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UCKFIELD CARNIVAL 2014 - 5th and 6th September

Uckfield turned out in force this weekend for the annual Carnival organised by Uckfield Bonfire and Carnival Society.

The first event of the weekend was the grand fireworks display on Friday night. The crowds were entertained by Uckfield FM until 9.15pm when Commercial Square Bonfire Society took over the entertaining and lit up the skies with a fantastic firework show.

Then, on Saturday at 1.30pm the Children’s Procession was all formed up and moved off from the Victoria Pleasure Ground. Groups from local schools, organisations and families from around town joined the Society members to parade through the town ending up at Holy Cross School for the judging of the Children’s Fancy Dress competition. There were 10 classes in the competition and the standard of all of the entrants was very high giving the judges a difficult challenge in deciding on the winners. [NOTE – Please see separate list for details of prize winners].

After a brief rest it was time for the main event of the weekend, the Grand Torchlight Procession. Everything started at 6.30pm with the judging of the Adult Fancy Dress competition in Elizabeth Gardens. Again everyone who took part should be extremely proud of the quality of the costumes and the work put in to make them. [NOTE – Please see separate list for details of prize winners].

At 7.30pm on Saturday night the thousands of people lining the route were not disappointed when the procession set off from Grange Road. The local people in Fancy Dress, the visiting Bonfire and Carnival Societies, the Marching Bands, the Dancers, the Majorettes, the 15 tableaux and the Uckfield FM MC’s put on a fantastic show for the crowds. Following Bonfire Prayers, led by Father Martin Onions of Holy Cross Church, the Uckfield Bonfire and Carnival Society lit up their fiery pieces which this year included two Poppies and a We Will Remember Them banner to mark the centenary of World War I.

During the evening an army of collectors were working hard and the total collected has just reached £4000, which is £300 more than last year. All of this money will be distributed in February to local groups and organisations. A huge thank you to ‘Uckfield’ for turning out to support the Carnival and for putting a few pennies into our collecting buckets.

Uckfield Bonfire and Carnival Society is a small group of people who are extremely grateful to a large number of people and organisations who help to ensure that the Uckfield Carnival goes ahead and raises money to help in the local community.