

# Remember, Remember the

Hatherleigh Carnival Committee are looking for more local people to enter a float into the carnival, which this year takes place on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**. Although we understand that it seems like a daunting task to undertake, we would like to remind people that **EVERYONE HAD TO START SOMEWHERE!** Taking part in the carnival is a fun and rewarding experience for adults and children alike.

The committee are dedicated to keeping the carnival going for many generations to come and are willing to help, and support, anyone considering making a float for the first time. Below we have tried to answer some frequently asked questions.

## *Q: Do I have to use crepe paper?*

A: No. The carnival committee are aware that not all entrants wish to use crepe paper. Therefore, we have introduced a new class entitled 'Decorated' which states that: 'any material can be used but there must be no more than 25% crepe paper'. This means that you do not have to use any crepe paper but if you wish to experiment with a little, then this is the class for you! We also have a comic class where any materials are acceptable.

## *Q: I would like to use crepe paper but I don't know how?*

A: At this years Hatherleigh Festival the carnival committee are holding a **CREPE PAPER WORKSHOP**. This is to take place on Saturday morning (14<sup>th</sup> July) and will introduce all the skills needed to make a crepe paper float. If you are unable to make this event, any member of the committee would be willing to show you the skills needed on a one-to-one basis.

## *Q: What do I need to make a carnival float?*

A: You will need a trailer, a tractor, a generator, lighting and materials to build your float (such as wood, crepe paper etc).

## *Q: I don't have access to the above, how do I get hold of them?*

A: People are very willing to help this long standing tradition and the carnival committee have compiled a **RESOURCE LIST** with details of where you can get all of the above items.

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## *Q: Is it going to be expensive?*

A: There will be some cost involved, but the key is to be resourceful – in other words 'beg, 'steal' and borrow!!! All classes receive a generous grant to help towards the cost. Working with friends and family will also help to spread the cost further. (NB: The committee have their own crepe paper supplier which people can order from).

## *Q: Are there any health and safety rules I need to know about?*

A: Yes, there are some mandatory rules which the carnival committee enforce in order to keep both the participants and the public safe. These rules do not involve a lot of extra work or preparation. Please contact a member of the committee to discuss the rules further.

## *Q: When should I start to make my float?*

A: You should start to think of an idea a few months before carnival and aim to start preparing the carnival float in early September.

## *Q: Who can I make a float with?*

A: You can do it on your own but it is often more fun if you join forces with friends or family. Alternatively, if your child belongs to an organisation why not find out if other parents or leaders are interested in making a float?

## *Q: I still have some questions, who can I speak to?*

A: Any committee member will be more than willing to help – just ask! If you do not know any of the committee please contact either:

- Mark Reddaway (chairman) - (01837) 810618
- Mandy Wonnacott (secretary) - (01837) 810678
- Dawn Stevens (treasurer) - (01837) 810265.

**Finally, GOOD LUCK and thank you for helping us to keep this ancient local tradition alive.**