

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2011



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NUTS IN MAY

Such a busy month that we had to skip the newsletter to fit everything in! Last month saw the welcome return of Carter's Steam Fair at Dreamland, Iain Aitch as Cultural Baton resident artist for the Cultural Olympiad, the completion of the University of Kent's architect student's Dreamland project, talks given at the Margate Civic Society Town Pride Awards and to the Youth Advisory Group at Margate Police Station and a visit from Brooks Oxford students. Now for some serious news...

PROJECT UPDATE

Thanet District Council has now issued the Dreamland site owners, Margate Town Centre Regeneration Company, with a Compulsory Purchase Order. If an inquiry is necessary this will take place in the autumn with an anticipated decision by the end of this year/early next year. Work on the main part of the site will start shortly after.

Meanwhile, Coombs of Canterbury begin urgent work on the Cinema building this week and we are now running the Scenic Railway restoration as a stand-alone project.

PROJECT TEAM UP DATE

Last month we said farewell to Project Director, Jonathan Bryant. Jonathan was appointed in January 2010 to see the project through development, which is now complete. Jonathan has done an excellent job in helping us shape our plans for the new park, which are now ready for submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund for our Stage 2 application.

I remain in post as the project's Audience Development Officer, and will continue to move the project forward through to implementation, which will begin once the CPO process has concluded and the Stage 2 funding is in place. Within my role I act as the Trust's ambassador and am responsible for communication, creative interpretation, partnership building, participation, learning and volunteering as well as developing and delivering events and activities. Talking of which...

CARRY ON AT THE CARLTON!



Our next event is a celebration of the great British holiday.

This special event runs from **1pm to 6pm on Sunday 17 July, 2011 at the Carlton Cinema, Westgate CT8 8RE.** Tickets include a packed lunch, entertainment by the exuberant **The Private Widdle Social Club** and an exclusive double cinematic feature film screening of those masterpieces of innuendo **Carry on Camping and Carry on Girls.** . <http://www.privatewiddlesocialclub.co.uk/>.

All this for just £14 per person! Booking is highly recommended to avoid disappointment. **To secure your place contact the Carlton Cinema directly by telephone 01843 834290** or visit their website <http://www.carltoncinema.com/>. Disabled access and

concessions available.

I WISH I COULD SEE MY LITTLE WILLY

Too rude to view? You be the judge!

A crackdown by the authorities in the early 1950s, in response to Britain's declining morals following World War II, saw the confiscation and destruction of thousands of the great British 'saucy' seaside postcard.

The Dreamland Trust, Thanet District Council and the British Cartoon Archive at the University of Kent <http://www.cartoons.ac.uk/> have worked together to put these postcards back on display and invite you to decide - are they 'too rude to view'?

Hear more of this extraordinary story at the site of the hearings in the old Margate Magistrates Court, which is now the Margate Museum from our guest speakers;

Saturday 23 July, 2011 at 2pm a visual talk by Heritage Advisor, Nick Dermott, "1790-1960, Thomas Rowlandson to Donald McGill - the eternal joke". Saturday 30 July, 2011 at 2pm a visual talk by the British Cartoon Archive Curator, Nick Hiley, "Good, honest vulgarity?: The 1950s' campaign against seaside postcards".



Throughout the exhibition look out for our family of 'saucy' postcard characters around Margate. Take a picture, write a caption and upload it to the forthcoming Facebook page to create an archive of saucy seaside fun – all done in the best possible taste – of course!

This is a **free exhibition** funded by Kent County Council and runs from **23 July, 2011 to 2 August, 2011 at Pie Factory Gallery, 5 Broad Street, Margate CT9 1EW**

<http://piefactorymargate.co.uk/>. Visual talks at the Margate Museum in the Old Town CT9 1ER 2pm on Saturday 23 July and 2pm Saturday 30 July 2011 – no booking required.

Exhibition private view between 6pm-9pm on Thursday 22 July, 2011 at the Pie Factory Gallery. Please RSVP to dawn.m.cole@btinternet.com.

There are full disabled facilities and access at the Pie Factory, but there is limited access to the Margate Museum.

ON THE MOVE

The Dreamland Margate project team will be moving on the 27 June, 2011 to Marine Studios, 17 Albert Terrace, Margate, Kent CT9 1UJ telephone number 01843 294 463. The new office comes with fabulous views right across Margate sands to the Dreamland Cinema - perfect!

AND FINALLY....

A big 'thank you' to all our volunteers and to all of you who have sent in your wonderful Dreamland memories and photographs, some of which are now immortalised in Dreamland archive. One quote recently received sums up Dreamland rather eloquently... **'Dreamland is Margate to me and without Dreamland Margate doesn't have a heartbeat'**.

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