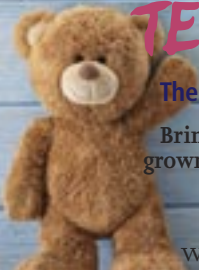
The Buttlands • FREE • Under 6s • 12.30pm – 2pm

Bring a picnic, a teddy or a special toy and a grown-up. No unaccompanied children, please

**Tiddly Folk**

will be coming to entertain us

Sponsored by Wells Post Office, Station Road



## Teatime Tunes

St Nicholas church,  
Church Street • 3pm

FREE but donations  
welcome

Martin Holford on piano

Followed by afternoon tea.

See p14 for more information

Organised and run  
by St Nicholas  
church

## Carnival Open Bowls Tournament

Town Bowling Green – see map page 59

Registration (in person, no group bookings) will take place from 1.15pm. Participants to stay on site once registered. Prompt 2pm start. £5 per person including refreshments For ages 13 and over  
Flat shoes must be worn All welcome  
Presentations at 4.30pm (approx.)



Our grateful thanks to Wells Town Bowls Club for organising this event

## Wells Carnival Dog Show

The Buttlands • 5.30pm • £1 per entry

Many classes including fancy dress!

See Wells Carnival website for a list.

All well behaved dogs welcome

Dogs and young owners must be accompanied

Remember – all 'deposits' to be removed!

Sponsored by Jess Stattersfield

The Maltings, Staithe Street

4pm • £7 adult • £5 child

Tickets available from Wells  
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Centre

The Minions go on a journey  
to find frightening creatures to  
appear in their monster movie



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## The Quiz of Quiz Shows

Each round in the style of a popular TV quiz show, past and present

7.30pm • The Carnival Marquee, Clubbs

Lane • £5 per head • Teams of 6 (max)

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# BEACH CAFE PARTY

The Beach Café, Beach Road • 6pm – 8.30pm • FREE

The Beach Café welcomes all party people, young and old and everything in-between to dance, sing or simply sit back and soak up the atmosphere.

Live entertainment from **The Lee Vasey Band**

Please do not bring your own food or drink to this event. And please remember to get a ticket if you are parking. The Beach Café will be serving pizza slices and snacks inside with a bar and whippy ice creams from the outside hatch. Also **Bucket List** and **The Duck Truck** • Carnival Merchandise



This event has been organised and sponsored by The Beach Café – A Holkham Business

## After Beach Party!

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Market Lane (see Map p59)

10am, 11.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm

No need to book.

Suitable for children from 5 upwards.  
Children under 12 must be accompanied.  
All children will need to be booked in with  
contact details

Organised and run by  
North Norfolk Judo Club

## History Talk

### The Troublesome Rector of Stiffkey

Wells Maltings, Staithe Street  
10.30am • Tickets £5 available  
from Wells Maltings Box Office

If you know nothing of this gentleman,  
have a look at the inn sign of the Red Lion  
pub in Stiffkey. Rev. Davidson wasn't exactly  
eaten by a lion, but without the lion he  
would not have died!

Join historian Keith Leesmith for an  
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Booking is essential as spaces are limited. To  
book contact the library on 01328 7104671  
This event has kindly been funded through Wells Carnival Funds  
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## Planetarium – Wonderdome

The Carnival Marquee  
Clubbs Lane

All tickets £4 • Tickets can be  
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Box Office

Shows throughout the day  
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Last show 4pm

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## Vintage Games on the Green

The Buttlands from 12 noon – 3pm  
50p access to area

Golf • Croquet Competition • Corn Hole  
Competition • £1 to enter, prize giving at  
3pm

Free to play – Bowls Alley • Balance Ball •  
Splat the Rat • Pirate Game

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## Circus Workshop

The Buttlands

1 hour workshops starting at 12 noon •  
1.30pm • 3pm • Minimum donation £2

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If a session reaches capacity, you may be  
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## Sandcastle and Sand Sculpture Competition

Wells Beach

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(Use steps at far end of Beach Road  
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Starts at 3pm • £1 per person

Buy a flag on arrival and  
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10am  
Judo Taster Session

