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Welcome to Ledbury Carnival

Once Upon A Time

Dear friends and neighbours.

This year's Ledbury Carnival theme is "Once upon a time"; one of the most enduring phrases in human storytelling and the source of an exciting set of ideas for our Carnival 2026.

We are so grateful to our traders, many of whom donate prizes for the Carnival Draw and decorate their shop windows in the Carnival theme. This gives such an attractive backdrop to all the festivities of our annual August Bank Holiday Monday party.



Carnival Draw prizes this year include an iPad, donated by One Stop, a luxury hamper, and tickets for the fantastic Lakefest event. Draw tickets are available on the big day at the Carnival Association Stand in the High Street near the Market House, and before on Saturday mornings at Ledbury's Charter Market.

This year promises an even bigger and better Carnival Procession which is such an important part of Carnival. We are so grateful to all those who take the time and effort to prepare for the day, to our procession judges, and to both the Ledbury Rugby Club and the Co-op store for hosting the morning's preparations.

We welcome our stall-holders, entertainers and, of course, our funfair, this year expanded onto St. Katherine's car park and the top of Bye Street. This limits the available parking in the Town Centre, but residents and visitors can also use the Park & Ride service from Pugh's Auctioneers on the Ross Road.

There are so many people who contribute, volunteer on the day, and take part. Of course, the future of Ledbury Carnival depends upon these helpers, but chiefly upon a small band of volunteers, the Carnival Association Committee, who continue to work so hard for our town. Thank you to all of you!

Mal Hughes, Carnival Chairman, 2026.



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Park & Ride

Arrangements have been made for free Public Parking at Pugh's on Ross Road opposite the Rugby Club where a Park & Ride Scheme will operate. This is a conveniently located and manned parking area, with a regular bus service from 10:00am to 5:30pm. The town pickup point is at the Co-op.

The last pickup in town will leave the Co-op at 5:30 pm. Please go to our website at www.ledbury-carnival.co.uk and download a copy of the form, or use the form in this programme (see Contents above), as without the completed form you will be unable to board the minibus on the outgoing or return journeys. This is for Health & Safety and Insurance reasons. Babies and children under 4 years of age cannot be transported without a car seat, which must be fitted by the parents/carers.

The postcode to the parking area is HR8 2LP. The Car Park will be locked at 6:00pm. Ledbury Carnival Association are not responsible for any theft from or damage to vehicles whilst they are located there.

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In 2024, the Freemasons from Ledbury donated over £6,000 in support of local charities including Ledbury Community Day and Ledbury Carnival. Across the county of Herefordshire the figure is in excess of £100,000.

In 2025 we moved our regular meetings to The Colwall Park Hotel in Walwyn Road. To find out more about Freemasonry and our Lodge in particular please visit @751eastnorlodge on X (formerly Twitter).



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Procession Schedule

12:00	The procession leaves the Rugby Club on Ross Road
	Proceeds up New Street
*12:30	Wheelchairs and mobility scooters join the procession from the Co-Op
*12:35	Turns left onto the High Street
	Continues along Homend
	Turns left down Orchard Lane
*13:00	Finishes at the Primary School

* Approximate timings

High Street Stage Area



Counterpoint



Frontrunner



Looby Lou and
Joey the Juggler

Entertainments Guide

MAIN STAGE		ST. KATHERINE'S CAR PARK	
12:00 - 12:30	Carnival Opening Music from HHR	12:00 - 17:00	Fun Fair (also in Bye Street)
12:00 - 17:00	Under the Market House Looby Lou face painting and Joey the Juggler		
12:30 - 13:00	Procession passes through the town		
13:00 - 14:00	Counterpoint	13:00 - 14:00	Children's DJ Chris
14:00 - 15:00	Frontrunner	14:00 - 15:00	Razamatazz Magician
15:00 - 16:00	Counterpoint	15:00 - 16:00	Children's DJ Chris
16:00 - 16:15	Raffle draw in the High Street		
16:15 - 17:00	Frontrunner	16:15 - 17:00	Razamatazz Magician

This guide was correct at publication. May be subject to change.

