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2026

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CARNIVAL 2026

Day	Event	Starting Time	Where
Saturday 25 Jul	Raft Race	17.00	East Quay
Friday 31 Jul	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
Saturday 1 Aug	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
Sunday 2 August	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, 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
Monday 3 August	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
Tuesday 4 August	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
Wednesday 5 August	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
	Thursday 6 August	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
Friday 7 August		Mini Tennis	10.00
	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
	Saturday 8 August	Carnival Craft Fair	10.00
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
Sunday 9 August		Carnival Songs of Praise	11.00
	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

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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.

Closing date Sunday 9 August

FREE

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!

Sponsored by Charles Jackson

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!

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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

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.

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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,
Staithe Street
Saturday 1 –
Saturday 8 August
5pm – 7pm • Prices
as per menu

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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week daily.

The very best of Norfolk's artisan makers in residence in the Handa Gallery. Something for everyone. Prices to suit all pockets.

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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, 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

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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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.

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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



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 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

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Saturday 8 August**

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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
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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

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Wednesday 5 August 3pm

Martin Holford

Teatime Tunes on piano

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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 women 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



Wells Carnival Queen 2026 is sponsored by personal donations from **Wells Lifeboat Crew**
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THE GREAT CARNIVAL RAFT RACE



East Quay • 5pm start
(subject to tide conditions)
Starting at East Quay slipway (far end/Cox's) and racing to the finish line at the town slipway.

Love to do something totally outrageous? Love to dress up? Love to get wet? Love to put a smile on people's faces? The Raft Race is for you!

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Friday 31 July

11am

Maltfest – 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
Party Night
Music and a meal.
Smooching optional!

Maltfest – Opening Day

Wells Maltings, Staithe Street • Open daily from 11am

Wells' favourite real ale festival returns!

Nine days of hand-picked brews, celebrating the best of beers for all tastes. 18+.
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Organised and run by Wells Maltings



Wells Maltings, Staithe Street

3pm • £7 adult, £5 child

Tickets available from
Wells Maltings Box Office

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
BOOKING ESSENTIAL at
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Sizzling burgers, juicy hot dogs,
tasty Sloppy Joes – all served
with a side salad of retro vibes!

The great way to get your
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,
surprises! Headmaster Pat will be making sure everyone's behaving

Licenced bar • Raffle
Fancy dress optional but recommended

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Saturday 1 August

10am
Handmade Textile Fair

10am
Gansey Shore



10am
Busy Bee Crafts

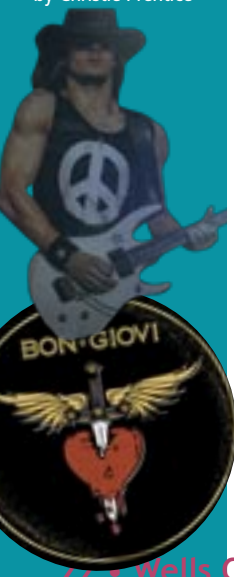
11am
Storytelling and
Crafting with Isabelle
King

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
 - 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.

We thank you for your generosity.

Please help us by clearing away your rubbish and taking it home.

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An exhibition of traditional hand-knitted
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- 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
- 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

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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

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



Crowning of the Carnival Queen at 2pm

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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
and Drink Stands • Barrow of Booze •
Carnival Tea Tent – also serving cream
teas

Fakenham Town Band



Playing at 12.30pm and 2.30pm

Sponsored by Pamela &
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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

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AL FETE DAY

ands • 11am to 5pm

u for your generosity. Monies collected will help towards Carnival expenses

Plenty of parking available. Please see Map page 59

Ganseys Shore

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

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Live Music

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

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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

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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



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JUNIOR TOWN CRIER COMPETITION

Second Heat • 2pm

The Buttlands

Last chance to enter!

Final on Carnival Day

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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

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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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RACE NIGHT

**Wells War
Memorial
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Theatre Road
7.30pm**

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

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Institute Club

SCREEN ON THE GREEN

The Buttlands • 8pm • FREE

PADDINGTON PG

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
before the film. Every donation and raffle
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Carnival Merchandising
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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
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Welcome to Little City
An entirely mobile role-play City for
the under 6s to explore and enjoy

Sponsored by Howden's of Fakenham

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'
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Carnival Food and Craft Fair

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Gillying Competition

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History Talk

10.30am • Wells Maltings, Staithe Street
£5 per person
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Smugglers of Wells

An illustrated talk by Steve Adcock

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of moonlight, secret tunnels and rugged coastline

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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!