10am  
Planetarium

10.30am  
History Talk

11.30am  
Judo Taster Session

12 noon  
Vintage Games on the  
Green

12 noon  
Circus Workshop

1pm  
Judo Taster Session

1.30pm  
Circus Workshop

1.30pm  
Musical Keys at Wells  
Library

2.30pm  
Judo Taster Session

3pm  
Sandcastle and Sand  
Sculpture Competition

3pm  
Circus Workshop

3pm  
Musical Keys at Wells  
Library

6pm  
Competitive Run

6.05pm  
Fun Run

7pm  
Bingo Star Carnival  
Edition

7.30pm  
Wine Tasting with  
North Norfolk Cellars

8pm  
Casino Night at the  
Wells Club

8pm  
Live music with  
Cedar Creek

## Run-next-the-Sea Competitive Run and Fun Run

### Competitive Run

Approx 5 miles – for more serious athletes.  
Race starts at 6pm at the Beach Café (bottom of Beach Road)  
Cost £6  
Minimum age 15

### Fun Run

Approx 1.3 miles  
Race starts at 6.05pm at the Beach Café (bottom of Beach Road) • Cost £3  
Children under 11 must be accompanied by a participating adult

Both runs start at the Beach Café, then through Pinewoods and onto the beach. Finish near the Lifeboat Station. All finishers receive mementoes.

Book your entry at [www.rnts.co.uk/wells-carnival-fun-run/event](http://www.rnts.co.uk/wells-carnival-fun-run/event) or alternatively register in person from 5.15pm to 5.45pm at the Beach Café. Numbers will be capped at 150 runners. **NO DOGS PLEASE**

Organised by Runners next the Sea  
This year's event supports East of England Ambulance Service Charity (Reg Charity No. 1047987) and Runners-next-the-Sea

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## BINGO STAR CARNIVAL EDITION

7pm • Free • The Maltings, Staithe Street  
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## WINE TASTING WITH NORTH NORFOLK CELLARS

Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane  
7.30pm • 18+  
Tickets £25 available from Wells Maltings Box Office

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## CASINO NIGHT

Wells War Memorial Institute Club  
Theatre Road • 8pm • FREE  
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## The Buttlands

8pm  
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# Friday 7 August

**10am**

Mini Tennis

**10.30am**

Carnival Bike Ride

**11am**

The Dayglo  
Indydarc Show

**12 noon**

The Funforce  
Experience

**12.30pm**

The Dayglo Indydarc  
Show

**2pm**

The Dayglo Indydarc  
Show

**2pm**

Carnival's Afternoon  
Tea

**2pm**

Darts Competition –  
Under 12s followed by  
13-16 year old  
competition

**5.30pm**

Jigsaw Joust

**6pm**

Official opening of  
Gray's Fair with the  
Carnival Queen

**6.30pm**

Darts Competition –  
16+

**8pm**

Northern Soul and  
Motown Party Night

**8pm**

**K-Pop and The Big  
Boyband Reunion**  
Epic double bill

## Mini Tennis

The Buttlands  
10am to  
12 noon  
£1 per session  
Racquets and  
balls provided

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and run by  
Wells Tennis  
Club**

## The Dayglo Indydarc Show



**The Maltings, Staithe Street  
Shows start at 11am, 12.30pm and 2pm**

All tickets cost £5 from Wells Maltings Box Office

**NB: DUE TO BLACKOUT, NO LATE ENTRIES TO THE SHOW**

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## Carnival Bike Ride

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A gentle route through the Pinewoods and  
Holkham Park, pausing for a free snack.

Wells Carnival Committee accepts no  
responsibility for any accidents and riders  
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All children **MUST** have a designated adult  
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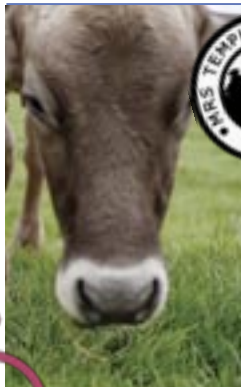
**The Buttlands • 12 noon – 3pm  
Take part by buying a wristband  
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• music • mayhem • costume  
characters and the usual  
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## Carnival's Afternoon Tea

**The Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane  
2pm – 4pm • Tickets £20**

*can be purchased from Wells Maltings Box Office*

Join us in the Carnival Marquee for a splendid tea which will  
be served to you following a glass of Prosecco or Primms.  
Matthew Preston will be our in house pianist for the after-  
noon.

