

SOLSTICE PARADE

The Summer Solstice occurs once a year during Earth's passage around the Sun. Put simply, the Summer Solstice is the longest day of the year, the day of most light and for millenia has been regarded as a moment of great significance. Many cultures and religions around the world still celebrate both Summer and Winter Solstices in ways that reflect how Sun and light affect us and our natural world.

The Telegraph Hill Solstice celebration parade harks back to the local history of this area as a fertile place for growing food. Participants traditionally don costumes representing fecundity, growth or light and are lead on a meandering promenade up the Hill by the mysterious Garlick Man.



Medieval woodcut from 1557 depicting 'Plowd garlic hill', later to become Telegraph Hill, showing an early manifestation of the Garlick Man Solstice figure visiting field workers.

David White accompanying the 2011 version of the Garlick Man figure at the beginning of a Solstice Parade. The figure is traditionally doused in a potent concoction of garlic water and ale before leading the procession up the Hill.

Wednesday
JUNE 20th
2012

Gather from 5 to 6 pm
in the Telegraph Pub on
Dennetts Road SE14 5LW.

Parade to the upper park
from 6 to 6.30.

picnic on the Hill from
6.30 to 8 (weather permitting)