**Organised and run by
Wells Maltings**

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
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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

Organised and run by Wells Maltings

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

Organised and run by
Wells War Memorial Institute Club

CARNIVAL CANDLE IN THE WIND PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

Elton by Candlelight with Ultimate Elton



The Carnival Marquee, Clubbs Lane • 7.30pm
£22 (incl. charcuterie supper and Elton Mess!)

Tickets from Wells Maltings Box Office

Vegetarian option must be requested at least 48 hrs in
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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

Sponsored by Ele and Me

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!

Sponsored by HOOK, Freeman Street

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)

Organised and run by Wells Maltings

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

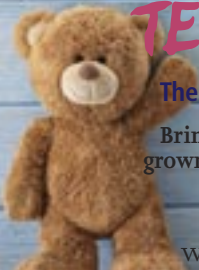
The Buttlands • FREE • Under 6s • 12.30pm – 2pm

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
Maltings Information
Centre

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



Organised and run by Wells Maltings

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)

Licensed bar • Nibbles

Organised and run by Homes for Wells

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!

FREE

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Thursday 6 August

JUDO TASTER SESSIONS

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Alderman Peel High School gym,
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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Children must be accompanied by an adult.
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
and the Holkham Charitable Foundation. It is also supported by
Wells Library Friends

Organised and run by Wells Library

Planetarium – Wonderdome

The Carnival Marquee
Clubbs Lane

**All tickets £4 • Tickets can be
purchased from Wells Maltings
Box Office**

**Shows throughout the day
commencing at 10am**

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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Fakenham**

Circus Workshop

The Buttlands

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

Juggling scarves, rings, clubs, balls.

Flower sticks, pedal gos, stilts etc.
If a session reaches capacity, you may be
asked to come to a later one

**Sponsored by Arthur Howell,
Staithe Street**

Sandcastle and Sand Sculpture Competition

Wells Beach

by Lifeguard Hut

(Use steps at far end of Beach Road
car park, next to lake)

Starts at 3pm • £1 per person

Buy a flag on arrival and
check location for your age group

**Sponsored by Hayes and Storr,
Solicitors**

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 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
Eyes down for our fun family Bingo Star night
Get here early (doors open 6pm, eyes down at 7pm)

Organised and run by Wells Maltings

The Buttlands

8pm
FREE



CEDAR CREEK

Sponsored by Wells and District Inshore Fishermen's Association

WINE TASTING WITH NORTH NORFOLK CELLARS

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

A flight of five wines, each paired with a different crisp to showcase the importance of food and wine matching. Hosted by sommelier and author Bert Blaize

£10 from each ticket sold will be donated to Carnival funds



Organised and run by North Norfolk Cellars

CASINO NIGHT

Wells War Memorial Institute Club
Theatre Road • 8pm • FREE
Non-members welcome all week with no fee
Two poker tables along with roulette and Black Jack

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The raffle will be drawn during the interval

Donate at the merchandise tent or text to donate. Every donation and raffle ticket bought helps to keep bringing great live music to Carnival. We thank you for your generosity. Please help by taking your rubbish home

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Saturday 8th to Tuesday 11th August • 1pm – Late



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Friday 7 August



Mini Tennis

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

**Organised
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
Buy your tickets as soon as possible – it's going to be popular!
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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



Carnival Bike Ride

10.30am at Harbour Office
10.45am at the Beach Café • Free

No unaccompanied children will be allowed to ride
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
attend at their own risk and are responsible
for their own safety equipment (helmets etc).
All children **MUST** have a designated adult
with them

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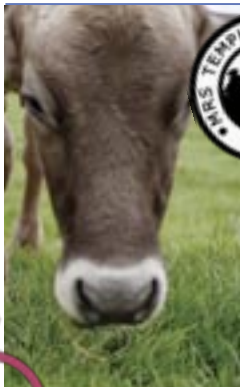
The Buttlands • 12 noon – 3pm
**Take part by buying a wristband
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There will be bubbles • balloons

• music • mayhem • costume
characters and the usual
FUNFORCE Experience

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Ending Stories, Staithe Street**



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

Not suitable for young children

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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

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Book your team table on 01328 711996 or email admin@wellshospital.uk

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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!

