



Did you know ....

A recent survey undertaken by the Milton Keynes Partnership has shown that an amazing 96% of people who live in Milton Keynes love living here. This is a higher percentage than most places where the figure is between 30% - 40%.

### **Out and About in Central Milton Keynes**

#### **The Busy Skateboarding Shoe!**

The Busy, Milton Keynes skate park, is situated in the old bus station in Central Milton Keynes and is recognised internationally in the world of skate boarding. DC shoes, based in California, wanted to create a new trainer linked to a famous skate spot and arranged a skateboard team tour and Milton Keynes' Busy was chosen! It has been an amazing project, given that the DC Shoes headquarters are in California the home of skateboarding and now thousands of the new shoes are set to be produced worldwide in red, white and blue, incorporating a Union Jack in the design and with **The Busy** written on the inner soles. The shoe was launched by DC Shoes and Sidewalk magazine at the skate park on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

A further accolade was received on the evening of Monday 13 March in London, when the skate park project picked up the prestigious Local Government Chronicle award for best Community Involvement in the country.

#### **Temporary Car Parking during Developments**

During the development work at thehub:mk and the Sainsbury sites, 360 temporary car park spaces are being 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.

#### **CMK Station Square – CABE Survey**

Thank you to the many people who responded to the Survey via the forms in the shopping centre and also to those who attended the forums. Feedback from the consultation will be made available via the web in the next month, We will advise further details.

#### **The National Bowl – Proposals**

Gaming International Ltd and Live Nation are the developers for The National Bowl site and have a range of proposals in mind for the Bowl. Look at their plans on [www.thenationalbowl.net](http://www.thenationalbowl.net) click on 'Backstage', view their proposals and make your views known before Friday 26 May 2006.

### **Openings**

#### **Talk of the Town Live**

On 25<sup>th</sup> February, the Talk of the Town Live opened its doors to the public. Situated within The Point in Central Milton Keynes, the aim is to appeal to the more sophisticated audience by combining the classic charm of bygone days with fine dining, superb service, spectacular entertainment and live music. They are open for lunch and evening entertainment and you will find more details on their web site

[www.talkofthetownlive.co.uk](http://www.talkofthetownlive.co.uk)

### **Developments**

#### **Central-CMK**

As Milton Keynes grows and develops according to Government guidelines, new pressures and opportunities are facing Central-CMK, the area from the Church of Christ the Cornerstone to the Theatre & Gallery and between the H5 and H6. A supplementary planning document has been prepared to guide development in Central-CMK and an exhibition will be held to provide information and to give the public the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

The Public Exhibition will be held from **21 April – 24 April 2006** in Midsummer Place shopping centre. Staff will be available between 11.00am – 3.00pm. The three weeks consultation process "Shaping the future of Central-CMK" will run from **18 April – 9 June 2006**

Further information is available from Milton Keynes Library, Milton Keynes Council Civic Offices or online at [www.mkweb.co.uk](http://www.mkweb.co.uk)

### **Campbell Park Extensions**

The first of four park extensions adjacent to Dalgin Place and into Enterprise Mews is nearing completion of landscaping work.

Further landscaping works are being carried out at Springfield and an extension of the eastern section of Avebury Boulevard Redway during the same period and should be complete shortly.

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

### **Combined Heat and Power (CHP) for Central Milton Keynes**

Planning consent has been obtained and site clearance for the first CHP plant installation has commenced with further major earthworks for the main plant having begun in January 2006. Completion is due in the Spring of 2007.

For more information on CHP click here [www.districtenergy.org/chp.htm](http://www.districtenergy.org/chp.htm)

### **Road Works – Transport Improvements**

Work on the 'at grade' (road level) pedestrian crossing at the Witan Gate/Avebury junction is due to complete 26 June.

Work to remove the roundabout and signalise the junction is in progress at the Grafton Gate/Silbury Boulevard junction. Following this work, the road will be resurfaced during which time it will be closed overnight between 3 April to 9 April and 24 April to 29 April. Completion is due early June 2006.

On Witan Gate (H6 to Midsummer Boulevard) the new Sainsburys' development works are in progress, and there are some lane closures.

Works are nearing completion on both Avebury and Silbury Boulevards in Campbell Park on traffic calming and bus lane improvement works.

Speed limits on Avebury and Silbury Boulevards in Campbell Park are reduced from 40mph to 30mph.

### **Sainsburys**

Work started in February on the Sainsbury's development site between Avebury Boulevard, Witan Gate and Child's Way. Occupation by Sainsbury's is expected to be by the end of 2007.

### **Theatre District**

Work is progressing on Phase 2a (grassed area near TGI Friday), comprising 50 residential units, three ground floor restaurants and underground car parking space.

The south side of the Theatre District is currently receiving an upgrade. The works include painting and maintenance and this along with new street furniture, new flooring, lights and signage are giving the area a facelift! Completion is due in June 2006.

### **thecentre:mk**

The first phase of the building works are programmed to start in June 2007 and will consist of creating a new market by the Food Centre, a 2000 space multi-storey car park, a residential block, retail extension and restaurants. This will be followed in early 2008 by phase two of the building programme.

### **West End CMK (the first of the Sustainable Residential Quarters) Infrastructure**

This involves creation of the East Square and adjacent highways to provide separate safe access to the 420 place combined school that will be built first whilst the rest of the Phase 1 development is being constructed.

