

## Central Milton Keynes Partnership e-Newsletter

July 2006

Welcome to the Summer edition of the e-newsletter and also to Kate Wakefield, our new Communications Officer who is currently enjoying her very 'straightforward' induction, getting to know all about what's going on in CMK!!!

### Milton Keynes Festival Summer 2006

There's something for everyone at this year's festival with a wide variety of events planned for various locations from 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July 2006 throughout the city centre. This is a Community Event and could not happen without sponsors who have given both in cash and in kind; grants from trusts and many local volunteers who give their time throughout the year. Please come along and support your Festival to enable us to grow and develop it year on year.

Commencing with the MK4U weekend in Campbell Park (1/2 July) and closing with three concerts in Campbell Park - UB40, Proms in the Park and Summer XS, the Festival includes Kite and Windsock Making, Drink and Draw, Black Market, Tai Chi and the Groovy Gecko Club! You can pick up a printed programme from one of the many locations throughout the City or call us on 01908 398135 or download from [www.mkfestivals.co.uk](http://www.mkfestivals.co.uk).

### The BIG 40!

Milton Keynes will be 40 next year and celebrations are already being planned to mark the event. A workshop is being held on 10<sup>th</sup> July to bring together events organisers and performers. If you are interested in attending please email [lucy.bedford@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.bedford@milton-keynes.gov.uk).

A city wide competition has been launched to design Milton Keynes 40<sup>th</sup> birthday logo. Everyone who wants to try their hand at designing a logo or emblem will be eligible to enter. Entries close on 21 July with the finalists being announced in September. The final design will be used throughout the year and will be a lasting tribute to this important milestone in our history. [www.miltonkeyneslogo.co.uk](http://www.miltonkeyneslogo.co.uk)

### New Technology Network

A new network for knowledge-based, technology-led businesses based in the Milton Keynes region has been launched. Through a collaboration of lead organisations and commercial sponsors, Sparc, Milton Keynes technology network will facilitate and support face-to-face contacts, link the regional entrepreneurial community to international communities and promote Milton Keynes as a centre for entrepreneurship within the Oxford2Cambridge Arc. [www.sparcmiltonkeynes.com](http://www.sparcmiltonkeynes.com)

## Out and About in Central Milton Keynes (CMK)

### Walking Map

A Walking Map of CMK is being produced by Milton Keynes Partnership and will be available shortly. You will be able to get a copy of the map from various venues around the city centre, such as libraries and the shopping centres.

### Temporary Car Parking during Developments

360 temporary car park spaces have been provided behind Witan Gate House on the south side of Midsummer Boulevard and between Witan Gate and Grafton Gate. There are vacant spaces available on a daily basis at the standard rate.

### Station Square Gets a Tidy Up

Maintenance upgrade work will be carried out in station square over the next month including painting, repair work, remarking roads, new bins and removal of any street 'clutter'.

### CMK Board

CMK Board is now a sub committee of Milton Keynes Partnership and held its first public meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006 in Acorn House. The next meeting will be held on 14 September

2006. Documents from the meeting are available on <http://www.mkweb.co.uk/mkpartnership/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=35319>

### **Evening Transport Patterns Survey**

Research carried out in the city centre in April investigated how and when people return home after a night out in Milton Keynes, and what improvements could be made to the services currently available. A number of options are now being investigated, including a night bus service and a more affordable taxi-sharing service, we will update you on these in the next newsletter.

## **Consultations – Your Chance to Have Your Say**

### **Central CMK**

The Central CMK Supplementary Planning Document's (SPD) Consultation period has been extended to

**7<sup>th</sup> July 2006.** The Central CMK SPD covers the area from Campbell Park to Christ The Cornerstone Church and across the grid roads Portway (H6) to Childs Way (H5). The planning is at an early stage in the process and focuses on some key areas for improvement such as pedestrian routes into CMK and a main public transport pick up and drop off point. Check out the information sites in Middleton Hall and Midsummer Place to find out more and feedback on the changes to your city, or visit your local library, Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices or <http://www.mkweb.co.uk/mkgrowth/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=34295>.