We are also delighted to have an afternoon speaker,  
**Catherine Temple**, of **Mrs Temple's Cheese**

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# DARTS COMPETITION

Wells War Memorial Institute Club  
Theatre Road • Non members welcome

- Under 12s • 2pm • £2 entry fee
  - 13-16 years (following under 12s competition)
    - £3 entry fee
  - 16+ • starting at 6.30pm • £5 entry fee
- Cash prizes for winner and runner up

Organised and run by Wells War Memorial Institute Club

# JIGSAW JOUST

Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane  
Doors open 5.30pm • Start puzzling at 6pm  
£5 a head • £20 for a table of 4

Bar open for refreshments

Teams of four compete to complete a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle in the fastest time.  
Book your team table on 01328 711996 or email [admin@wellshospital.uk](mailto:admin@wellshospital.uk)

Organised and run by Coastal Health & Wellbeing

## NORTHERN SOUL & MOTOWN PARTY NIGHT

The Maltings, Staithe Street  
8pm • £8 on the door only

One of highlights of Carnival Week at Wells Maltings.

A night of the best banging Northern Soul and Motown classics – DJ Steve Greensides spins the vinyl, you provide the moves.

TICKETS ON THE DOOR AND LIMITED CAPACITY when they're gone, they're gone!

Come early to secure entry.

Organised and run by Wells Maltings, Staithe Street



Official opening of **Gray's Fair**

by Carnival Queen **Jade Seaman**

6pm • Recreation Field, Beach Road

## The Buttlands • 8pm • FREE

### An epic double bill...

TEXT TO DONATE OR SCAN QR CODE see page 12



# K<=>POP LIVE!

Raffle with fabulous prizes. The ticket sellers will be moving through the crowds or please buy a ticket at the merchandise tent. Every donation and raffle ticket bought helps to bring great live music to Carnival.

We thank you for your generosity

Carnival Official Merchandising • Glitter Bar Food Stands and Bars (see Saturday 1 August for full list)

Please help by clearing away your rubbish and please no glass on The Buttlands. Thank you.

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- **Telephoning: 07885 213920**
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**Saturday  
8 August**

# CARNIVAL DAY

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available  
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**10am**

Carnival Craft Fair

**11.30am**

Carnival Day fun starts

**1.30pm**

Arrival of the Carnival Queen

**1.30pm**

Judging of powered vehicles

**2pm**

Judging and prize giving for the various Arena Classes starts

**3pm**

Carnival Parade leaves the Buttlands

**4.15pm**

Junior Town Crier final

**7pm**

Karaoke and Lip Sync Night

**8pm**

Live music on The Buttlands with Fake Tan with support from Laura as Chappell Roan

## Carnival Craft Fair

Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane  
10am – 5pm • Free, donations welcome

See and buy work from gifted local crafters

Gordon Barrett Memorial Hall

Next to Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane

10am – 4pm

Last day for our famous light lunches, cakes, scones, teas, coffees

## Carnival Fun starts at 11.30am



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**Thundermental**

**Stalls**

**Inspire Urself  
Carnival Troupe**



**Delicious  
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**Junior Town  
Crier Final  
4.15pm**

Sponsored by The Crown Hotel



## Arrival of the Carnival Queen at 1.30pm

Judging and prize giving of the Class Entries • 2pm to 3pm  
(for powered vehicles judging from 1.30pm)

Cash Prizes sponsored by Mill Farm Holidays ([www.millfarmwells.co.uk](http://www.millfarmwells.co.uk))

## Carnival Parade around the town at 3pm

A collection will be taken along the Parade route. Official collectors will carry buckets bearing official stickers. No one else has authority to collect money. All money collected will be donated to local charities and good causes.

**PLUS ● Hog Roast ● BBQ ● Ice cream ● Side Stalls ● Children's Rides  
● Fun Inflatables ● Harley Davidson Display on Buttlands car park –  
they will lead the parade at 3pm**

**Carnival Day entertainments  
sponsored by Thursford**



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# CARNIVAL NIGHT

## *Karaoke and Lip Sync Night*

Wells Maltings, Staithe Street • 7pm • FREE

Channel your inner Sinatra, release your inner Swift, and take to the stage!

Thousands of songs to choose from, and either sing live or lip sync. Door open from 6pm.