St. Katherine's Car Park



**Razamatazz
Magician**



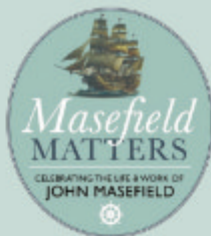
D J Chris

*And don't forget there's
plenty of other games in
the High Street, and
Toddlers' Soft Play gazebo
in the car park.*



Who Was John Masefield?

John Masefield was born in Ledbury in 1878, publishing his first poetry in 1902. By 1930, he had been appointed Poet Laureate, a position he held for 37 years. Masefield was inspired by his youth at sea and his childhood home town.



What We Do

Masefield Matters aims to explore the legacy of poet John Masefield through a range of events celebrating his work, his life, and the things that mattered to him.

The project will finish with a memorial celebrating the 150th anniversary of Masefield's birth in 2028. The form this memorial takes will be chosen by the community through a series of consultation workshops.



Wood carving activity with LEAF youth group, May 2025.

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The Children's Ambassadors

Ledbury Carnival Association and Ledbury Primary School are proud to announce the appointment of four new **Children's Ambassadors for Ledbury**.

The Children's Ambassadors were chosen by senior staff of Ledbury Primary School from the many applications made by pupils of the school for the title of Children's Ambassador.

The role of the Children's Ambassadors is to speak for the children of Ledbury, to listen for information important to children, and to report back to the School Council at Ledbury Primary School.

The Children's Ambassadors will be invited to take part in and represent our children at Ledbury's civic and other town events during the Civic Year 2026/27.

Councillor Mal Hughes, the current Chair of Ledbury Carnival Association, celebrated the service of past Children's Ambassadors.



(Photograph by Ledbury Carnival Association)

The new Children's Ambassadors were delighted to receive a welcome from Councillor Joe Hamblin, Deputy Chair of Ledbury Town Council. Pictured from left to right are Evie Atherton-Fryer, Kamila Kuna, Joseph Oliver and Frankie Williams.

Councillor Hughes explained: "Last year we appointed our first four Children's Ambassadors: Mollie Goddard; Stelian Hrimiuc; Jacob Hall; and Lily Palmer. They and their families were an important part of Ledbury life and helped celebrate all that is good about our town.

"Now we look forward to a new year with four new Ambassadors. Continuing to work with the school on this new venture is a pleasure. We are very grateful to the Ledbury Primary School and to the staff and parents who have been very supportive."



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Age of any children	

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Ledbury Community Choir always welcome new members. No catches; no auditions; we welcome adult singers of all ages.

We are a 4 part mixed choir and we sing everything - musicals, folk songs, popular classics and much more. Fun and enjoyment are key, not just in rehearsals but also in our choir social life.

If you like singing why not come along and join us at our rehearsals. You don't have to read music (but useful if you can!) we only ask that you sing in tune.

We normally meet at Ledbury Rugby Club at 7:30pm on Monday evenings. Please come along for a chat and a bit of a sing - we would love to see you there!

If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact Sue on 07775 772341

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LEDBURY CARNIVAL
Bank Holiday Monday 31st August 2026
'Once Upon a Time'
ENTRY FORM FOR CARNIVAL PROCESSION

The Procession will start from Ledbury Rugby Club and travel towards Ledbury joining New Street. It will make its way through the town centre and the waiting crowds before travelling towards Tesco, turning into Orchard Lane and finishing at the Primary School (1.6 miles). Entrants must arrive at the Rugby Club car park by 10am to allow time for judging and for the procession to be marshalled for a 12.00 noon start. On arrival, please book in at the desk. Mobility scooters and wheelchairs should meet at the Co-op by 11:30 for judging before joining the procession at approximately 12:30.

Please note that only the mobility scooters/wheelchairs will be judged at the Co-op. All other judging will take place at the Rugby Club.

