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The Laetare carnival in Tilff

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Belgian carnivals are sometimes called *Laetare*: a fitting name as it means *to rejoice* in Latin. Why not fill up your heart with joy in Tilff? There will be over 1,000 participants in fancy dress, 8 giant puppets, countless floats and 10 marching bands.

This is a carnival like no other... Created in 1952 by the folkloric group *le Porais Tilffois*, the procession looks like a nomad vegetable patch. Dressed up at leeks (*poireaux* in French, *porês* or *porais* in the local dialect), the participants dance to the harmonious sound of the *Jardiniers Mélomanes* (or music-loving gardeners) around a giant puppet called *Djôsèf li r'piqueû* (Joseph, the replanter) and other traditional characters.

Indulge in a bowl of leek soup, made especially for the carnival. Thousands of litres are served that day!

The festivities conclude with a large bonfire on which the *Macrôle hiver* (winter witch) is burnt.

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We recommend that you check with the local supplier before you leave.

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