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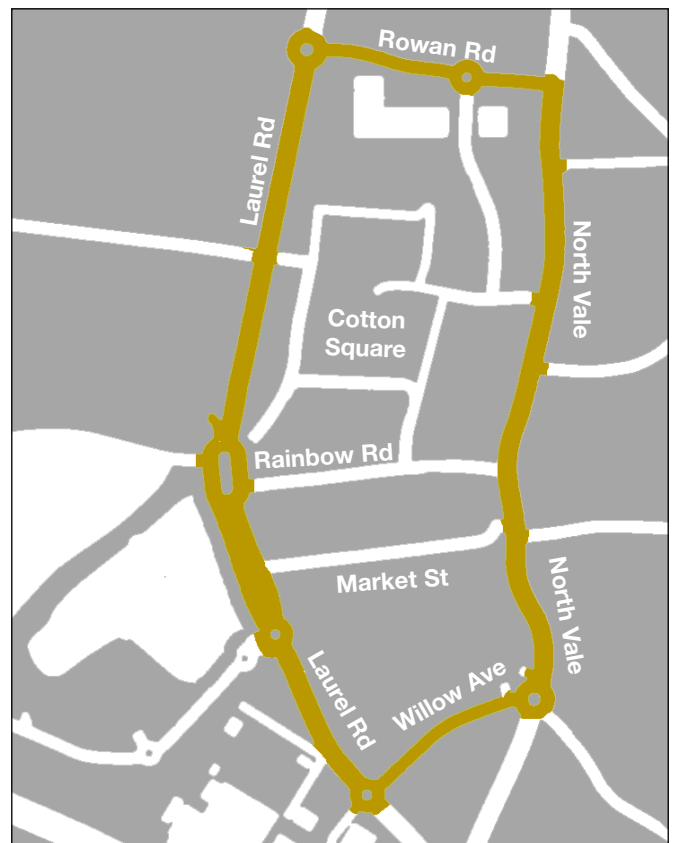
CARNIVAL!

Delton Carnival – 27th – 28th July

Carnival time is here again!

The world famous Delton carnival attracts around a million people from all round the world.

- 45 licensed 'sound systems'
- 3 live stages: local and world music from top international artistes
- 63 spectacular floats on a three mile circuit
- dance, drama and poetry reading from around the world
- steel drum band championship finals
- hundreds of stalls: exotic food, arts and crafts from all corners of the globe
- reggae, soca, jazz, soul, hiphop, funk, house, garage...
- groups participating from Afghanistan, Kurdistan, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Bulgaria, Russia, Brazil and many more!



Timetable of Main Events

FRESH FM STAGE

Saturday 27th July

- 12:00 Intangible Linguists – Poetry and Stories
- 2:00 Delton Children's Centre Present 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'
- 4:00 Mystic Samba Dancers
- 6:00 Mala Bab Drummers

BAMBAATAA STAGE

Saturday 27th July

- 12:00 Da Hai Kung Fu Club Display
- 2:00 ~~Cancelled~~ **CANCELLED TO BE REPLACED BY MAPLE MIME TROUPE**
- 4:00 Children's Fancy Dress Awards
- 6:00 Steel Drum Band Championship Awards

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Man Jailed for Ice Cream Assault

Residents Demand Changes at Delton Carnival

A MAN at the centre of a street brawl at Delton Carnival sparked by the price of an ice cream has been jailed for six months.

The incident occurred when Mr Greg Askew, 24, of Sloughton, complained to Sean Malcolm, 19, about the cost of the strawberry ripple which he was selling from a stall at the event. Mr

Malcolm did not back down from his asking price of £3, and a fight quickly developed as friends of both parties became involved.

During the ensuing brawl Mr Askew's arm and jaw were broken. Five other people were subsequently detained but later released without charge.

After being chased and captured by the police, Malcolm is quoted as saying:

'I ain't done no fighting.'



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However, the incident had been caught on CCTV and he later admitted the charges.

The incident took place on the 27th of July, the day before two

other young men were taken to hospital following another fight, believed to be drugs related.

Last year's carnival was marred by crowd crushes, lack of toilet facilities, violent crime and pickpocketing. The Residents' Group link these problems directly to the size of the event, believing it has outgrown the area and suggesting that it is either drastically reduced in size or moved to another location.

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Introduction

The Delton Carnival is one of Europe's largest, with more than 1 million visitors attending. It is a festival of freedom and peace for everyone, embracing music, costumes and other art forms from the Caribbean and other parts of the world.