The theme is "Once Upon a Time". Safety on a float must be paramount, particularly if there are young children aboard. One person should be nominated as responsible for safety. **Water pistols are not allowed nor is the throwing of sweets or any other object.** If you are able to have music of any sort on your float, it all adds to the fun! All entries will be provided with official collection buckets for raising money for the Carnival. All buckets and any money collected must be handed to one of the marshals at the end of the procession at the Primary School. NO other collection buckets are permitted. Bucket collections are not permitted on the floats.

JUDGING – Entries will be judged under one of the following categories, and only one class may be entered by any one individual. Entrants with more than one individual under the same theme must be entered as a walking group and not as individual fancy dress.

FANCY DRESS	CLASS 1	Children's Fancy Dress age up to 16 years
	CLASS 2	Senior Fancy Dress
	CLASS 3	Best Bicycle, or hand propelled vehicle/walking group
	CLASS 4	Best dressed mobility scooter/wheelchair
FLOATS	CLASS 5	Best Small Float
	CLASS 6	Best Large Float
	CLASS 7	Best Children's Float (Large or Small)

Class of Entry _____ Length of Vehicle (If Applicable) _____

Title of Entry _____

Name _____ Organisation _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Mobile _____

Please email completed form to procession@ledbury-carnival.co.uk OR hand into the Ledbury Town Council office, Church Lane, Ledbury.

I have read, understood and will adhere to both the Ledbury Carnival Health and Safety Policy overleaf and the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy as shown on the carnival website at www.ledbury-carnival.co.uk. I also give consent on behalf of my organisation for photos to be taken and used to facilitate publicity for the Carnival in any format decided upon by the Ledbury Carnival Association.

Signed _____ Date _____

Ledbury Carnival Association

Information for those who would like to take part in the procession

Health and Safety Policy

The Ledbury Carnival Association recognises and accepts it has a duty for providing, so far as is reasonably practicable, a safe environment for all who take part in, or attend, any Carnival activity.

The Carnival Association considers that all persons taking part in the Carnival should accept and take their share in the duties and responsibilities contained within this policy statement and the provisions below.

Safety Policy Provisions

1. An adult representative of each entry must register with the committee and sign to confirm their understanding and agreement to comply with these provisions. This representative will be the 'responsible adult' for their entry and will enforce these provisions.
2. The appointed "responsible adult" must not be the driver of any vehicle.
3. Each float will have a member of their team walking alongside to ensure safe practices are being carried out by the occupants of the float.
4. Pedestrian members of the procession must keep clear of motorised vehicles in the procession. Adults must accompany children to ensure that they maintain appropriate clearance.
5. Members of the procession participating in the "bucket collection" may not travel on a float. Those carrying buckets must walk along side and approach spectators to drop money into the bucket; no encouragement must be given to spectators to step off the pavement and throw money.
6. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure that any vehicle taking part in the procession is fit for that purpose. The Carnival Association reserves the right to exclude any vehicle it deems unsafe, but this does not remove the responsibility from the driver for ensuring safety.
7. Drivers are responsible for ensuring that all road traffic regulations have been met for the vehicle, e.g. Tax, MOT, Insurance, Fire Extinguishers, etc.
8. The driver must ensure that all fittings, e.g. scenery, chairs, podiums, etc. are attached or located such that they do not pose a risk to the people on the vehicle or any third party.
9. No passengers will hang feet over the edge of a vehicle side.
10. The "responsible adult" must ensure that no passengers on a vehicle approach the edge of the vehicle. Suitable ropes, holding points, seating or harness should be available for all passengers.
11. No passengers shall throw items, such as sweets, from the float.
12. Any restraint system fitted to a vehicle must be "fit for purpose".
13. Motorised vehicles must attempt to keep moving at all times and must not exceed 5 miles an hour.
14. A smoking ban including vaping, operates at all points in the procession.
15. An alcohol ban operates at all points in the procession. The Carnival Association reserves the right to exclude any person from the procession if in its opinion that person is suffering from the effects of alcohol.
16. A drug ban operates at all points in the procession. The Carnival Association reserves the right to exclude any person from the procession if in its opinion that person is suffering from the effects of any drug.
17. Any person taking prescription medication may only enter the procession on the advice of their doctor. Where appropriate, such persons must ensure that an adult, who is fully aware of their condition and any emergency actions that may be required, accompanies them.
18. The Carnival Association reserves the right to exclude any procession entry (float, walking group, individual, etc) from taking part if it deems the entry to be inappropriate for any reason.