### **Naming Central CMK**

To aid wayfinding and identity, it has been suggested that Central Milton Keynes (the area from, and including, the railway station to Campbell Park) be divided into three regions. West End (railway station to the Church) and Campbell Park are already established as areas within CMK, however, the area between Saxon Gate (the Church) and Marlborough Street (Campbell Park) is referred to in many ways, the current working title is Central CMK. During the next 2 months 4 or 5 possible names will be put forward for a public vote through local newspapers and websites.

### **Growth Strategy**

The draft proposed Growth Strategy for Milton Keynes is now ready for consultation with the public and local stakeholders. Consultation commences with a web launch on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and there will be exhibitions and surgeries held at various venues during July and August. Consultation closes on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and the results will inform the final submission on housing numbers and related infrastructure requirements to the South East Plan (SEP) Public Examination in the autumn. There are 2 strands to the Growth Strategy, the first incorporating plans up to 2026 and the second up to 2031, by then Milton Keynes will be a major city of some 350,000 people. <http://www.mkweb.co.uk/mk2031/home.asp>

### **Cultural Strategy**

The Vision: 'Milton Keynes will be known as a place that is distinctive, safe, friendly and welcoming, where everyone can contribute and participate, where talent is nurtured and celebrated, learning and the ability to achieve encouraged; a great place to work and visit and one people are proud to call home.'

Public Consultation on the Draft Cultural Strategy is between 19<sup>th</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> July, for more information <http://www.mkweb.co.uk/leisure%2Dand%2Dculture/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=15424>

**Public Art Strategy:** The Public Art Unit have a draft Strategy which is due for wide public consultation during the summer with adoption and implementation starting in September.

**Draft Young Persons Housing Strategy:** Consultation begins on 20 June 2006 and ends on 30 September 2006.

<http://www.mkweb.co.uk/housing%2Dneeds/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=35610>

## **Developments**

We are currently waiting for new visuals and updated information for our two Development Information sites, situated at Middleton Hall (near John Lewis) and between Debenhams and Ponti's in Midsummer Place. Please continue checking them when in the area.

### **Theatre District**

Work on the site next to TGI Fridays is well underway and includes 50 apartments, commercial space and underground car parking. Work started in December 2005 and is due for completion by June 2007.

Discussions are in place regarding the scheme on the south side facing Avebury Boulevard. Plans are likely to include hotels, offices and some retail with residential on upper floors. Improvements to public areas have been approved by MK Council and include hard and soft landscaping, lighting and signage.

### **Campbell Park, Phase 1**

George Wimpey have been selected as the preferred developer for Campbell Park Phase 1. The new development will create a distinctive residential district in a landscaped setting which is sympathetic to the natural environment of Campbell Park. Its 280 environmentally friendly homes (30% of which will be 'Affordable') will feature the highest standards of design and build quality with flexible interiors and private balconies, private gardens or communal courtyards. The scheme will be largely car-free with underground parking concealed below landscaped courtyards. There will also be a range of 'cycle' friendly' measures such as bike stores and cycle washing facilities and complimentary folding bicycles provided for some homes.

<http://www.mkweb.co.uk/home/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=32336>

### **Campbell Park, Phase 2 – Marina**

Plans for this exciting development include diverse retail, residential and leisure opportunities. The assessment of tenders for the project will take place by the end of January 2007 with the announcement of the winning bidder to take place by April 2007, following the appropriate EP and MKP/CMK approvals.

### **thecentre:mk**

The development agreement is now signed and target date for site works to commence is June 2007. The first phase of this extensive £400m redevelopment consists of creating a new market, 2000 space multi-storey car park, a residential block, retail extension and restaurants.

### **Civic Hub**

This project is with MK Council to determine the accommodation requirements and will be fed into proposals for the area between Midsummer and Avebury Boulevards and Secklow Gate and Lower Ninth Street.

