



Eric Sillers clearing Dreamland's Scenic Railway courtesy of Sharon Floate

DREAMLAND TEAM NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010

We are celebrating Christmas in vintage amusement arcade style with the Pinball Parlour.

For one week only a unique opportunity to experience and play classic pinball games, old penny slot machines and juke boxes including: Star Wars | Diner | The Flintstones | Singalong | Rollercoaster | Flip Flop | Hurdy Gurdy | 1950s Gusher | Hot Shots

Plus an original Rock Ola Princess 1493 Jukebox filled with Christmas singles and rock 'n' roll tunes.

Fun for all the family. No need to book, just come along with a pocket full of loose change!

10am – 4pm daily
 18-24 December, 2010
 Pie Factory Project Space
 Broad Street
 Margate Old Town CT9 1EW



First up is to tell you that the new Dreamland Margate project website is now live at www.dreamlandmargate.com.

We have lots of people to thank who have helped us create the new website, in particular all those who kindly supplied images - The Dreamland Archive Project, Margate Museum, Thanet District Council, Michael Cates and Nick Evans to name but a few. Also a big 'thank you' to our home grown, award winning national journalist, Iain Aitch, who brought the Dreamland story to life in the timeline. And last, but not least, Designmap who went above and beyond the call of duty, especially Christy to whom we now owe double minces pies for her endurance! We hope you enjoy the new website – your feedback is always welcome.

BATTLE OF SOUND

The Battle of Sound was a great success with 11 acts performing at the Westcoast Bar, Margate in front of a live audience and judges from the music industry. Our congratulations go to joint winners – Rapper, Matt Hill and the band, Scream Don't Whisper. Between them they received two hours studio recording time with The Assembly Line Studio and a performance slot at another event being organised by Thanet District Council in 2011.

The Dreamland Youth Panel did a fantastic job organising, promoting and selling tickets with the support of Hartsdown Technology College, Pie Factory Music and Eli at the Westcoast. The Youth Panel will be working alongside the project as advisors and ambassadors for the Dreamland project.

ACTION!

Last month we saw Dreamland featured in BBC1's Country Tracks although it was back in May when we first spoke to the BBC about filming at Dreamland.

As Carter's Steam Fair prepared to leave Dreamland the Country Tracks team prepared to start filming. The producer wanted to capture the dereliction of the site, which was a bit of a challenge as we had the remnants of a lively, colourful funfair in the background!

Never-the-less, the Beeb managed to work around it and our man, Bob Preedy, managed to tell the story, albeit a bit dated by the time the show was aired on the 11 November.

Next year Dreamland features in another BBC show, Coast, which was filmed on site this summer and the cinema building is currently being researched by the BBC for a new show entitled Building Britain.

A YEAR ON

As we approach the end of the project's first year, we find ourselves in a reflective mood as we remember some of the events and activities that have taken place over the last 12 months. And what better way to share that with you than in pictures.

January
Project team arrive



February
BBC Kent broadcast



March
The birth of Bessie



April
Quadrophenia event



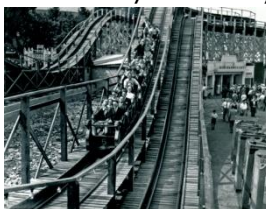
May
Carter's arrive



June
Corbiere Wheel delivery



July
Scenic Railway's 90 birthday



August
Media circus in Margate



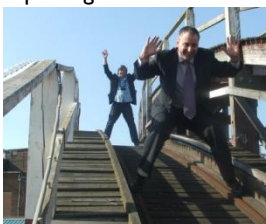
September
Heritage Open Day



October
Dreamland Youth Panel



November
Inspecting the Scenic



December
Pinball Parlour



CHRISTMAS CHEER!

Jonathan Bryant, Project Director

It is true that we have experienced some frustrating months during 2010, but the December board meeting of The Dreamland Trust brought welcome news that a start on site has been made with the erection of scaffolding around the historic grade II* listed Dreamland cinema.

The scaffolding contract has been awarded to Ramsgate based, IOT Scaffolding Ltd and is being undertaken under special measures available to safeguard buildings of historic importance. The significance of the works is that it paves the way for detailed survey of the fabric of the building followed by remedial works to arrest deterioration and prevent water penetrating the structure and causing further damage to its magnificent interiors.

This is a very important step forward and we are delighted that Thanet District Council has taken the necessary steps to permit this progress to be made. I am also very pleased that a local company won through in the tender process and has been able to make a very prompt start. I am sure the guys are pleased to be working close to home over the festive period.

It is anticipated that similar progress will be made on both the Scenic Railway and Dreamland's historic menagerie cages during the early months of 2011.

...and on that final note we wish you a
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Get well soon, Mandy X