



VENTNOR & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

130 Years of Ventnor Carnival!



Next week Ventnor celebrates 130 years of Carnival - impossible to cover that in one page, but here's a handful of images from across the years.

The main picture is from the 1930s, and shows a float is being guided down the High Street past the old Prince of Wales pub at the junction with Victoria Street. When the Carnival resumed after the war, the Carnival 'Wardens' continued to manage the procession on horseback, although by then several of the buildings seen here uphill from the pub were no longer there, destroyed in a wartime bombing raid.

The picture on the left below shows the judges pondering their marks at the *Carnival Queen Ball* in April 1950; they were, left to right, Dick Emery, George Clouston and Billy Flint; just look at the amount of fabric in those trousers!

We have no names or date recorded for the three children in the centre below, posing in their home-made costumes, but they sum up the spirit of the Carnival - as, of course, does Skimbo, here in 1964 leading the Jazz Band past Timothy White's in the High Street.