### **Central Business Exchange III / The Hub**

Following the collapse of scaffolding at Jury's Hotel, the Health & Safety Executive investigations are continuing. Work has restarted and we are awaiting firm opening dates for the two hotels; 4\* Jury's Doyle and 3\* Ramada Encore, but it is hoped they will both be open by the end of August this year.

The first block of one and 2 bedroom apartments should be completed by mid to end 2007. It is estimated the whole site, including quality bars, cafes and restaurants around a landscaped central square, will be completed by 2008.

### **Sainsbury's Site**

Work started on site in late February and is progressing well. The development on the eastern side of Witan Gate and south of Avebury boulevard includes a 10k sq m state-of-the-art Sainsbury's store, 440 apartments and townhouses, retail, commercial, leisure units. There will also be over 600 pay and display parking spaces and 400 residential, all at basement level. Completion is still expected end of 2007.

### **CMK West End Phase 1**

This development opportunity includes approximately 650 apartments and townhouses, commercial and retail elements. The site benefits from an element of European funding based on the delivery of specific sustainability enhancements to the scheme. A developer will be selected early 2007 to enable a start on site during Spring 2007.

### **Combined Heat & Power (CHP)**

A CHP system is to be installed at the rear of the CBX buildings, between Midsummer Boulevard and Silbury Boulevard. It will supply electricity and heat to the proposed new residential area in the West End and the hub/CBX III hotels, apartments and offices. The heat produced during the generation of electricity can be put to good use (up to 60% of burnt fuel from standard power plants is wasted) leading to substantial savings in energy costs as well as helping the environment. To find out more view [www.districtenergy.org/chp.htm](http://www.districtenergy.org/chp.htm)

## **What's on in CMK**

### **Local Events Listing**

Our events listing for 2006 is now available. If you would like a copy, e-mail [kate.wakefield@cmkpartnership.org](mailto:kate.wakefield@cmkpartnership.org) and we will forward it to you. In the meantime, here's a sample of events to get you out and about in Milton Keynes, just click on the link for more information.

### **Shaping Local Health**

25 July 2006, 9.30am to 5.30pm, Middleton Hall, thecentre:mk  
There will be representatives from the Voluntary Sector, NHS primary Care, Ambulance Trust and Hospital Trust to increase knowledge of health locally.

### **Interfaith MK – Women's Seminars**

Interfaith MK has acquired Home Office funding to run five seminars on the general topic of Women and Faith. The Seminars will be held in the Conference Suites in Acorn House, Midsummer Boulevard starting at 7.30pm on 5 consecutive Mondays; 26 June, 3, 10, 17 and 24 July 2006.

### **Auction and China Trek for Willen**

15 July 2006

Wagamama girls, Clare and Jen will be trekking along the Great Wall of China in October in order to raise money for Willen Hospice and are also holding a Charity Auction on Saturday 15 July at the Parkside Hotel. Tickets, £30 for a three course meal, auction and dancing, can be purchased from Wagamama Milton Keynes or visit <http://www.justgiving.com/chinatrekmk> or email [chinatrekmk@hotmail.com](mailto:chinatrekmk@hotmail.com).

### **MKG (Gallery)**

10 June – 23 July

**Phillip Allen** – known for his distinctive oil paintings in which the outer edge of the canvas is encrusted with thick, globular whirls of paint,

**Carlos Bunga** – the Portuguese artist's characteristic sculptures-cum-performances comprise makeshift corridors and labyrinthine spaces, crudely fashioned from sheets of corrugated cardboard and held together with brown packing tape!

**MK Theatre**

8 July: MAGIC Mozart – The Magic Flute, a large community project working with local young people

10 July–15 July: The Buddy Holly Story

16 July: Jo Brand, an evening of sharp, perceptive, quick witted humour

17 July-22 July: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

24 July-29 July: The New Statesman, a hilarious comedy creation starring Rik Mayall

[www.theambassadors.com/miltonkeynes](http://www.theambassadors.com/miltonkeynes)

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