

# **CISPP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022**

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## **Introduction**

Following the end of Covid-19 restrictions and the return to some normality, CISPP had managed to resume a range of successful and sustainable projects with the project now being in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. The key activities continue to be: the mobile exhibition van; schools' visits; creating educational, entertainment and promotional carnival DVDs; producing and disseminating the annual carnival promotional leaflet; and supporting carnival in general throughout the year. Activities were able to resume from summer 2021 including events, small carnival parades, school visits and creating DVDs, and we were able to resume face-to-face meetings in May 2021 and have an annual meal in December 2021.

## **Mobile exhibition van**

The mobile exhibition van was able to attend events last summer plus the small carnivals at Chard, Castle Cary and Burnham-on-Sea. The van is still driven weekly through the year to keep it roadworthy. The van has been on the road since August 2010 (approximately 35,250 miles travelled). Future financing of the van is probably covered for the next year and it remains in very good condition for a 2009 registered vehicle, with probably many years of working life left. The exhibition was updated last summer.

## **Schools' project**

Over 70 different schools have been visited since 2011 (well over a total of 100 visits). The schools' visits have generated £7025 to date, the second biggest fundraiser. However, we have not been able to a large number of schools for a couple of years. On the upside, the comic strip has been completed and is available to schools and for sale.

## **Archive heritage compilation DVDs**

The creation of a range of heritage archive DVDs for educational and entertainment purposes has been one of the key aims of CISPP from its inception. Completed DVDs since 2013 are: film of the decades (plus an updated version), walking your way into carnival, have a cracking good carnival Christmas (now back on sale), scary carts, fun carts, 'we are the champions', 'nearly the champions' and 'best of the rest' DVDs have been completed and sold very well (£5661 of DVD sales since March 2020 and £870 since the 2021 AGM). We also produced the Glastonbury virtual carnival for 2021 based on the best of the rest DVD. The bygones DVD is now back in production with many hours of footage captured and interviews completed. We also have a new CISPP hard drive for back up.

## **Illuminated carnivals leaflet**

For 2021 no leaflet was produced due to lack of events. For 2022, a leaflet providing the dates and times of the Somerset County, Wessex Grand Prix, South Somerset and independent illuminated carnivals has been produced and printed out on a smaller scale basis with limited possibility of towns funding.

## **Website**

A new website was created in 2019 with many thanks to Jon Osmond for this, who has been maintaining and updating. For any website updates, please let Sue know and Jon can add to the website. We have added carnival dates for 2022.

## **Key priorities for 2022**

- Recovering post-pandemic, especially fundraising to continue the running of the exhibition van, including keeping a look out for pots of money to bid for new equipment etc. (e.g. Heritage Lottery and Arts Council), or for digital education as a key theme to pursue.
- Sustainability of the schools' project in terms of personnel to undertake visits and impacts of Covid-19.
- How to fund or develop the carnival leaflet in the future.
- Continuing work on heritage DVDs, which is a key and popular fundraiser.
- Resuming attendance at events, schools and carnivals during 2022.

## **Final comments**

We thank Geoff and Dianna Spencer who resigned from CISPP recently and also Brian Heal who is unable to help due to ill health.

Finally, thanks to everyone who was able to contribute to what activities we were able to undertake over the last year and look forward to a more normal programme of summer activities and of course the return of the illuminated carnivals in 2022.

Andrew Tallon, Chairman, CISPP  
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