The Carnival has taken place in the streets of Delton at the end of July for the past thirty-five years. This great festival began initially from the energies of black immigrants from the Caribbean, particularly from Trinidad, where the Carnival tradition is very strong. People living locally dreamed of creating a festival to bring together the people of Delton, many of whom, as immigrants from many countries, were facing racism, lack of working opportunities and poor housing conditions, resulting in a general lack of self-esteem.

From a small procession through the streets with just a few people in costume and carrying steel drums in the 1960s, the carnival has evolved into a huge multicultural arts festival. It is a great tourist attraction that brings life to Delton at the height of summer.

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Dear Sir

It is with great concern that I read the recent news of the fracas over the price of a strawberry ripple ice cream and of other violent incidents at Delton carnival this year.

There can be little doubt that violence at the event has escalated in recent years, and it is similarly evident that this has coincided with the marked increase in the number of people attending the carnival. Many of these come solely to witness the colour and excitement of the carnival, but there are also many youngsters whose purpose is to cause trouble: to rob innocent bystanders and to settle violent scores with other gangs.

This undesirable element has no place in Delton. It is my opinion that no carnival, no matter how culturally valuable, should be allowed to continue under the present low standards of security and inadequate police presence.

The streets of Delton are entirely unsuitable for such an event. The narrow streets become dangerously congested every year, and are difficult to police. The deafening noise late into the evening has become unbearable. Drug use is widespread and vandalism results in tens of thousands of pounds' worth of damage to private property every year. The carnival must be moved to another location, and policing must be doubled - if not trebled - if the event is to continue.

Yours sincerely

Karl Rossman

Karl Rossman,
Delton

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From: William Drayton To: Editor, Delton News
Subject: Delton Carnival Cc:

Attachments:

Karl Rossman in your paper has got things all wrong. Just because there is violence and things at carnival doesn't mean that we have to move it or stop it. There are something like a million people that go to carnival. There are always going to be bad people out of a million.

But most people who go to carnival just go to dance and have a brilliant time. The people who do the floats and things work so hard to get everything ready. It's not fair that just because of a few bad people the whole thing should stop.

I look forward to carnival all year and so do all my friends. We don't cause trouble, we just go to have a laugh. It's not fair to stop carnival, and I don't think it should be allowed to be stopped now.

Respect carnival and all those that put in work to make Delton a place full of colour and music.

Peace.

William Drayton

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MEET THE PEOPLE



Read our interviews with two of the million people at Delton this year: a musician and a policeman.

Carlton Williams, 63, head of The Blackstar Steel Band

HIS band have won the carnival steel bands championship for the fifth year in a row, and Mr Williams has seen Delton carnival change radically in the thirty years since he moved from Trinidad. But the excitement remains.

'It's the two days in the year when everybody – I don't care what their sex, colour,



race or creed – can go and enjoy themselves with no inhibitions. It's the one time that my steel band can play to so many people here in Britain, and it's a great celebration of my culture. It's in my blood.'

The 100 members of his band have practised for six days a week to get ready and have decorated three floats. Mr Williams described it as 'a lot of hard work and no sleep' but would not change a thing. 'People have been talking about the violence at carnival and talking about more crowd control. But the way I see it, the carnival is a great advert for racial harmony. It does more for unity than any government scheme or institutional initiative.'



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Constable Richard Carmichael

CONSTABLE CARMICHAEL has been having a tough two days, patrolling the three-mile route for twelve or more hours a day. 'I'd be interested to know just how far I've walked this weekend,' he laughs. 'I reckon I could have got to Brighton if I had gone in a straight line!'

His task has become more hazardous over the six years that he has patrolled the carnival. Crowds have



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burgeoned to more than 200,000 on Sunday, and an estimated 1 million on Saturday. But he has found this year's carnival crowd a generally positive bunch. 'It's been very good natured this year. We only had 37 arrests, and they were for relatively minor offences: 14 for drunkenness, 6 for possession of cannabis and only 3 for assaults.'

'The main job is arbitration, just making sure that little disputes

don't get out of hand. Like yesterday we had an incident over the price of an ice-cream. If I had been there that would have been settled in a few minutes. But you can't be everywhere. I don't think that people have become more violent or anti-social in the years that I've been here. It's just the sheer numbers in the crowds nowadays. But most people are just having a great time. Even I feel like dancing sometimes, though I resist the urge!'



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