

WILTON CARNIVAL

On 6th, 7th and 8th July, the Wilton Carnival and Touch Rugby Festival will be held at Castle Meadow, Castle Lane, Wilton. This year it will be an extravaganza of community events with something for everyone to enjoy and raise funds for local charities and organisations.

Friday 6th July - "Music in the Meadow"

- An evening of sophisticated fun concert featuring local choirs, bands and ensembles, featuring the Eastleigh Scout Band 'The Spitfires', The Frock Stars who will be leading karaoke sing alongs and the Wilton Wailers.
- The Wilton Wailers, is a new community choir which anyone can join. If you fancy having a wail, you will receive vocal coaching so you do not need any previous singing experience, just a sense of humour and a willingness to perform! For more details on the Community Choir, please contact wiltoncarnival@gmail.com to register.

Saturday 7th July – "Touch in the Town"

- The 3rd annual Wilton Touch Rugby Festival (non-contact touch rugby from 15-year olds+), 15 teams (150 players) will compete in a social fun touch rugby festival throughout the day from 10am run by the Wilton Bearbarians Touch Rugby Club.
- The Wilton Fun Dog Show which last year had 100 dogs of all shapes & sizes strut their stuff will take place from midday, each class will have prizes and can be entered on the day. A Wilton Carnival Canine Champion will be judged from the winners of all classes and we hope that the Champion will proudly take part in the Carnival Procession on the Sunday.
- The Wilton Tug of War Grand Pull Off will round off the day's exertions all of which will have trophies and great prizes on offer up for grabs.
- If you would like more info or to enter a team into the Touch Rugby Festival and Tug of War please contact wiltontouchrugbyclub@gmail.com
- To finish of the day in style The Funk Bunnies will playing tunes into the night to boogie on down to.

Sunday 8th July – "Carnival, Carnival, Carnival and all things Carnival plus Cars & Cricket"

- Wilton Community Car Boot Sale will start the day from 8am
- Followed by the Wilton Single Wicket Cricket Contest. No cricket experience is necessary and all equipment will be provided by Wilton Cricket Club the Wilton Wildcats. Individuals will be drawn against an opponent to face an over of batting & bowling against each other -whoever scores the most runs in the 6 balls go through to the next round until we have an eventual winner. Please contact wiltontouchrugbyclub@gmail.com to book your place.
- The Sunday fun will culminate in the Wilton Carnival Procession, starting at Water Ditchampton at 2pm and finishing in Castle Meadow. This year the theme is "Round the World" (with loose links to the Football World Cup). We are hoping lots of people will join in the procession around Wilton. You do not need a float - people can decorate trailers, wheelbarrows or just come as a walking entrant. Branded company vehicles are welcome as well! There will be prizes for different categories and we are also encouraging people to dress up their dogs and join in the Carnival procession, which will be led by the Carnival Court & Champion Canine.
- To enter the procession, Carnival Court selection (King, Queen, Prince & Princess) please email wiltoncarnival@gmail.com
- The annual Wilton Duck Race on the River Wylfe – come along, buy a duck and cheer it as it floats down the river to the finish line!
- The Wilton British Legion Band will be marching and performing throughout the day.

Over the whole weekend:

- Local craft and charity stalls showing and selling their wares.
- If you would like to bring along a stall for the weekend, book a car boot sale space or enter into the carnival procession or dog procession, please contact wiltoncarnival@gmail.com
- Fabulous food and delicious drinks from a licensed bar will be served throughout the day including local dairy farm ice cream, cake stall, BBQ, and Carnival Chilli.

In the weeks leading up to the Carnival other community activities will take place as well, of which more details of each:

- Charity Pub Quiz
- Carnival bingo night
- "Wilton Wacky Wheelbarrow Wace" - Wednesday 4th July

We would love people to get involved and we need support from local businesses to run this festival. If anyone would like to help sponsor this event or get involved in the voluntary organisation please get in touch.