



Thornbury Carnival 2018

General Introduction and Invitation

This is addressed to traders who were part of the 2017 Thornbury Carnival and others we have met recently. It includes an invitation for 2018 (7th July), along with some information on developments.

I hope you will decide to join in for 2018 and thus enrich the variety of stallholders presenting their wares to the visitors.

The theme for 2018 is: "1918-2018, Then and Now" although that is not compulsory. A themed event is simply to give all possible participants something to focus on if they wish.

The Thornbury Carnival has grown with an engine of imagination and resourcefulness, to become a platform for all to capitalise on to their advantage, to show what a rich, local heritage and economy we have in these parts.

I hope you will feel willing to commit to participation with us in 2018, and thus, I urge you to take advantage of a visit to our website: www.mythornbury.co.uk/carnival, for access to the on-line application forms, and a view of photos in the galleries for past years.

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The 2018 Thornbury Carnival, on Saturday 7th July, 2018, will include a number of new features.

- Once again, both pitch fees for traders and gate admission charges for attendees have a phased, early bird discount element to encourage early submission of applications. These offers will be withdrawn on the relevant end-dates

The Site layout will be modified in various ways:

Stages 1 and 2 will retain their familiar locations and technical specifications.

There will be retained from 2016 the increased focus on the entertainment quality on both stages, and in the area of Stage 2 will be a 2nd "food" venue with a variety of providers offering quality refreshment. This area will retain a significant provision of tables and chairs, bringing the locale closer to the nature of Stage 1.

There will be no stage 3 again in 2018 but instead, the resourcing will be directed towards increasing the attractions in the "Arena" area, introduced in 2016 on the soccer pitch 2 space, opposite the Fun Fair. The Arena will be barriered and will cater for marching and other displays, having its own staging and P.A. system.

The new development called "The Island" introduced for 2016 will be retained as a focal point for static performing groups that need no amplification in the upper part of the field near to gate 1.

The new "Children's' area" implemented for 2017 will be retained – it really was a good, popular innovation from where access to the Giant Inflatables and the flying displays in the Poulterbrook Field adjacent, was easily made.

So, onwards and upwards, reflecting the growing numbers of visitors each year, the variety of refreshment providers will be increased, with a greater spread of them across the site, into two main areas.

The Craftworkers' marquee will be under the management of an experienced crafter familiar with past events, but there will be continued options for Crafters to present their own Gazebos amongst the general mix of stalls across the site. If there is demand, two marquees can be dedicated to this provision.

All other documents, Parade entry and Stall application forms, and other information is available from our website: www.mythornbury.co.uk/carnival where there is an abundance of photographs from the 2017 and other Carnivals.

An Invitation

We would like to invite you to be a part of Thornbury Carnival 2018 as a Parader, Stallholder, Attraction provider or Exhibitor.

The Thornbury Carnival C.I.C. website: www.mythornbury.co.uk/carnival has all relevant documents for the Carnival. These might appear to be long but they explain why certain things are asked for and why other things have to be done. Please read carefully all documentation related to what you wish to be involved with. The documents have been refreshed for 2018 and you'll find them on the Taking Part Page.

Participants are asked to read these and to tick the box at the start of the Parade Entry Form and the Stallholders' Application Form to verify they have been read.

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We ask you to make your application soon, and before the New Year would be very helpful. You will receive an acknowledgement of application by return, including the cost of what you have ordered.

The Treasurer will invoice you separately, and this is not likely to arrive before the New Year. Remember there are good discounts available for early payers.

With an anticipated recovery in stall numbers back to the 150 of 2016, there will be pinch points affecting Craft Worker's Marquee applications - there is a limit on numbers that can be accommodated. So, apply early if that would be a preferred location.

We look forward to welcoming you to this popular and highly regarded Carnival, attended in 2015, 2016 and 2017 by approx. 11, 000 persons, and preceded by an in-Town Parade, starting at 10.15am.

Yours sincerely,

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PS. Feel free to pass on this contact to friends or colleagues in the trading market, and if you know of folk with interesting displays of an Exhibit-only (no sales) kind, ask them to get in touch.