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Map of Ledbury



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Key to the Map of Ledbury

	Road closed 08:00 to 18:00
	Temporary road closure (see below)
	First Aid Event Responders (right of the Carnival Stand)
	Carnival Stand (between the Main Stage and the First Aid stand)

Toilets: refer to the Carnival Stand

During the procession, cars are not allowed to turn left out of the Co-Op car park.

Diversions are via The Southend, Leaddon Way, Hereford Road and the North end of The Homend.

The procession route is marked in yellow.

Temporary road closures will be in effect between 12:00 and 14:00. They will be enforced as and when to allow the progress of the procession, and will be lifted after the procession has passed.

What do YOU think of Ledbury's Carnival Day?

What do you like, what do you not like?

Let us know!

You can have your say by sending in comments to Sue (secretary@ledbury-carnival.co.uk) in time for our committee meeting on Wednesday 9th September. We'd love to hear your views, good or bad.

Even better, come to our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18th November, 7:30pm in Ledbury Town Council offices meeting room, and join us on the committee to organise next year's carnival – have your say!

Contact Sue on the above email to let her know you will be coming.



Photo: Robin Hiseman

Poems for Ledbury Carnival

Written by young people from **John Masefield High School** with creative practitioner **Toni Cook**, as part of Ledbury Poetry's **Crucial Creators** project.

FAVOURITE TIME OF THE DAY

The ombre of yellows, pinks and oranges
That paint the vast horizon
Is my favourite time of the day.
To greet you in the mornings
and make you smile
with its colours that cascade across the sky.
To start a new day,
When it peeks through your curtains,
To usher you awake.
When the sun rises,
And a golden glow casts upon you,
To welcome a new day.

Beth Vernall

A GLIMMER OF YOU

Maybe it's the way you smile,
That makes it all worthwhile,
Or maybe your face,
So perfectly in place,
Your hair perfectly curled,
And, oh....the way it unfurls.

Nia Pope

Darker by 4

As the winter turns more it gets darker by four.
Children get called in earlier and the dog's long fur gets curlier.
The hair stands up on your shoulder as the winter air gets colder.
As the snow slowly falls the sun's beams no longer pours.
Its rays hide while the cold air glides.

Harvey Thompson

THREE WISHES

Trapped.

Alone, alone in the quiet,

Alone in the rain.

The rain lashes down, meeting bare skin,

Meeting bare minds.

If you had three wishes, what would they be?

I don't know.

Wishes three, what would they be?

Stopping the rain.

But it drums on, it traps me.

Forever watching the rain.

Two more wishes.

Sunshine.

The warmth of pleasant blue.

Without the rain.

Last one.

I wish for silence

A quiet summer's day.

Without the rain,

Without traps,

Without noise.

You're lying.

That's right.

If you had one wish, what would it be?

I wish for rain.

Chloe Van Damme



More Cargoes

Ledbury Maselfield's "Once Upon A Time"
has a tall ship, becalmed in Panama,
find new work — crew enriched above a dime,
and a morning's incredible bazaar:



bananas, raisins, dried figs, melon seeds,
paint, peas, calico, silk, rum, bottled ale,
sweets, lamps, bowls, candles, shoes for joys and needs,
casked beef and pork, and cotton by the bale,



SA. 5.12.

cocoa, tea, oilskins, rugs, blankets, sea-boots,
candles, knives, nutmeg graters, soap and matches,
fiddles, melodeons, whistles, brooms, flutes,
green and grey parrots, kittens as rat catchers,

a talking monkey. Tale and ship are tall.
What goods are yours, Ledbury Carnival!?

