



DREAMLAND TEAM NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2010

It's that time again, and here is a round-up of the month that was and a peek at things to come.

NEW DISCOVERY ON THE DREAMLAND SITE

We are delighted to, once again, be working with the Princes Regeneration Trust. The PRT played a major part in helping us secure early funding to develop the project. They are now engaged with producing the Conservation Plan to support the second round Heritage Lottery funding bid.

Recent visits to the Dreamland site have uncovered what appears to be part of the original railway building structure built in the 1860s. This significant find provides the site with yet another heritage asset alongside the Scenic Railway, the cinema building and Sanger's animal cages set into the gothic wall.

More detail will emerge as the PRT continue with their investigations and assessments.

BATTLE OF SOUND

Plans are progressing with the first Dreamland Youth Panel event led by our panel members from Hartsdown Technology College. The group are planning an urban talent showcase, open to bands, groups, singers, MC's, DJ's and comedians, to celebrate Dreamland's youth culture heritage, and as part of the Love Music Hate Racism legacy.

The event will take place on Wednesday 8 December, 2010 at the Westcoast Bar in Margate CT9 1DD. Tickets will be available, nearer the time, on the Westcoast Bar website <http://www.westcoastlive.co.uk/>.

The winning act will receive two hours recording time at The Assembly Line Studio based at Pie Factory Music plus a place on the bill at a new youth event in Margate next year.

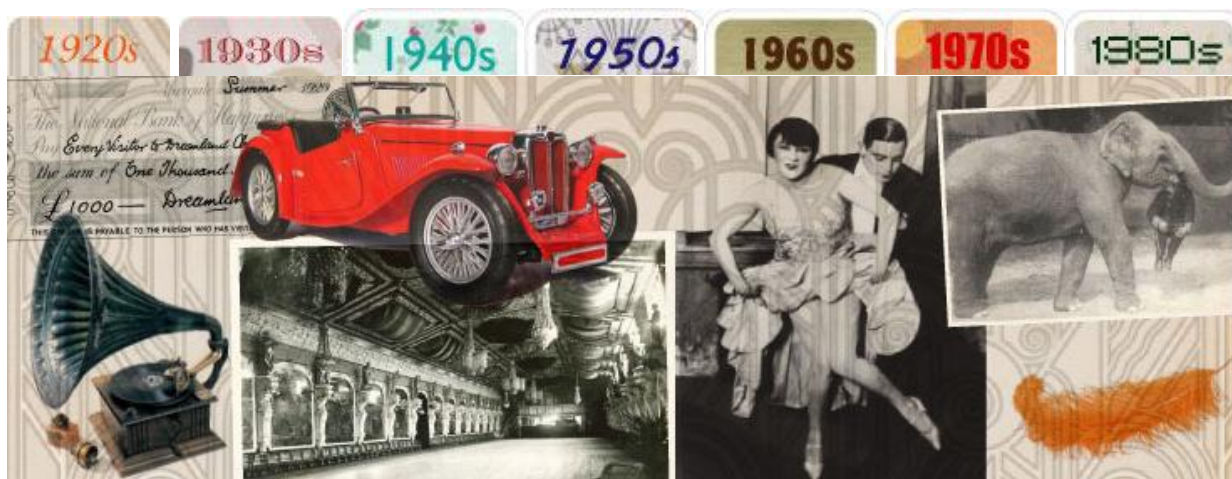
DREAMLAND MEMORIES

Our Dreamland Memory creative family day brought out some interesting characters along with some delightful artwork from the children taking part. Their innovative ideas would certainly provide a challenge for the design team!

Les Logan came along with a photograph of himself and a colleague. The pair was snapped standing on an iron girder way up by the cinema fins. Les told us that he worked at Dreamland from 1954 right up until the Bembom Brothers took over in the 1980s. It was his responsibility to replace the neon lighting on the cinema façade. He clearly had a head for heights because when the big wheel got stuck in mid-cycle, he was tasked with the job of climbing to the top of the wheel to release it. No harness or safety net required - health and safety hadn't been invented back then!

We're always keen to hear your stories, so do please keep sending them in to jan@dreamlandmargate.com.

PROJECT WEBSITE



Our project website will be up and running by the end of the month. It can be accessed using the original www.dreamlandmargate.com address. Our grateful thanks go to all those who have assisted, in particular writer, Iain Aitch, for his contribution, and our Board member, Sarah Vickery, for her tireless proof reading.

The new website has the usual information about the project and those involved. A new addition is the Dreamland timeline, featuring a snap shot of each decade, from the 1920s to the present day. This journey through time gives us a real sense of scale and the important part Dreamland played in our seaside and amusement park heritage.

Information about Dreamland's collection of rides remains on the new site along with an overview of each ride, its status and historical significance.

Working with our Creative Consultants, Designmap, we have created a website, which reflects the look and feel of what we are aiming for in the new Dreamland amusement park.

AND FINALLY...

The Dreamland site land transfer process continues with Thanet District Council doing all it can to secure an early resolution. We are looking forward to getting the date marked firmly in our diaries. Meanwhile we continue to work toward the final stage Heritage Lottery funding bid, which is all looking very positive.

We are now looking at beginning the rides refurbishment programme and will soon make a decision on which rides are likely to be restored first.

Our programme of events and activities for next year is also being planned. We anticipate the return of Carter's Steam Fair in May. John Lawson's Circus is also on the cards with some other exciting events taking place during their visit.

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