



We are pleased to announce that our new website has been launched and can be found at [www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk](http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk) or by typing in [www.cmkp.co.uk](http://www.cmkp.co.uk). We hope you find the information useful and would appreciate any feedback. It provides information on the Partnership and it's role, our members, their organisations and representatives and general information on Central Milton Keynes with useful links.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Another busy July in CMK!**

#### **MK4U**

From 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm till 9pm in Campbell Park – the MK4U festival has been organised by the young people of Milton Keynes. The festival will include 3 performance stages with a wide variety of music by local bands from acoustic to heavy metal, yoga, films, artist/musician collaborations, paint fights in the name of art, dance, food, bar, a play zone and much more.... All ages are welcome! For more information see: <http://www.mk4u.org/>

#### **The Big Moo 2 Festival**

The Big Moo is back and includes a wide variety of entertainment events and exhibitions – as shown below. From Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July in various venues and locations throughout the city centre running from the Station right through to and including Campbell Park. Avebury Boulevard will be closed between Xscape and Theatre District and more will be taking place in thecentre:mk, Midsummer Place, Xscape and the Theatre District. For detailed information see: <http://www.thebigmoo.co.uk/> and programmes will be available from the Development Information Sites, Shopping Centres and throughout the City Centre shortly.

#### **Big Moo 2 Fringe Festival of the Arts**

The first Fringe Festival of the Arts is designed to 'show-off' what Milton Keynes nurtures creatively, bringing together several elements of the Arts Festival including:

##### **Visual Project 'The Herd' – Queens Court**

Already you can see an unusual addition to Queens Court at thecentre:mk – it's well worth a visit and will give you a flavour of what's to come. This 'piece' will be there from today until the close of the festival on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July. This is part of a series of installations and interventions that will continue in other public spaces throughout the festival.

**Public Art World Record** - a giant spiral installation which will also attempt to take the Guinness World Record for the longest self connecting chain of plastic carrier bags in the world. The 'Spiral' will be on the western flank of Campbell Park [a national 'Beacon Point'] and be able to be seen for several miles.

**The Workshops** – various workshops designed to animate the Public spaces and areas in the centre of Milton Keynes in a way which encourages people to 'join in' and skill build.

**Arts Bus** – the bus will travel to arts venues across Milton Keynes, opening up and offering opportunities to audiences to participate in workshops coordinated by the organisations themselves.

For more information see: <http://thebigmoo.co.uk/arts/events.html>

#### **Also in association with Big Moo 2: –**

##### **Musik4U & the National Urban Beach Volleyball Tour**

Takes place from the 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July from 10am – 8pm in Station Square. As well as the Beach Volleyball competition which will be filmed by Channel 4, there will be the Musik4U stage showcasing local talent and the Cuttin' Wax Dance Arena, Graffiti Wall, Market Place, Santa Pod Dragster, Pro-Skateboarding display, Oxfam Tent and loads more! See [www.mad-uk.org](http://www.mad-uk.org) for more details or call (01908) 253272.

##### **Kik Music in Midsummer Place**

On 12<sup>th</sup> July from 10am until 6pm see city musicians and performers throughout the day

##### **Mascot Olympics – Theatre District - Saturday 12th July**

Donny and Moowe, Gullie Mouse.... And this time it's personal, fun for all the family. Massively popular last year with live coverage on Sky Sports throughout the event. Mascots from all over the country will again be competing to be the winner. For more information see: <http://www.theatre-district.co.uk/news/latest/Mascot-Olympics/>

##### **Celebr8 Lantern Procession**

Celebrating the diversity of our community the procession will set off from Church of Christ the Cornerstone after the close of evening song. It will progress along Silbury Boulevard and end at Margaret Powell Square Gardens (by the Theatre) with live music and spoken performances. For more information see:

<http://thebigmoo.co.uk/arts/index-5.html>

#### **Big Moo – Road Closures**

Part of Avebury Boulevard from its junction with Lower Twelfth Street to its junction with Marlborough Gate (the

part outside Xscape), and the northern access road and associated parking spaces parallel to Avebury Boulevard between Lower Twelfth Street and Marlborough Gate will close taking effect from 6am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2008 to 23.59 hours on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2008. Whilst the roads are closed the alternative route will be via Secklow Gate, Silbury Boulevard and Marlborough Gate and vice versa. No closures will take place at the Central Milton Keynes Railway Station.