Organised and run by Wells Maltings

## JOIN US FOR THE LAST NIGHT PARTY

ON THE BUTTLANDS • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM 8PM • FREE

Please buy raffle tickets.  
Our ticket sellers will be  
moving through the crowd  
or buy from the Carnival  
Merchandise tent

## FAKE TAN



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Merchandise • Glitter Bar • Delicious food and  
drink stalls (for full list see Saturday 1 August)

Donate at Carnival Merchandise. Every donation and raffle  
ticket bought helps to keep bringing great live music to  
Carnival.

We thank you for your generosity. Please help by clearing  
away your rubbish one last time and take it with you  
if possible. Thank you!

Thank you all for coming.  
Love from the  
Carnival Committee  
xx

The Carnival Crew are ready to jump on their Pink Ponies to see... Laura as Chappell Roan



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continued support from Chris and his team  
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This inspiring marine conservation hub offers a unique look into the secrets of our local seas.

### Why Visit Us?

- Meet the Lobsters: Get close to fascinating adults and tiny babies being reared for the wild.
- Marine Education: Enjoy a fun, 20-minute guided tour perfect for curious minds of all ages.
- Our pioneering programme helps release juveniles back to the sea to protect Norfolk's waters.

### Plan Your Holiday Stop

- Duration: 20-minute pre-bookable tours
- Location: Wells Quay, Wells next the Sea
- When: Monday–Friday, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm (June to September)

### Book Your Tour Today!

Spaces are limited. Secure your slot by calling the harbour office on 01328 711646 or  
emailing [contact@wellslobsterhatchery.co.uk](mailto:contact@wellslobsterhatchery.co.uk)

# Sunday 9 August

**11am**  
Carnival Songs of Praise

**12noon**  
Musical Brunch

**1pm**  
Gray's Fair

**Wells Methodist Church**  
Theatre Road  
Sunday Morning Service • 11am  
*Carnival Songs of Praise*  
All welcome  
Followed by tea & coffee and cake  
Collection & donations for Carnival funds

## Musical Brunch

**Wells Maltings, Staithe Street • 12 noon • FREE**  
A chilled way to end your busy Carnival week, with great food and laid back music Check our menus for brunch specials - or enjoy the final day of our MALT FEST beers

**Organised and run by Wells Maltings**

## Summer Strings Tea Party

**2pm • The Buttlands • FREE**



Ad Hoc Strings, directed by renowned violinist Steve Bingham, presents a Summer Prom with an eclectic mix of music ranging from baroque masterpieces and classical delights to pop covers; and including a short Last Night of the Proms sequence.

Join us for this very popular end to Carnival Week.

Bring a rug and a picnic or why not have an elegant tea party?

Dress in style!

There will be a bottle of champagne for the best dressed table.

Our thanks to Steve Bingham for this production

**Sponsored by The Edinburgh Inn, Station Road**



The Carnival Committee wishes to say a special thank you to Saturn AV and PJH Sound Systems.

We couldn't bring great live music to Carnival without their expertise, support and advice

**Sponsored by  
Various (see page 12)**

## LIVE MUSIC

**Wells War Memorial Institute Club**  
Theatre Road • 5pm – 8pm  
Non-members welcome with no fee  
Live music from Ronan Williams

**Organised and run by Wells War Memorial Institute Club**

**Gray's Fair in Wells until 11 August**  
Recreation Field, Beach Road • 1pm til late

**And that's it for another year. Thank you for being part of Carnival 2026. Hope to see you next year. Love from the Carnival Committee. Xxx**