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Ledbury Market House	07:25	08:10	09:10	every	15:25	15:10*	16:15 17:20 18:20 19:30 21:30
Deer Park Ledbury	07:29	08:14	09:14	hour	15:30	15:30	16:20 17:24 18:24 19:34 21:34
Much Marcle Walwyn Arms	07:37	08:22	09:22	after	15:39	15:39	16:31 17:35 18:35 19:42 21:42
Dymock St Mary's Church	07:45	08:30	09:30	at	15:47	15:47	16:39 17:43 18:43 19:50 21:50
Newent Lake Car park	07:55	08:40	09:40	these	15:55	15:55	16:46 17:50 18:50 20:00 22:00
Gorsley Goffs School	08:47	09:47		times	16:02	16:02	16:53 17:57 18:57 20:07 22:07
Upton Bishop Cross	08:51	09:51		until	16:06	16:06	16:57 18:01 19:01 20:11 22:11
Ross on Wye Cantilupe Rd	09:02	10:02			16:17	16:17	17:08 18:12 19:12 20:20 22:20

*Via John Masfield Sch at 15:25 on School days

Sch - School days only

NSD - Non-School day

ROSS ON WYE - NEWENT - LEDBURY

	Mon - Fri	Mon - Sat	NSD	Sch	Mon - Fri	Mon - Sat	FRI/SAT ONLY
Ross on Wye Cantilupe Rd	07:10	09:10	Then	14:10	14:10	15:10 16:20 17:20 18:20 20:20 22:20	
Upton Bishop Cross	07:24	09:24	every	14:24	14:24	15:24 16:34 17:34 18:35 20:31 22:31	
Gorsley Goffs School	07:28	09:28	hour	14:28	14:28	15:28 16:38 17:38 18:35 20:35 22:35	
Newent Lake Car park	07:35	08:00	08:00	09:35	after	14:35 14:35 15:35 16:45 17:45 18:42 20:42 22:42	
Dymock St Mary's Church	07:44	08:09	08:09	09:44	at	14:44 14:44 15:44 16:54 17:54 18:50 20:50 22:50	
Much Marcle Walwyn Arms	07:52	08:17	08:17*	09:52	these	14:52 14:52 15:52 17:02 18:02 18:58 20:58 22:58	
Ledbury Railway Station	08:05	08:27		10:05	times	15:05 15:05 16:05 17:15 18:15 19:08 21:07 23:07	
Ledbury Market House	08:10	08:28		10:10	until	15:25 15:10*	16:15 17:20 18:20 19:10 21:10 23:10
Deer Park Ledbury	08:14	08:30	08:25	10:14	15:30	15:30	16:20 17:24 18:24
Ledbury Memorial			08:32				
Ledbury Railway Station			08:35				

*Via John Masfield Sch at 08:26 & 15:25 on School days

Sch - School days only

NSD - Non-School day

R - On request from Ledbury Rugby Club

Sundays and Bank Holidays:

LEDBURY - NEWENT - ROSS ON WYE

Sundays and bank holidays

Ledbury Railway Station	08:30	10:30	12:30	16:30
Ledbury Market House	08:35	10:35	12:35	16:35
Deer Park Ledbury	08:38	10:38	12:38	16:38
Westons Cider Car Park	08:46	10:46	12:46	16:46
Much Marcle Walwyn Arms	08:49	10:49	12:49	16:49
Dymock St Mary's Church	08:57	10:57	12:57	16:57
Newent Lake Car park	09:05	11:05	13:05	17:05
Gorsley Goffs School	09:12	11:12	13:12	17:12
Upton Bishop Cross	09:16	11:16	13:16	17:16
Ross on Wye Cantilupe Rd	09:26	11:26	13:26	17:26

