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CARNIVAL

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Saturday 28th June 2025

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Clacton Classic Car Club

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Topcasters Duo

Team Kinetix Parkour

Stalls start opening at 11:00
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Help us Celebrate our 50th Anniversary



That's right, many villagers may remember the first carnival in 1975. I believe Summers Fun Fair joined the carnival in early 1980's. The Fun Fair will be joining us again this year. The committee, volunteers and beneficiaries have been working hard to make this a memorable event for the next generation of villagers. This year's theme is 1970's.

Just a reminder why people from your local community go to such lengths to ensure Great Bentley Carnival and Fete is a success. It is not just a fun-filled day for all the family, but a day to raise much needed funds for local youth clubs and organisations. Find out more about the organisations inside this programme.

Look out for Great Bentley Carnival Court float painted in gold. We have several visiting Carnival Courts from around Essex. They all work hard getting their floats and Courts ready, so make sure you give them a big cheer as the procession goes by. Don't forget to bring your spare change for the collection buckets.

Requests for stalls have again been very popular this year. This year we have printed a list in the programme. We are welcoming back some of our regular stall holders and some new. There should be something for everyone.

We welcome a generous donation from Hills Building Group, and Cala Homes have donated for a third year. The popular Silent Auction is back, so look out for the tent on the day, so you can bid on your favourite lots.

We have some great entertainment for all the family:

Topcasters – Duo providing Acoustic entertainment. Jac and Izzy spilt their time between UK and USA.

Colchester City Pipe Band – The band represent Colchester on their travels around UK and Europe. Over the years members of the band have participated in many Tattoos and Commemorative events, such as Operation Market Garden in Arnhem and at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London.

Team Kinetix – experienced parkour practitioners, physical performers, freerunners and acrobats in the world. Supplying performances on an international level since 2005

Superstar Twirlers –majorette troupe based in Clacton.

Clacton Classic Car Club – Some of the Club Cars will be taking part in the procession and then displayed on the Green for people to have a closer look.

Our Carnival and Fete would not be possible without the generosity of local businesses and individuals. I would like to personally thank the Great Bentley Carnival and Fete Committee and Volunteers who have worked tirelessly to get everything ready for event day. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helps on the day and to those who come along to support this popular Village event.

IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT DAY, SO COME ALONG AND ENJOY YOURSELVES!

Julie Wall
Chairperson



Great Bentley Carnival & Fete Committee

Beneficiary Youth Organisations Representatives

Chair	Julie Wall	Methodist Adventurers	Janet Taylor & Peter Neal
Treasurer	David Lovejoy	1st Great Bentley Rainbows	Deborah Hesketh
Secretary	Yee Cheung	1st Great Bentley Scout Group:	
Procession	Bev Adams & Christopher Walpole	Squirrels	Megan Duffy
Silent Auction	Paula Barton	Beavers	Karen Polley
Stalls & Arena	Julie Wall	Cubs	Clare Rampton
Programme	Emma Newstead	Scouts	Jan Bovington
Queen's Court	Sally Springall with thanks to Kevin King and Trevor Hesketh for painting the float	Explorers	Paul Bovington



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Stall Holder	Stall Description
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A & J Sweets	Pick & Mix Sweets
Alliance Dance Ensemble	Tombola
Bottle Days	Essential oil Jewellery
Col's Ice Cream	Ice Cream Vans x 2
Country Cottage Preserves	Homemade jams, chutneys & relishes
Scouts Crockery Smash/Nerf	Crockery Smash & Nerf Gun games
D & A Traders	Toys, bucket hats and fancy goods
Drummers Heritage Art Studio	Hand painted signs
Face Painting	Personalised face painting
Friends of GB Station/Adventurers	Information & Book sale
GC Melts	Wax melts, bath bombs & soaps
Gifted Flutterings	Paper/Card Craft art
Glendenning Farm	Local honey and produce
Green Cow	Themed Burgers including Vegetarian option
Karen Lloyd	Seaglass/pebble art & jewellery, windchimes
Linda Soden	Handmade Jewellery
LSA Home & Body Aroma	Room sprays, plug in diffusers, aroma lamps
LunaFlair	Decoupage Craft & Gifts
Mel's Happy Daze Bar	Licensed Mobile Bar
Mrs Greenway	Cork gun shooting & Hook-a-duck
Nature Hog	Art & Crafts
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Phoenix Allstar Twirlers	Tombola
Planet Mortgages	Information
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Raffle and Information	Buy raffle tickets, lost property, programmes
Refreshment Tent	Cakes, hot & cold drinks
Riverside	Fish & Chip Van
RSPB	Information
Silent Auction	Various Lots to bid on
Sparkling Creations	Paint your own pottery & glitter tattoos
Spirit Style Boutique	Clothing & Accessories
St John's Ambulance	First Aid Provision
Stitches So Unique	Handknitted & handmade children's clothes
Xanthe Olding Photography	Information