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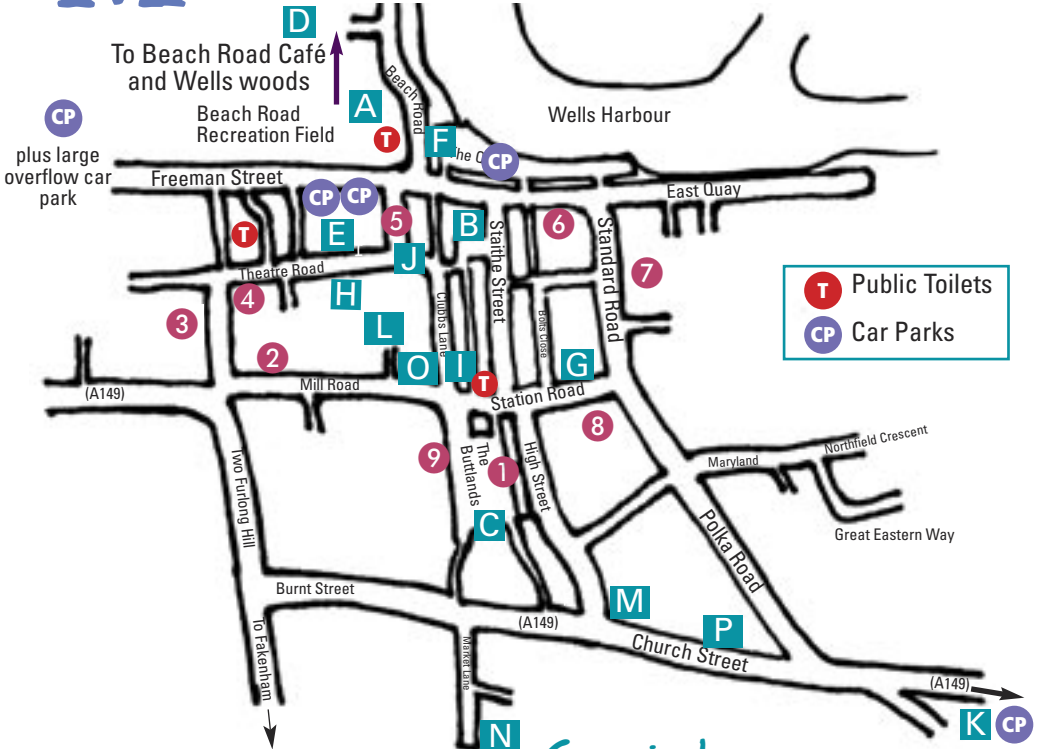
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# MAP OF WELLS



## Route of the Carnival Parade

- 1 Leaves The Buttlands
- 2 Travels along Mill Road
- 3 Turns down Park Road
- 4 Turns into Theatre Road
- 5 Goes down Glebe Road
- 6 Goes along Quayside
- 7 Turns up Standard Road
- 8 Turns into Station Road
- 9 Arrives back at The Buttlands

## Carnival venues

- A Recreation/Football Field, Beach Road
- B Wells Maltings and Information Centre
- C The Buttlands
- D Beach Road Café
- E The Methodist Church
- F The Harbour Office
- G Wells Library
- H Tennis Courts
- I Carnival Marquee/Gordon Barrett Hall/ Congregational Church
- J Wells War Memorial Institute Club
- K Wells & Walsingham Light Railway
- L Wells Croquet Green
- M St Nicholas' church, Church Street
- N Alderman Peel High School, Market Lane
- O Town Bowling Green
- P Friends' Meeting House, Church Street
- Q
- R
- S
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# Ivy Cottage Bees

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Everything we make is natural, sustainable, and created with care – no nasties, no nonsense, just beautiful products that are as good for the planet as they are for your skin. Wander in, breathe deep and treat yourself to something truly special.

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## WELLS CHRISTMAS TIDE FESTIVAL 2026

### 12 – 13 December

Wells Christmas Tide Festival 2026 takes place from 12 to 13 December with the main day being Saturday 12 December.

Saturday kicks off at 10am. Staithe Street will be closed for a day of entertainment for all ages. Various bands will perform throughout the day, with guests appearing to surprise the children. There will be children's activities and stalls in the grounds of Wells Health Centre.

There'll be a fair on the quay and the town will be swamped with Christmas themed stalls. Visit the two day craft fair too – it will be an enjoyable day for all.

At 4.30pm David Whiteley will be switching on the Christmas lights followed by the Street Lantern Parade with all the bands and performers taking part. They will walk down Staithe Street to the quay to await the arrival of Santa, escorted by a flotilla of illuminated vessels. Santa's arrival will trigger a pyrotechnic spectacular (that's fireworks) over the marshes.

You'll have a great time with us. Thanks to all involved.

A Christmas Tide programme will be available in all local shops from October. Further details of the event will appear on the festival's Facebook ([www.facebook/xmastide](http://www.facebook/xmastide)) and Twitter pages – [@wellsxmastidefestival.co.uk](https://twitter.com/wellsxmastidefestival)

[www.wellschristmastidefestival.co.uk](http://www.wellschristmastidefestival.co.uk)



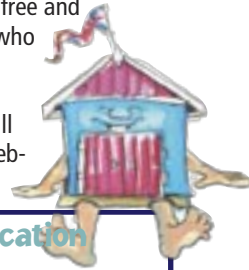
# Barry The Beach Hut Hunt

FREE

Find our mascot around the town and surroundings. Each one is numbered. Simply fill in the business name or location of Barry on your form. Look up, look down, look all around, our cheeky Barry may be easy to spot... or not!

