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Queens of Lesser Realms and other carnival characters - in pictures

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What does it take to be a queen in modern England? Photographer **Si Barber** journeyed around the country around to find 90 kings, queens, and local royalty in the year of Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. Once a staple in the civic calendar of villages and towns, Queens of Lesser Realms documents the disappearing tradition of the Carnival King and Queen and their associated civic dignitaries. The images date from 2011 to 2015 and are being published for the first time in the book

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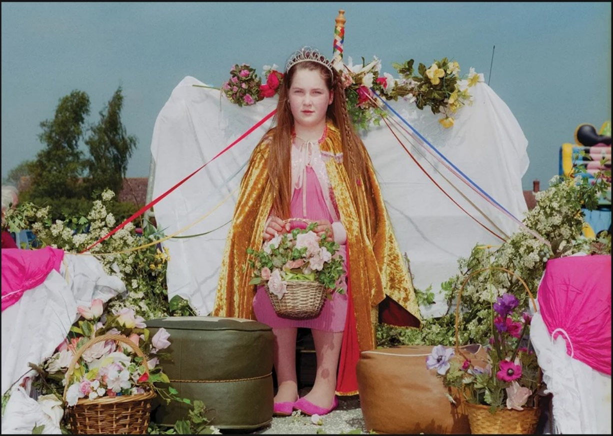

2011 St Mary's church May Queen of Mendlesham, Suffolk, Eleanor Bowyer

The 2012 Queen of Wells-next-the-sea, Norfolk, Lucy Harrison

The 2012 Rose Queen of Irchester, Northants, Chelsea Daniels

The 2013 Queen of Raunds, Northampton, Katie Davies with Princess Natalya Brundenell, Princess Georgia Duncombe, Princess Cacherael Harvey

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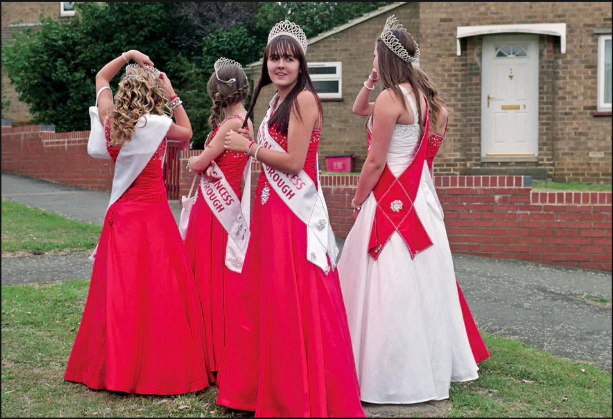
The 2012 Queen of Wellingborough, Northants, Catherine Evans accompanied by Princess Sophie Evans, Princess Sinead Mitchell, Princess Lauren Clarke and Princess Ellie Todd



The 2013 Nightrose Bridal Queen of Sleaford, Lincs, Sara Brown, escorted by Mr Jaygeb Brown

The 2013 Queen of Great Bentley, Essex, Abbie Bennett, hosts the Queen's tea with junior princess Hannah Langford