#### **Other CMK Events:**

##### **Motorshow at thecentre:mk**

On 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July thecentre:mk will be hosting the motorshow for more information see: [www.thecentremk.com](http://www.thecentremk.com)

##### **Campbell Park Concerts:**

###### **Proms in the Park**

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2008 another amazing classical music spectacular including the London Gala Orchestra and soprano, Juliette Pochin will take place. The evening will conclude with a firework and laser show.

###### **Jools Holland Concert**

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2008 with special guest vocalists Marc Almond, Ruby Turner and Louise Marshall.

Book your tickets for both events at the Customer Services desk on Silbury Arcade at thecentre:mk or click on <http://www.easternbreeze.co.uk/newsite/proms/mk.htm>

##### **Discover Milton Keynes – 'Big Players of Milton Keynes' Exhibition**

The Discover Milton Keynes shop is located at 672 Silbury Boulevard (on the outside of the Shopping Building by Burger King) and displays information on the heritage of Milton Keynes, the exhibition for July is 'The Big Players of Milton Keynes highlighting the talents of MK in sports, arts and media' . More information is available at:

[www.discovermiltonkeynes.co.uk](http://www.discovermiltonkeynes.co.uk) . You can also purchase bus tickets in the shop from the Arriva representative who is available Monday to Friday 10am till 6pm. For more information on metro saver cards and other travel schemes see: [www.mkmetro.co.uk](http://www.mkmetro.co.uk) .

##### **Milton Keynes Contemporary - WHITEWALL - thecentre:mk's professional arts space**

Catch the last few days of this exhibition which finishes on 6<sup>th</sup> July. The Whitewall can be found adjacent to John Lewis on Midsummer Arcade in thecentre:mk. The Constructed Mythologies exhibition by Naziv Tanbouli, takes the imaginative influence and human characteristic of Milton Keynes and its citizens and presents them within a framework of mythical fantasia. For more information see:

<http://www.miltonkeynescontemporary.co.uk/MK%20contemporary/miltonkeynesconk.html>

##### **Milton Keynes Gallery**

For information on what events and exhibitions being held at the Gallery see: <http://www.mk-g.org/index.php?id=301>

##### **Milton Keynes Theatre**

Offering a variety of productions over July and August. To book or for more information call the Box office on **0870 060 6652** (booking fee) or visit [www.miltonkeynes theatre.com](http://www.miltonkeynes theatre.com)

##### **Briteyellow Onaccess**

Destination Milton Keynes (DMK) the Milton Keynes tourism services provider and Briteyellow Limited, provider of next-generation telecommunication services have announced the launch of a new free mobile phone tourist information service for Milton Keynes and the surrounding area. There is no charge to end users from Destination Milton Keynes or Briteyellow for using the service. Tourists and visitors to Milton Keynes can now make enquiries and receive information instantly including: 'What's on', bus travel, bed and breakfast, shopping, hotels, and local attractions by sending an SMS text enquiry from their mobile phone. There is no charge to end users from Destination Milton Keynes or Briteyellow for using the service. To use text **dmk** on 07797 805724

#### **OUT AND ABOUT IN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES**

##### **Caring for our City Centre – the BIG CLEAN - Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> July**

Milton Keynes Council's Streetcare team and their contractors will be working in partnership with members of the Central Milton Keynes Partnership - thecentre:mk and Midsummer Place shopping centres, Thames Valley Police and London Midland in the area from Station Square to the base of Midsummer Boulevard incorporating the six underpasses undertaking a 'big clean'. Landscaping will be cleared and cut back allowing deep cleaning and litter picking, graffiti removal, jet-washing, steam cleaning, gum removal, weeding, painting of underpass ceilings, street furniture and lampposts ,light cleaning and repairs and so on. The CMK Partners will be mobilising up to 60 operatives on the day sharing both equipment expertise to spruce up the area in a follow up to the Spring Clean on Midsummer Boulevard East in March this year.