**Please note**, you will not need to enter private land or the inside of premises to find him. When you have completed the form, hand it

in to The Maltings Information Centre by 4pm on **Sunday 9 August**. Entry is free and the winner will be the person who has found most Barrys. In the event of a tie, a winner will be drawn from the hat. Results will be posted on Wells Carnival web-site asap.



| Business name or location | Business name or location |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 _____                   | 21 _____                  |
| 2 _____                   | 22 _____                  |
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| Address .....             |                           |
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| Phone .....Email .....    |                           |

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# JOIN THE PARADE

Wells Carnival Procession is on **Saturday 8 August**. We'd be delighted if you'd like to join in – it would be great to see new faces taking part. **To enter the Parade – please note the arrangements for Classes 1 – 6.** Powered vehicles should arrive on The Buttlands by 1pm. You will be met by a committee member and given an entry card which will show the class entered. This should be displayed prominently (ideally in the front of the vehicle). Judging will commence at 1.30pm. Entries for classes 1 – 6, please be ready to be called into the main arena from 2pm. **One**

**class per entry, please.** Each class will be asked to parade in the arena where they will be judged and prizes awarded. You will then be asked to leave the arena so we can continue judging other classes. (Parents may wish to accompany children in the arena).

Please contact a committee member in advance if you have any queries or would like to enter a particularly large float or group of people. By taking part in the competition and parade you are aware and consent to your photograph being taken which may be used in the media.

**All entrants are invited to join in the Carnival Parade around the town**

## List of classes for judging

| Arena classes         |  | 1st             | 2nd | 3rd |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------|-----|-----|
| 1                     | Individuals 9 years and under  | £20             | £10 | £5  |
| 2                     | Individuals 10 years and above (including adults)  | £20             | £10 | £5  |
| 3                     | Group – 2 or more children (under 16s)   | £30             | £15 | £10 |
| 4                     | Group – 2 to 5 people, adults or adults and children (to include pedestrian controlled vehicles)         | £30             | £15 | £10 |
| 5                     | Group – 6 to 9 people, adults or adults and children (to include pedestrian controlled vehicles etc)     | £40             | £20 | £10 |
| 6                     | Group – 10 or more people, adults or adults and children (to include pedestrian controlled vehicles etc) | £40             | £20 | £10 |
| Powered vehicles      |  | 1st             | 2nd | 3rd |
| 7                     | Large group/tableau (minimum 7.5 tonne LGV)  | £150            | £75 | £40 |
| 8                     | Decorated vehicle (also including trailers) (mainly adult)   | £60             | £40 | £20 |
| 9                     | Decorated vehicle (also including trailers) (mainly children)  | £60             | £40 | £20 |
| 10                    | Classic and vintage vehicles   | £60             | £40 | £20 |
| Miscellaneous classes |  | 1st             | 2nd | 3rd |
| 11                    | Best decorated building/window*  | £100 and trophy |     |     |
| 12                    | Best dressed shop staff*   | £100 and trophy |     |     |

**\* Entrants for Classes 11 and 12 should contact [wellscarnival@live.co.uk](mailto:wellscarnival@live.co.uk) by Wednesday 5 August. Judging will take place on Carnival Day**