ROSS ON WYE - NEWENT - LEDBURY

Sundays and bank holidays

Ross on Wye Cantilupe Rd	09:30	11:30	14:30	17:30
Upton Bishop Cross	09:40	11:40	14:40	17:40
Gorsley Goffs School	09:44	11:44	14:44	17:44
Newent Lake Car Park	09:51	11:51	14:51	17:51
Dymock St Mary's Church	09:59	11:59	14:59	17:59
Much Marcle Walwyn Arms	10:07	12:07	15:07	18:07
Westons Cider Car Park	10:10	12:10	15:10	18:10
Deer Park Ledbury	10:18	12:18	15:18	18:18
Ledbury Market House	10:21	12:21	15:21	18:21
Ledbury Railway Station	10:23	12:23	15:23	18:23

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Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated & Feel Your Best

As temperatures continue to rise across many parts of the world, staying healthy during the summer has become more important than ever. Summer 2026 is not just about beach vacations, stylish outfits, and outdoor adventures—it is also about making smart lifestyle choices that protect your body from extreme heat, dehydration, and seasonal illnesses. Health experts are encouraging people to prioritise hydration, balanced nutrition, sun protection, and regular physical activity to enjoy the season safely.

Hydration Is Your Superpower

One of the biggest health challenges during summer is dehydration. The body loses water quickly through sweat, especially during outdoor activities. Drinking plenty of water throughout the day helps regulate body temperature, improves digestion, boosts energy, and keeps your skin naturally glowing. Coconut water, fresh fruit juices without added sugar, lemon water, and electrolyte-rich drinks are excellent choices to replenish lost minerals. Make it a habit to carry a reusable water bottle wherever you go.

Eat Fresh, Light, and Seasonal Foods

Summer is the perfect time to enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables packed with vitamins and antioxidants. Watermelon, cucumber, oranges, mangoes, papaya, berries, and leafy greens help keep the body cool while supporting immunity and digestion. Instead of consuming heavy, oily meals, choose lighter foods such as salads, grilled vegetables, yogurt, smoothies, and homemade meals. A nutritious summer diet keeps your body energised without making you feel sluggish.

Protect Your Skin from Harmful UV Rays

Healthy skin starts with proper sun protection. Whilst it is important for most

people to enjoy sensible exposure to sunshine which benefits our skin and immune system, prolonged exposure to ultraviolet (UV) rays can cause sunburn, premature aging, pigmentation, and increase the risk of skin damage. If you are going to be outside and in the sun for a while, apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher at least 20 minutes before stepping outdoors and reapply every two hours. Wear sunglasses, wide-brimmed hats, and lightweight cotton clothing for additional protection. Staying in the shade during peak afternoon hours is another simple yet effective way to reduce sun exposure. Always apply a good moisturiser before and after sun exposure to help your skin recover and to enable it to benefit from the sunshine.

Don't Ignore Heat-Related Illnesses

Heat exhaustion and heatstroke are serious health concerns during the summer months. Symptoms such as dizziness, excessive sweating, nausea, muscle cramps, rapid heartbeat, and confusion should never be ignored. Move to a cool place immediately, drink water, and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen. Children, older adults, and individuals with chronic medical conditions should take extra precautions during heatwaves.

(lifendtrendz.com – Editorial)



Carnival Procession Invitation for 2027



Ledbury Carnival; a family event

Ledbury Carnival Association is encouraging new and returning participants in the procession for this year's carnival event.

Ledbury Carnival 2026, the town's biggest street event will take place on August Bank Holiday, Monday 31st, and this year's theme is "Once Upon A Time".

A feature of Carnival is the Procession which includes large floats designed and built on trailers and trucks by many local

organisations; local dance troupes and bands; the Community Brass Band; Weston's shire horses; vintage vehicles; groups celebrating mobility scooter and wheel chair use; and the blue light services.

The Procession also features families on small floats built on car trailers and especially walking groups all in fancy dress to suit the theme.

As Cllr. Mal Hughes, Chair of Ledbury Carnival Association, explains, we want everybody to feel welcome to take part in our procession, whether you have taken part before or you are new to Carnival and to the town.

