



Farnham Carnival Prince and Princess George Huddleson and Lily Glass with the Potters Gate Carnival team, Farnham Lion Phil Alexander and Hedgehog Colin Jordan. FD26-12-15

# All set for Waterloo carnival

THE Duke of Wellington will march his troops, and undoubtedly a few dancing queens, through Farnham tomorrow (Saturday) as this year's Farnham Carnival celebrates the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo.

As usual, there are two fundamental parts to the day: the procession and the fayre. The procession is set to begin at 6pm from Upper Hart car park, and the fayre taking place from 2pm to 9pm in Gostrey Meadow.

Organised jointly by The Hedgehogs and Farnham Lions, the carnival already has over 30 confirmed entries for the procession and promises live entertainment, food stalls, a bar and activities at the fayre.

This year's carnival prince is George Huddleson, aged seven, and the princess is Lily Glass, aged eight, both from Potters Gate School (pic-

tured above).

The Waterloo-themed day is "shaping up to be the best yet", according to carnival chairman Phil Alexander, who added the theme leaves a lot of room for interpretation with connections to the famous ABBA song, a railway station and a TV programme also.

This year's carnival procession will also see a new award, the Wise & Co Trophy, to be presented to the school or pre-school with the most innovative and creative entry.

New prize sponsor Wise & Co accountants in Union Road wanted to offer a "different award to the schools at the carnival that recognised the innovation and creativity that goes into producing the floats and entries".

Deborah Chamberlain, Wise & Co practice manager, said: "Very often the

bigger schools get Best in Show due to the wow factor but some of the smaller or special needs schools put a lot of effort in but are unlikely to beat the impact of the larger presentations."

A partner of the company, Stephen Morgan, will present the new award, which is a tall engraved glass trophy topped with a star.

Smaller versions in glass will be given as permanent keepsakes to the winners each year, as the large award will have to be

returned at the end of their year.

The principal sponsors of the carnival are Bridges Estate Agents, alongside other sponsors including Farnham Town Council, Farnham Chamber of Commerce, Surrey County Council, Weyfest and other local businesses, who are all providing valuable support for the event.

Carnival chairman Mr Alexander continued: "This terrific financial backing ensures that monies raised on the day will generate

maximum benefit for the numerous participating charities."

From 5.30 pm to 8pm there will be various road closures around Farnham in order for the procession to run safely. For further information, visit the website [www.farnhamcarnival.org.uk](http://www.farnhamcarnival.org.uk).