The 2013 King of Dove Holes, Derbyshire, Tom Green climbs down from his carriage

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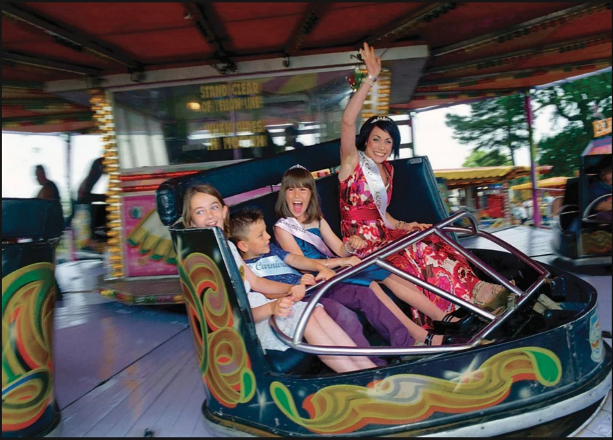
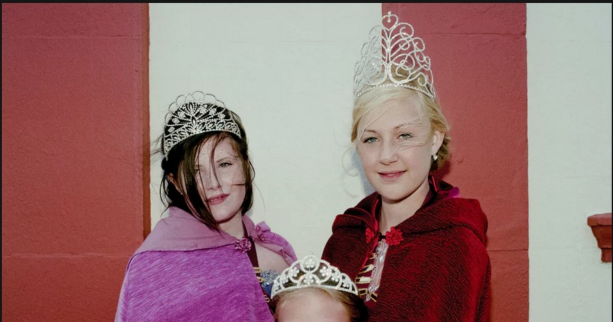
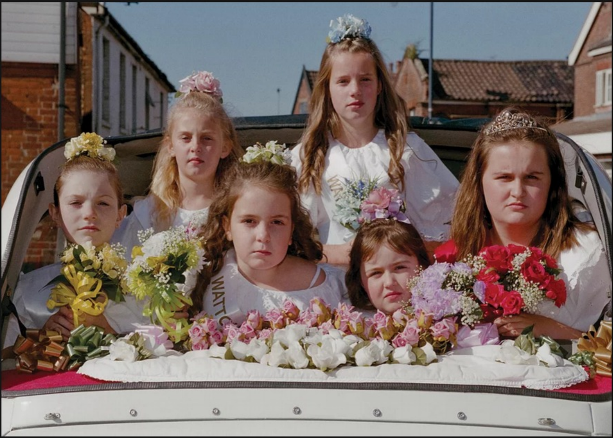


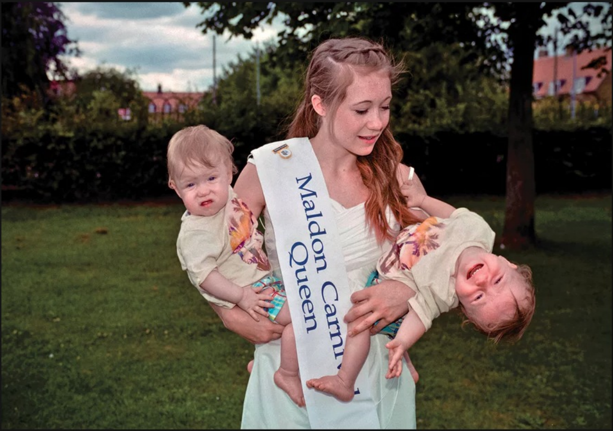
The 2014 Rose Queen of Attleborough, Norfolk, Ashlee Mead, accompanied by Princess Amy Tebble and Prince Louis Thorpe



The Queen of Skegness, Lincolnshire 2014, Chloe Brazier attended by Princess Jessica Davis and Rosebud Kimberley Ellis.

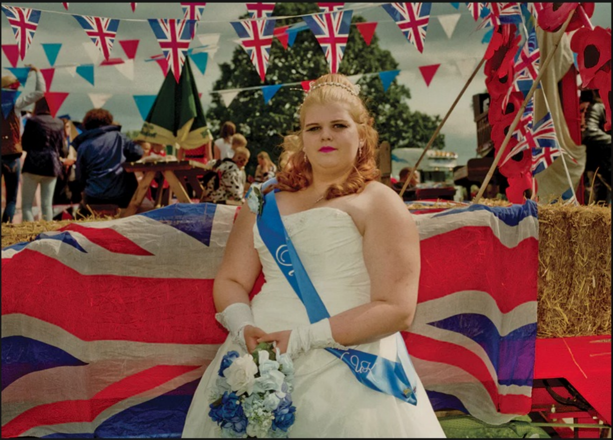


The 2014 Princess of Watton Twinning Association, Norfolk, Jade Agent, attended by Miss Harriet Long, Miss Jessica Agent, Miss Hannah Crossley, Miss Alex Rolfe and Miss Marie Hutton