**The Living Room Restaurant and Bar** has officially opened at thehub:mk. Featuring a ground floor restaurant and bar area together with a more formal second floor mezzanine restaurant area. Outdoor heated terraces will be situated to the front onto Midsummer Boulevard and to the rear overlooking the Central Piazza. For more information see: [www.thelivingroom.co.uk](http://www.thelivingroom.co.uk) or to book email or phone on [miltonkeynespa@thelivingroom.co.uk](mailto:miltonkeynespa@thelivingroom.co.uk) / Tel: **01908 608 643**

**Red Hot Buffet** opened on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at the Theatre District, offering varied food from China, India, Thailand, Mexico, Italy and Japan for more information see: [http://www.theatre-district.co.uk/venues/Red\\_Hot\\_Buffet/](http://www.theatre-district.co.uk/venues/Red_Hot_Buffet/)

#### **Blueprint Bar now open.....**

Located near Eldergate, Station Square, on the site of the former Directors Wine Bar. Providing lunch-bites during the day before switching the lights and upping the entertainment during the dark hours.

For more information see: <http://www.blueprintbars.com/>

#### **Invest Milton Keynes (IMK)**

IMK Recorded eight investment successes in May, bringing its total of investment successes for the 08/09 year so far to 15. Enquiries were up by 12% on last year. IMK also achieved more than £300k in PR coverage value, including some great pre-publicity for the Tour of Britain cycle race, the second stage of which hits Milton Keynes on 8 September. Event highlights of the month were the inaugural 'Bright Sparc' Awards and the Cranfield Venture Day, both of which took place at Cranfield University's Management Research Institute. For more information see: [www.investmiltonkeynes.co.uk](http://www.investmiltonkeynes.co.uk)

#### **Abandoned Trolleys**

Despite some of the major retailers – Sainsburys, M&S, Waitrose and Iceland - spending large amounts of money on collection services with Trolleywise throughout CMK and the areas immediately around it, there are still many trolleys abandoned in car parks and on roadsides. Over 70 trolleys a day are collected by the full time staff working 6 days a week from 9am - 5pm, and returned to the stores with others being collected by the Council who have 500+ in their compound (carrying a fine of £15 per trolley on collection).

We now have a direct contact number for the 'Trolley Hot Line' - **0800 3161241** or direct line to the driver: 07930 662017. Please call these numbers if you see any trolleys that need collecting and if you are aware of areas where trolleys are regularly left and the situation does not improve after reporting it please let us know.

#### **ROAD WORKS & PARKING CHANGES**

##### **Temporary Car Parking Availability:**

Please see the new map detailing car parking availability during the week:

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=58337>

- ◆ Theatre multi-storey car park has an average of 300 unused spaces per day parking cost is £2 per visit but permits and scratch-card holders may use the parking without the need to make further payment.
- ◆ South Second Street car park is currently occupied between 50 – 75% daily, standard tariff pay and display applies to this area. For parking tariffs see: <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=36403>
- ◆ Car park off Avebury Boulevard / Secklow Gate is currently occupied approx. 10% of the time midweek this is a premium rate pay and display area.

If you have a query or comment to make concerning changes to parking in CMK, in particular regarding issues you feel will arise as a direct result of the development, you can e-mail [cmkparkingchange@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:cmkparkingchange@milton-keynes.gov.uk). For general parking queries, e.g. permits, penalty charge notices etc, you should e-mail [mkparking@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:mkparking@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking)

#### **Milton Keynes Central Station**

Work to improve the tracks and signalling around Milton Keynes Central, which will increase capacity and improve rail links to the town is continuing at a fast pace. The new platform at Milton Keynes will open on 30<sup>th</sup> June and platform 5 will close to allow the track and signalling to be upgraded. The new platform which will be called platform 5 will serve customers travelling to the north. The work will be completed over the Christmas period 2008.

#### **Grafton Gate Closure – Redway closure**

The redway running along Grafton Gate / Avebury Boulevard at the end of the proposed West End development scheme will be closed due to the installation of services for the development. Please use the redway on the opposite side of the road near Toys R Us and Argos. The closure will be from 03<sup>rd</sup> March until July 2008.

