

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

NEWSLETTER

December 2012



Eric Sillers and colleague courtesy of Sharon Floate

I know we've used this picture before, but we love seeing these chaps the clearing snow off Dreamland's Grade II* listed Scenic Railway tracks!

ILLUMINATING DREAMLAND



Photograph by Kim Conway

The iconic Dreamland cinema fin sign will be illuminated again this month. The switch on will be at 6pm on Friday 7 December 2012 and coincides with Margate's fabulous, Loud 'n' Proud parade.

Loud 'n' Proud, presented by Margate Charter Trustees and Hartsdown Academy, is a free, festive celebration of music, lights, colour, marching bands and fireworks.

The civic parade leaves Mill Lane car park, Margate at 5.30pm, wending its way through the town arriving at approximately 6pm in the old town for carol singing and culminating in fireworks on the Harbour Arm from 6.30pm (weather permitting).

Afterwards we'll be in the Lighthouse Bar, the venue with a vista, at the end of the Harbour Arm to raise our glasses in celebration of an extraordinary year and to thank our dedicated team of volunteers for their generosity, commitment and support during 2012.



Loud 'n' Proud 2012 courtesy of Pete Barnett

GEEK 2013

We're delighted to pre-announce our forthcoming presentation of Tim Hunkin and his *Under the Pier Show* at Turner Contemporary in Margate as part of GEEK 2013.

Tim Hunkin is an engineer, cartoonist, writer and artist. He is best known for creating the Channel 4 television series, *The Secret Life of Machines*, in which he explains the workings and history of various household devices. For 15 years Tim produced the cartoon strip, *The Rudiments of Wisdom*, for the Observer newspaper. More recently Tim has been building interactive museum exhibits, curating and designing exhibitions and has designed numerous public engineering works, chiefly for entertainment.

GEEK (Games Expo East Kent) is the biggest retro gaming festival in the UK. We are very interested in telling people about our gaming heritage from its pre-home entertainment days when the only place to play your fave game was in an amusement arcade.

Surprisingly very little has been written about the history of amusement arcades despite their far flung success, so we've invited Tim to give a visual talk about the history of the amusement arcade and his ten year long obsession with creating his own amusement arcade of home-made machines on Southwold Pier in Suffolk.

Times, dates and venues will be posted on the GEEK 2013 website at <http://www.geek2013.co.uk/>



Tim Hunkin <http://www.timhunkin.com/>

PROJECT UP-DATE

Last month Jacobs Engineers returned to the Dreamland site to complete a survey on the condition of the Scenic Railway and Japanese Knotweed was removed from underneath the structure.

Thanet District Council has now lodged a request for an expedited hearing of the CPO judicial review - if this is approved we may have a hearing date early next year.

The Urgent Works to the cinema building's concrete windows to the Hall by the Sea elevation completes this month with immediate plans to carry on with Urgent Works to the cinema's Compton organ.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Switch off the telly, here's a little multiple choice quiz to keep the old grey matter ticking over – award yourself a mince pie if you think you're right!

What year is this?



- a) 1928
- b) 1958
- c) 1988

Who is this fine specimen?



- a) Samson, Man of Iron
- b) Iron Man
- c) The Iron Lady

Where is this thrilling place?



- a) Dreamland Margate
- b) Battersea Park
- c) Houses of Parliament

Answers will be published in the next newsletter.

AND FINALLY...

As another year draws to an end – I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers and partners who have worked with us to help deliver our events and activities throughout 2012 and, on behalf of The Dreamland Trust, I'd like to wish you all a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

p.s. The Dreamland Trust office will be closed from 12 December 2012 until 2 January 2013.

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