**The Bill Sibley Shield will be presented to the best entry from classes 4 to 6**

**The Nigel Parr Trophy will be awarded to the best entry in classes 7 to 9**

**The Brian Ayton Cup will be awarded to the best overall entrant (committee choice)**

**Rosettes will be awarded to all 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Highly Commended entrants.**

**Carnival Day Prizes kindly sponsored by Mill Farm Holidays, Mill Road**

# PARADE RULES

## Rules and conditions of entry for floats taking part in the procession

- 1** All floats and entries taking part in the Carnival Procession please enter The Buttlands at the Present House entrance by 1pm on Carnival Day (Saturday 8 August)
- 2** No advertising material, edibles, gifts, samples or other objects may be thrown or otherwise distributed from any vehicular or elevated float. At the sole discretion of the Parade Organiser favours and advertising material may be distributed on foot, providing no risk is thereby incurred by spectators, particularly children, in relation to moving vehicles, machinery or animals.
- 3** Entrants are reminded that no liquid of any sort should be squirted over either floats or the public.
- 4** All float organisers are reminded that motorised vehicles must fully comply with the requirements of The Road Traffic Act 1988 and they must also hold Public Liability insurance for their float display.
- 5** The safety of all persons riding on floats is the responsibility of the respective float organiser and driver of the float vehicle. It is recommended to have personnel walk alongside the float who can be clearly seen by the driver and who have been issued with parade rules and conditions of entry completed by float organiser. The Wells Carnival Committee cannot be held liable for any accident to any person taking part in the Carnival Parade, unless that accident is the direct result of action by a member of the Wells Carnival Committee or authorised helper, providing such Committee member or helper is on duty at the time the instruction was given.
- 6** Floats wishing to leave the Carnival Parade en route without returning to The Buttlands must inform the Parade Organiser before their float leaves The Buttlands. Permission will only be given where the police on duty agree that it is feasible without causing danger to the spectators.
- 7** The driver of any vehicle should hold a driving licence in respect of the vehicle used (ie HGV licence for HGV licensed vehicle).
- 8** For safety reasons, collection buckets will only be distributed to walking participants. There are to be no buckets on vehicles. Participants are reminded that ONLY Wells Carnival Ltd authorised collection buckets may be used during the parade.

I have read and agreed to abide by the above regulations relating to the Wells Carnival Parade and I will ensure that the float driver is aware of items 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Signed..... Print name .....

Address .....

Position held ..... Name of float .....

Class entered ..... Approved by.....  
(committee member)

**The person in charge of each float must familiarise themselves with 'Safety on Parade' information (available on the day or on our website – [www.wellscarnival.co.uk](http://www.wellscarnival.co.uk)) and sign above where indicated. Then hand the page to the Carnival member meeting them on the Buttlands who will then issue an entry number.**

**FREE**

# Spot the Stranger Competition

As you visit the shops in town, you'll find that many of them have a numbered star in the window. If you look carefully in each numbered shop window you'll find something strange that you wouldn't normally expect to be there. You've spotted a 'stranger'! To enter the competition, write the name of this strange item opposite the shop's number on the form below.

When you have completed the form, fill in your name and address, carefully tear out the

page (don't destroy your programme!) and hand it in to The Maltings Information Centre in Staithe Street by 4pm on **Sunday 9 August**. In the event of a tie, a winner will be drawn from the hat. Results will be posted on Wells Carnival website asap.

There is a list at the Maltings Information Centre of all the shops that have a 'stranger' in their windows, so if you can't find a number take a look at the list!

**NB Please don't disturb the shopkeepers by asking them the answer – the Stranger will be IN THE WINDOW and you are unlikely to get help from the people in the shop!**

| Shop number | Shop number |
|-------------|-------------|
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| 2           | 22          |
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| 6           | 26          |
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| 20          | 40          |

Name .....

Address .....

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Telephone number .....

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# CARNIVAL QUIZ

## Coast to Coast

English seaside towns or villages

£1 entry fee • Our grateful thanks to Sue Vertigan for setting this quiz

- 
1. Eric was born here, was Ernie wise to it? (9)
  2. 3, 12, 5, 25 (4)
  3. A small hill overlooking a wharf (7)
  4. Compass point on a wonder horse (6,5,4)
  5. Footballer Teddy (10)
  6. The jolly fisherman lives here (8)
  7. Night 'Bro (8)
  8. 199 steps (6)
  9. Go in front but change ends (4)
  10. As I was going to (2,4)
  11. RC around Rome (6)
  12. Shiny opener (7)
  13. Citrus fruit for Cyrille (4,5)
  14. Poirot's side kick (8)
  15. Shunt about Mr Du Beck (10)
  16. Bucket upside down emptied (4)
  17. Wide enough when moving to the next floor (11)
  18. Dark water (9)
  19. A good place to lean on a lamp post (6)
  20. An Indian princess visited here in 1616 (7)
  21. Horned sheep near an opening (8)
  22. Cartoon cats digit (10)
  23. 6, 9, 12, 5, 25 (5)
  24. Who told us about this place? (9)

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