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Official opening of
Gray's Fair

by Carnival Queen
Jade Seaman

6pm • Recreation Field, Beach Road

The Buttlands • 8pm • FREE

An epic double bill...

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K-POP LIVE!

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We thank you for your generosity

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

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**Saturday
8 August**

CARNIVAL DAY

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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

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10am – 4pm

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Crier Final
4.15pm**

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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)

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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le. Please
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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.

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JOIN US FOR THE LAST NIGHT PARTY

ON THE BUTTLANDS • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM 8PM • FREE

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Our ticket sellers will be
moving through the crowd
or buy from the Carnival
Merchandise tent

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Merchandise • Glitter Bar • Delicious food and
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Thank you all for coming.
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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.

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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

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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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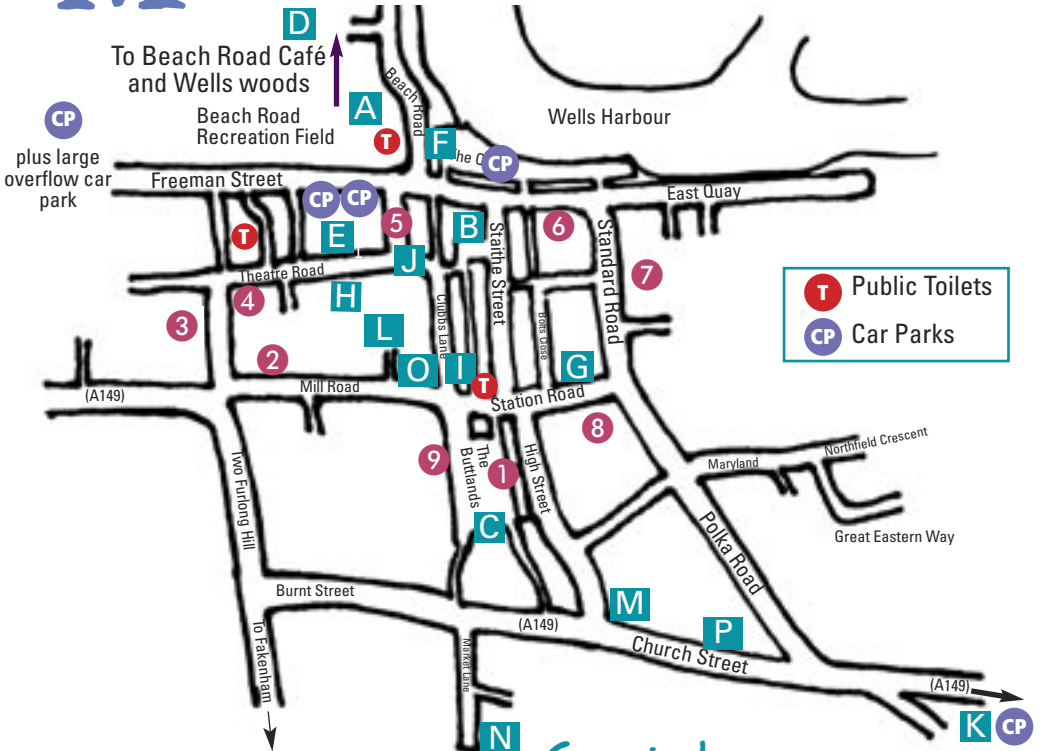
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MAP OF WELLS



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
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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 13 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) and Twitter pages – [@wellsxmastidefestival.co.uk](https://twitter.com/wellsxmastidefestival)

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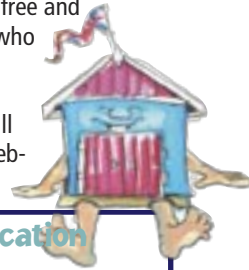
Barry The Beach Hut Hunt

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
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19	39
20	40

Name

Address

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PhoneEmail

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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 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) 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!

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CARNIVAL QUIZ

Coast to Coast

English seaside towns or villages

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1. Eric was born here, was Ernie wise to it? (9)
 2. 3, 12, 5, 24 (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)

Fill in the answers, add your details below and hand this whole page and your entry fee to The Maltings Information Centre, Staithe Street by 3pm on Sunday 9 August. In the event of multiple correct entries, a winner will be drawn from the hat. Answers and results will be posted on Wells Carnival website asap.

Name.....

Address.....

Phone number.....

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