Earthworks for the infrastructure of Phase 1 (Witan Gate end of the block between Avebury Boulevard and Childs Way) were completed by the end of December 2005. Deep foul and surface water drainage, surfacing and hard and soft landscaping are currently underway.

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

#### **MKG (Gallery)**

Roger Hiorns – 8 April 2006 – 28 May 2006

Supported by The Elephant Trust, The Esmee Fairbairn Trust and the Henry Moore Foundation.

Featuring the largest selection of his 'crystalised' car engines to be seen together in one show.

## **MK Theatre**

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

## **thecentre:mk**

[www.thecentremk.com](http://www.thecentremk.com)

## **Race for Life – Campbell Park**

3 June – 4 June 2006

The Cancer Research Race for Life will take place in Campbell Park, Central Milton Keynes this year. 5,000 women are expected to take part on each day. For more details contact Gill Parella on [gill.parella@cancer.org.uk](mailto:gill.parella@cancer.org.uk) or click on the website [www.raceforlife.org/venues](http://www.raceforlife.org/venues)

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

Various dates June and July 2006

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.

## **Milton Keynes Festival**

1 July – 16 July 2006

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Milton Keynes Festival. A variety of events are planned for various locations throughout the city commencing with the MK4U weekend in Campbell Park (01/02 July) and closing with three concerts in Campbell Park. A full programme will be available on line shortly @ [www.mkfestivals.co.uk](http://www.mkfestivals.co.uk)

If you would like to take part in this year’s festival as performer, sponsor or team worker please email Kay at [kay.greenhalgh@cmkpartnership.org](mailto:kay.greenhalgh@cmkpartnership.org) or call on 01908 398133.

## **Proms in the Park**

Saturday 15 July 2006

The classical music spectacular returns to Campbell Park. Tickets are available now for the 2006 Proms In The Park concert - Until 1 May there is a £5 early bird discount on adult tickets Adults £22 (standard price £27) Children £12 Children under 5 FREE.

Please note: A £2 booking fee per ticket applies

## **UB40**

Sunday 16 July 2006

UB40 will be playing in Campbell Park during the Milton Keynes Festival. Tickets are available now at £32.50 each plus £2.00 booking fee.

For more details or to purchase your tickets visit Customer Services on Silbury Arcade near BHS or call 01908 398115. For further details go to [www.thecentremk.co.uk](http://www.thecentremk.co.uk)

## **NSPCC Big Bike Ride**

30 June – 2 July 2006

The Big Bike Ride is a new national fundraising event being launched by the NSPCC to raise funds for their child protection work. Everyone can take part in the NSPCC’s Big Bike Ride by:

- encouraging colleagues to complete a sponsored cycling challenge
- organising a company bike ride in your local area
- using a static exercise bike and run a competition in your work place

Call for your free Big Bike Ride Event Pack on 0845 456 0001 or visit [www.nspcc.org.uk/bigbikeride](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/bigbikeride) quoting CA/E/CM

## **Shaping Local Health**

25 July 2006

To be held in Middleton Hall between 9.30am and 5.30pm

There will be representatives from the Voluntary Sector, NHS primary Care, Ambulance Trust and Hospital Trust to increase knowledge of health locally.

## **The Parks Trust**

The Parks Trust has produced an Events Booklet which is now available from their offices in the Pavilion in Campbell Park or from various outlets in Milton Keynes or it can be viewed and downloaded from their website [www.theparkstrust.com](http://www.theparkstrust.com)

## Local Events Listing

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

28 April – 1 May	Collectormania	thecentre:mk	<a href="http://www.colectormania.com">www.colectormania.com</a>
29 April – 1 May	MK Garden Show	MK Bowl	<a href="http://www.thenationalbowl.net">www.thenationalbowl.net</a>
1 May	Medieval Fayre	Bradwell Abbey	<a href="http://www.mkcdc.org.uk">www.mkcdc.org.uk</a>
20 May	British Sprint Championships	Campbell Park	<a href="http://www.sprinto2006.co.uk">www.sprinto2006.co.uk</a>
20 May	MK Gallery Family Day	MK Gallery	<a href="http://www.mk-g.org">www.mk-g.org</a>
21 May	Vintage Lawnmower Day	MK Museum	<a href="http://www.mkmuseum.org.uk">www.mkmuseum.org.uk</a>
29 May	40s Family Festival & Fun	Bletchley Park	<a href="http://www.bletchleypark.org.uk">www.bletchleypark.org.uk</a>
29 May	Gardening Day	MK Museum	<a href="http://www.mkmuseum.org.uk">www.mkmuseum.org.uk</a>
3 June	Monsters of Rock Festival	MK Bowl	<a href="http://www.thenationalbowl.net">www.thenationalbowl.net</a>
3 - 4 June	MK Race for Life	Campbell Park	<a href="http://www.raceforlife.org/venues">www.raceforlife.org/venues</a>
4 June	Walk for Willen Hospice	Willen Lake	<a href="http://www.willen-hospice.org.uk">www.willen-hospice.org.uk</a>
9 July	Country Fair	MK Museum	<a href="http://www.mkmuseum.org.uk">www.mkmuseum.org.uk</a>

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