



WITHAM CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION

Want to be a carnival Queen or Princess?

The search is on for the 2009 Witham Carnival Queen.

The new queen and her court will be chosen at our Selection Dance on **Friday 17th April 2009** at Witham Public Hall, Collingwood Road from 7.30pm.

Entry is free to the Selection participants and their accompanying parent. Additional entry tickets can be purchased for £3 on entry. The chosen girls will spend a year representing Witham Town, visiting other towns around our district. They are given their dress to wear, which they can keep at the end of their year. This is not a beauty contest but we do look for a pleasant personality, reasonably confident, enjoy meeting people, charismatic and **MUST live in the CM8 postcode area**. During the year they will help raise money for various charities and lead the Carnival Day procession.

Entries by phone or application form, should be in no later than **Friday 3rd April 2009**. **Anyone interested should apply with this application form and send it to: Carnival Secretary. Mrs S Bradley; secretary@withamcarnival.org**

***** For more information, contact:**

Mrs S Bradley

ENTRY FORM: Entry for Queen & Court selection

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POST CODE _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ M _____

Date of Birth _____

AGE ON 11TH JULY 2009 _____

Your signature _____ Date _____

E mail address _____

All entrants must live in the CM8 postcode area of Witham, Silver End, Rivenhall, Notley, etc. ENTRY AGE GROUPS

Queen aged 14 - 24 years old

Princesses aged 9 – 13 years old

Your age must be as above on Carnival Day which is **11th July 2009**

All entrants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Parent or Guardian signature required if entrant is under the age of 18 years.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print name _____

Please read and sign and attach to your application form.

- 1 Should you be successful on being selected as part of the 2009/2010 Witham Carnival Court there are some rules that we expect you to follow. This honour brings not only wonderful experiences but also responsibilities. So, this is to go over some of the things you can expect and a few of the very important ground rules.
- 2 First of all, your main responsibility in being the Carnival Court is to represent Witham, the Carnival Committee and yourselves. Make us all proud! Your purpose is to put on a good show for the people of Witham and to raise money for local charities. Have fun, but remember that you must exhibit good behaviour at all times. You need to be good role models. Remember you are the Carnival Court **24-7** even when you are not on duty.
- 3 Most importantly:
No smoking at any time when on duty.
No swearing.
No drinking when on duty. This also goes for the evening before an event.
No drugs (if you need to take medication, let the chaperones know)
No using mobile phones on the float or when on duty.
- 4 OK, enough of the “NO’s”! Here are some other important “DO’s” that will make your experience even better and safer.
- 5 Listen to your chaperones and follow instructions.
- 6 Stay together when going on rides and going to the toilet, etc. You will be escorted by the chaperones at all times and cannot go off with friends or family during a sponsored event.
- 7 Build good relationships with the other Carnival Courts. You will see them often throughout the year.
- 8 Avoid gossip – it will not serve you well nor enhance your experience. During a procession, look at people directly, wave and say hello. Be kind to everyone. You might be surprised to see how much this means to people.
- 9 **DO NOT BE PROVOKED BY ANYONE** (for example, someone shouting at you whilst on duty). No backchat. Just smile. Your chaperones will deal with this and protect you.
- 10 Look people in the eye, speak in more than one word answers and be sociable. This will help you in competitions and will generally enrich your experience.
- 11 When you attend a Presentation or Selection evening, your own or another Court’s, you will be expected to give a little speech and do a curtsy together. You need to plan with your chaperones what you want to do and say and perhaps practice a bit. That way, it will be easily done. After you attend your first one, you will see what the other courts do and will be more at ease with the whole event. There is also dancing at these events and we hope you will participate fully. It makes for a great evening!
- 12 Finally, your appearance. You must be in full regalia at all times while at an event. Full regalia **are** your dress, sash, crown, bag and flowers at a minimum. When it is cold, it also includes your cape. If you need to be warmer, wear whatever you need to underneath your dress (including tights, leggings, cardigans (under your cape), boots, etc). The important thing is that you look well put together on the outside.

- 13 You will be responsible for maintaining your dress, cape and purse. The chaperones will keep and maintain your crowns, flowers and sashes. This just helps prevent someone forgetting them on an event day.
- 14 There are throughout the year a few competitions that you will be involved in. This includes competitions at other Carnivals for best float, court, etc. At the Presentation evenings there is also a Court of Court presentation. We don't mind if you win or lose so long as you enjoy yourself and have a wonderful time! You will also be invited to functions within the town of Witham.
- 15 We also ask that if you are unable to attend an event, please let someone on the Carnival Committee know at least 48 hours beforehand so that we can make alternate arrangements. Remember that there are many events that you will be invited to throughout the year and although you are not expected to attend them all, we would like you to come to as many as you can. Also, please be sure that your family knows where you are going and when to expect you back at all times. They are always welcome to attend the Carnivals, etc. Please contact members of the committee for more information.
- 17 We hope that you find this information helpful. If there are other questions you have about what is involved, please feel free to ask any Witham Carnival Committee member who will be pleased to help.
- 18 You are requested to bring a packed lunch with you when attending other Carnivals. Your Chaperone will advise you on this.
- 19 Chaperone Contacts:
JoAnn Williams chaperones@withamcarnival.org
Tara Skingsley

20 Failure to comply with these requirements can result in immediate suspension or even termination of your position on the Witham Carnival Court.

21 To be completed by entrant.
I have read and understood and I agree to abide by the above rules and guidelines should I be successful in being part of Witham Carnival Court for 2009/2010.

Print name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

22 Agreement signature of parent or guardian if applicant is under the age of 18 years.

Print name _____

Signature _____

Date _____