## **Coachway Temporary Relocation**

The Coachway relocated in late April 2008 to the temporary site at Campbell Park for more information see: <http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/schools/displayarticle.asp?DocID=17701&ArchiveNumber> work has now begun on the redevelopment of the existing site off of Junction 14 on the M1 for more information on the improvements please see: <http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/transport/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=57150>

## **DEVELOPMENTS:**

We have four Development Information Sites located at thecentre:mk, Midsummer Place, Xscape and CMK Railway Station, managed by us to keep you up to date on the proposed and current developments within CMK. They contain details and illustrations of all the developments listed below and more. This information is also now available via our website at:

<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/default.asp>

### **thecentre:mk – Redevelopment of Queens Court**

Details of the proposed redevelopment of Queens Court by Hermes Real Estate and Prudential have been registered with Milton Keynes Council. The redevelopment includes an open public square linking to the two main malls with the creation of a restaurant quarter with under-cover seating in a winter garden overlooking the central courtyard. For more information see:

<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/thecentremk.asp>

### **Avebury Boulevard, Office Development to be developed by Abbeygate Developments**

Milton Keynes Council has approved the application for a six storey office development with restaurant, café and bar uses on the ground floor. It will include landscaping on the south side of Avebury Boulevard bisected by South Sixth Street. Temporary car parking will be provided adjacent to Westminster House to cover the loss of spaces during construction. For more information on the application please see: <http://cmis.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=23778>

### **Campbell Park – Phase 1 Residential Campbell Square**

The George Wimpey development continues to take shape. 16 of the 29 apartments released for sale have been sold; visit the sales office between 10am and 5:30pm for details. The development includes: 280 apartments, town houses (including 30% affordable housing) and a small amount of retail space. For more information see:

<http://www.georgewimpey.co.uk/newhomes/North+Thames/CampbellSquare/MapAndDirections/>

<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/CampbellSquare.asp>

### **Pinnacle – Central Milton Keynes – (Midsummer Boulevard Office Development)**

The glazed elevations to Midsummer Boulevard and Lower Second Street are progressing well and the mechanical & electrical first fix is now well underway. The 8<sup>th</sup> floor steel work (the highest floor) is nearing completion with the topping out of the "Pinnacle" element (the highest part of the building) due in August. The construction works are well over half way through with completion programmed for summer 2009. The developer is Hampton Brook Developments Ltd, for more information see the new dedicated website:

<http://www.pinnaclemk.com/default.aspx/>

<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/pinnacleDevelopment.asp>

### **Sainsbury's Store and Residential –**

Residents have moved in with 45 of 80 apartments released now sold in total 400 apartments will be marketed. Located on the eastern side of Witan Gate and south of Avebury Boulevard the new Sainsbury's superstore (their largest in Europe) will start trading late this year when they move from their current site in the Food Centre. For more info visit [www.barratthomes.co.uk](http://www.barratthomes.co.uk) or

<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/Sainsburys.asp>

### **West End CMK Development:**

**West End One – Residential:** site preparation work to enable the connection of utilities to the development started the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Places for People received approval to develop the proposed scheme in April 2008 by Milton Keynes Council for the first phase of West End One. The area between Midsummer Boulevard and Childs Way, from Witan Gate to Grafton Gate will comprise some 650 homes plus offices and shops along with a school and community facilities. For more information see:

<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/westEndCMKresidential.asp>

### **Infrastructure projects in Milton Keynes include:**

- ◆ **Improvements to Junction 14 of the M1** – are underway and are expected to continue until the end Summer 2008.

**Other Developments:**

- ◆ Xscape Expansion  
<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/Xscape.asp>
- ◆ Leisure Plaza  
<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/leisureplaza.asp>
- ◆ CMK Public Transport Improvements  
[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=11](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=11) and:  
<http://www.englishpartnerships.com/page.aspx?pointerid=7301EBA7B16E4FEBBDF12300B88F6926>
- ◆ Combined Heat and Power Plant  
[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=10](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=10)

**CONSULTATIONS****Milton Keynes Council**

**Transport Obligations Supplementary Planning Guidance:** consultation began on 05<sup>th</sup> June 2008 with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008 for further information contact Milton Keynes Council Planning Department on 01908 691691.

**Local Events Listing**

Our CMK Events Calendar which lists local events can be found on our website:

<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/news/default.asp>

Whilst every care has been taken in putting together this e-newsletter any errors of fact or omissions are the author's. Please forward any corrections, suggestions and additional names and e-mail addresses to me for anyone interested in receiving a copy.

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