Programme of Events

Compere and Master of Ceremonies: Mr Chris Morris

Timings:

11.00 onwards	Assembling of Queens' Courts in the Village Hall Car Park
11.30 – 12.00	Assembling of vehicle procession entrants at Plough Road Industrial Estate
11.30—12.30	Topcasters Duo Musical performance in the arena
12.00	Assembling of walking procession entrants at Plough Road Industrial Estate
12.15	Procession Judging
12.30 prompt	Carnival Procession commences leaving Plough Road Industrial Estate
13.00	Certificates and rosettes presented at the Arena entrance
13.20	Parade of procession through the arena
14.00	Team Kinetix, parkour display in the arena
14.45	Superstar Twirlers Performance in the arena
15.15	Team Kinetix, parkour display in the arena
15.30	Silent Auction goes blind
16.00	Lucky Programme raffle drawn and Silent Auction closes
16.00	Topcasters Duo Musical performance in the arena
17.00	Close



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Rainbows are girls aged 4-7 years. They make new friends, take part in village activities to learn with it is to be part of the community as well as earning badges for new skills. There is fun, crafts and lots of laughter. We meet on a Friday 4.45 – 6.00.

If you would like more information, please contact me either by email or text. We would like to thank the carnival for our donation as this helps with buying new equipment, activities and experiences.

Deborah Hesketh (Badger)
deborahhesketh@hotmail.co.uk
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1st Great Bentley Scout Group has been active in the village for over 68 years.

We offer opportunities to young people (not just boys) from the age of 4 to 18 years of age through Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. With volunteering opportunities for people from the age of 14 years and there is no upper limit!



Squirrel Scouts is for young people aged 4 to 6 years of age.

Beaver Scouts is for young people aged 6 to 8 years of age.

Cub Scouts is for young people aged 8 to 10½ years of age.

Scouts is for young people aged 10½ to 14 years of age.

Explorer Scouts is for young people aged 14 to 18 years of age.

We offer nights away opportunities, a variety of activities working towards badges and awards and skills for life.

If this opportunity sparks your interest, whether as a young participant or as an adult/youth volunteer or leader, regardless of any prior experience in Scouting, we warmly encourage you to reach out to us. We constantly seek new members and greatly appreciate any assistance provided.

Our dedicated volunteers form the backbone of our group, and without their invaluable contributions, none of the aforementioned would be possible.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers for their unwavering support and efforts.

To get in touch us, you can contact our Group Lead Volunteer, Jan Bovingdon, either via email at

Adventurers Club

The Adventurers Club at the Methodist Church has been running for over 40 years!

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For more details please contact Janet Taylor on

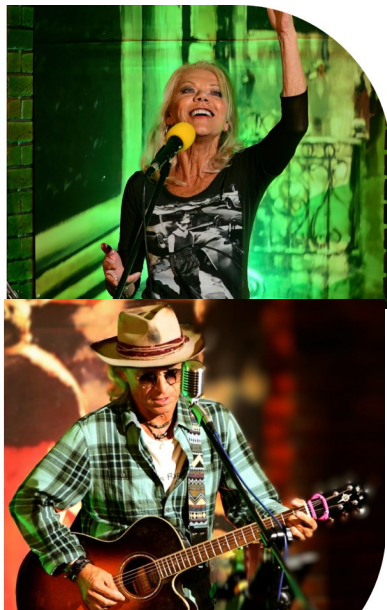
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Jacqueline 'Jac' Buchanan

Singer

Originally from Sunderland, U.K. Jac started out in theater productions in her early 20s. As Izzy's long-term partner, she decided to add singing to her repertoire during the pandemic and joined Izzy to start the Topcasters in late 2021.



Izzy Buholzer

Singer / Guitarist

Born in Lucerne, Switzerland, Izzy had his first band in the early 70's in Europe and in the early 80's in the USA playing Country, Folk and Blues from coast to coast. Since 1990 in the USA, Izzy continues to travel yearly to Europe to participate musically in various venues.



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