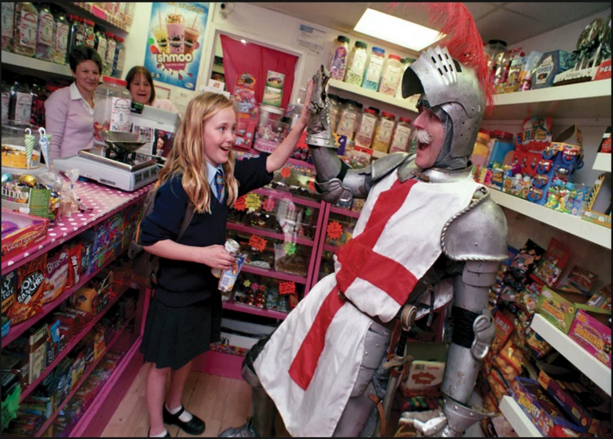


The 2014 Queen of Maldon, Essex, Sacha Willett, with twins Oliver & Jack

The 2014 Derbyshire Arthritis Research Queen Shannon-Chelsey Kennady



Saint George of England greets a customer at Auntie Pam's sweet shop, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk in 2014



Junior Queen of the South Midlands, 2014, Sienna Blanchard - Wood

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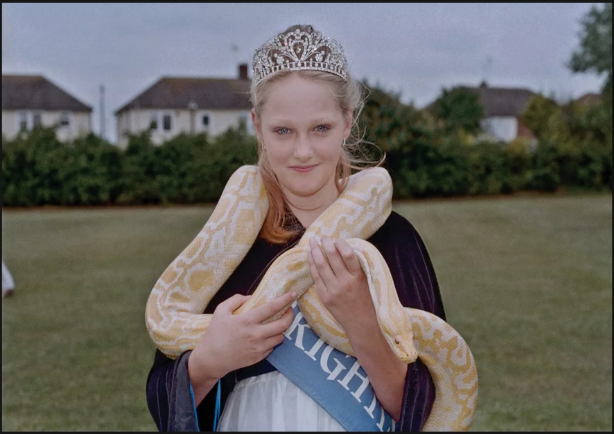
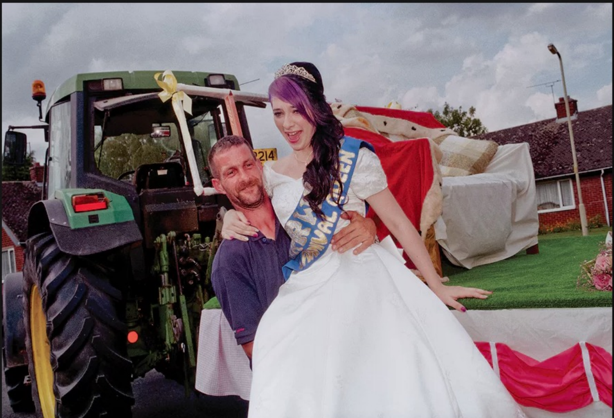
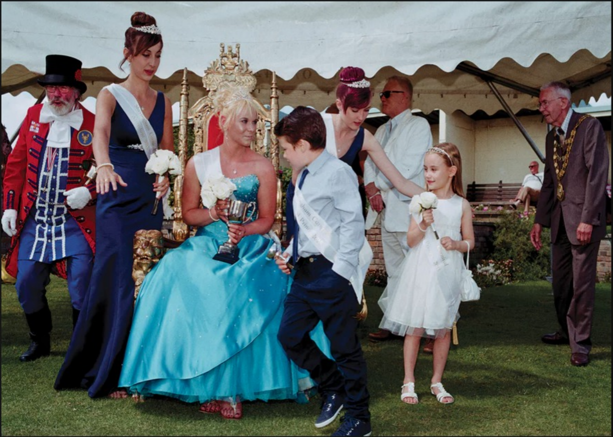
2015 Princess of Brightlingsea, Skye Claydon, with her Burmese Python



2015 Queen of Barwell, Leicestershire, Charlotte Wilson is assisted from her carriage by her driver, Mr Dave Thorley



2015 Queen of Sheringham, Norfolk, Lizzie Swanson with attendants, Megan Gladman, Emma-Louise Glover, Prince Ollie Harrison and Princess Amy Little



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