If you would like to take part, just think of a way to interpret next year's theme when it is announced, and start making your costumes and decorating your trailer to make a small float. No trailer? - no problem! Our walking families and groups are such an important part of the Carnival Procession. It's really easy to take part.



Ledbury Carnival; a family event

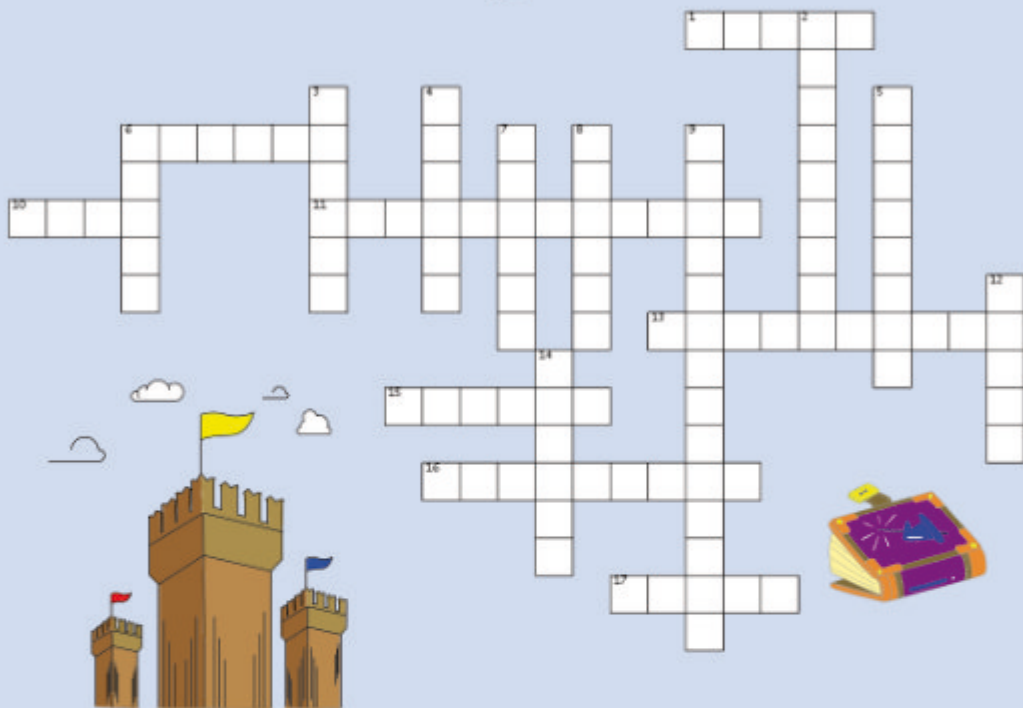
Just get in touch with Sonia, our Carnival Procession Co-ordinator, at:

procession@ledbury-carnival.co.uk

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Children's Crossword

Fairytales



ACROSS

1. A prince cursed to look like a monster in "Beauty and the Beast."
6. The object that tells the evil queen she is not the fairest of them all.
10. An animal that turns into a prince when kissed by a princess.
11. The shoe that Cinderella loses at the ball.
13. A girl who loses her glass slipper at the royal ball.
15. A magical person who can cast powerful spells.
16. A girl who visits her grandmother and encounters a wolf.
17. A character who casts spells and sometimes flies on a broomstick.

DOWN

2. A princess with skin as white as snow, who lives with seven dwarfs.
3. A large, firebreathing creature that guards treasure.
4. A boy who, along with his sister, outsmarts a witch in a candy house.
5. A girl with very long hair who is locked in a tower.
6. A power used by fairies, witches, and wizards in fairy tales.
7. A large fortress where royalty often lives.
8. A royal figure who often rescues princesses in fairy tales.
9. A princess who pricks her finger on a spindle and falls into a deep sleep.
12. A small magical being with wings that can grant wishes.
14. Hansel's sister, who helps him escape the witch's house.



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