



Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2009.

2008 Round Up

Milton Keynes Listed Number One Location

Channel Five's Property List Programme in June announced that Milton Keynes was listed as the number one location for value for money properties in the South East.

Big Moo 2, Musik 4U, Beach Volley Ball and the First Fringe Festival of the Arts – July 2008

Summer fun, the Big Moo 2 was held again and this year joined by the Fringe Festival of the Arts, Musik 4U and the National beach volley ball tour in Station Square!

Tour of Britain – September

Milton Keynes hosted the start of the second stage of the race with 96 riders racing through the City.

University Centre Milton Keynes – September

The University Centre opened at 200 Silbury Boulevard. Dr Keith Straughan has taken up the post of Vice Principal. The centre is run by Milton Keynes College and initially has places for 700 undergraduates with a wide range of degree-level courses on offer. For more information see:

<http://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/?id=821&PHPSESSID=e5a554ff43f0798e78c85c886a63bab0> or contact 01908 684452/53.

Sainsbury's Store – October

Sainsbury's opened its new store the largest purpose built on the corner of Witan Gate and Avebury Boulevard relocating from the Food Hall. The store is nearly double the size of the old one with one third designated to Sainsbury's home and clothing ranges, and includes a 260 seater café. The store has 500 designated free (up to 3 hours) parking bays beneath the building with access from Witan Gate. For more information see:

www.sainsburys.co.uk

Xscape Milton Keynes – October

Xscape Milton Keynes came top in a survey by Visit Britain to find the most visited free attraction in the UK. In 2007 the Xscape complex had 6.9 million visitors, beating rivals Blackpool Pleasure Beach and The British Museum.

Milton Keynes 40 Tower Receives top Award – October

Milton Keynes Gallery, Milton Keynes Council and dRMM architects were announced as the winners in the Best Structural Project category of the 2008 LABC National Built in Quality Awards for MK Forty Tower. The Award recognises either an individual or an organisation that has a new way of complying with Building Regulations with a new design or technological innovation. The tower structure is now in storage.

English Partnerships Mergers with Housing Corporation – December

On 01st December 2008 English Partnerships merged with the Housing Corporation to become Homes & Communities Agency (HCA) for more information see: www.homesandcommunities.co.uk

Campbell Square Residents move in – December

28 new residents moved into Croft Court the first completed residential block at the development with a total of 280 apartments and townhouses when complete.

CONSULTATIONS

Milton Keynes Council

Sport and Leisure Strategy – consultation began on 19th November and concludes on 21st January following an extension of the original close date of 07th January. For further information see: [Milton Keynes Council Sport and Leisure Strategy](#)

Draft Retail and Leisure Study – consultation began on 22nd December and concludes on 16th February 2009. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council Draft Retail and Leisure Study](#)

Budget Consultation 2009/2010 – consultation began on 22nd December and concludes on 06th February 2009. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council Budget Consultation 2009/10](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Events Calendar for 2009, giving details of events being held in and around Milton Keynes is available for more information see: www.cmkp.co.uk/news/events . If you would like to include your event please email me at carmel.blyth@cmkpartnership.org.

Blank Canvas: Urban Art Movement

On 23rd January, the Aim Gallery (located at 759 Midsummer Boulevard next to Costa Coffee on the outside of thecentre:mk) is hosting the Blank Canvas Urban Art Movement which will showcase the talents of young artists, photographers, film makers. Opening times for the gallery are Monday to Saturday 12pm till 4pm, for more information see: www.mad-uk.org

Milton Keynes Contemporary WHITEWALL - Nicola Donovan exhibition ?Cryptocephalu

Nicola Donovan continues to exhibit six works which taking influence from the Code Breakers of Bletchley Park, and the tradition of North Bucks lace making. This exhibition concludes on the 18th January 2009.

From 22nd January **Zoe Childerley** will exhibit a collection of photography entitled 'In a Different Light'. The exhibition comprises a series of magical images, tales, folk tales, mythology and literature. A preview takes place on Thursday 22nd January 2009, starting at 5.30 - 7.30 pm with a story-telling performance by Philippa Tipper will commence at 6 pm inspired by the images from the exhibition. For more information see: www.miltonkeynescontemporary.co.uk or to see the exhibition go to the Contemporary White Wall found on Midsummer Arcade (adjacent to John Lewis) at thecentre:mk.

Milton Keynes Gallery

Gilberto Zorio Exhibition concludes on 18th January 2009. His first solo exhibition in the UK includes new installations made specifically for Milton Keynes Gallery's spaces.

Polly Apfelbaum: Anything Can Happen In A Horse Race Exhibition starts on 31st January until 22nd March, she will create a series of installations utilizing reflective and sequined fabric.

In Conversation Polly Apfelbaum and David Batchelor – on 31st January from 3pm join them as they discuss Apfelbaum's work. Places are limited, admission is free, please book by contacting 01908 676900.

For more information see: <http://www.mk-g.org/index.php?id=392>

FringeMK (Fringe Festival of the Arts)

View the art exhibitions at the permanent locations within Midsummer Place featuring the current project entitled Legge, photographs and digitally altered images and the Theatre District (next to Ortega) featuring Sitting Ducks a show of 2 and 3D work from various artists and Who is the Bluegirl a digital animation. For more information see:

www.fringemk.com

thecentre:mk – Middleton Hall (by John Lewis)

Our Place: MK Sporting and Leisure Heritage – 20th/21st January

Living Archive presents the 'Our Place: MK' Sporting and Leisure Heritage exhibition in Middleton Hall which will celebrate the Pioneers and Heroes who have played a significant part in the development of the Milton Keynes area, its businesses and community. For more information about the exhibition or how you can be involved contact Living Archive on 01908 322568.

Young Enterprise Craft and Trade Show – 25th January

Young Enterprise South East has enabled 1,000 students the opportunity to design, create and manufacture their own products. Over 100 stalls with a choice of products will be available as part of the show. For more information see: thecentre:mk.YoungEnterpriseCraft&TradeShow

The Milton Keynes Wedding Show 2009 – 30th January / 01st February

With over 110 exhibitors, the show is the largest in the region and admission is free. For more information see:

thecentremk.TheMiltonKeynesWeddingShow2009

Milton Keynes Theatre

Offering a variety of productions. To book or for more information call the Box office on **0870 060 6652** (booking fee) or visit www.miltonkeynes theatre.com

Pulse Performance at Milton Keynes Theatre

On 24th January Kik Music with Milton Keynes Theatre present Pulse, a performance that combines colour, comedy, tension and drama. For tickets contact 0870 060 6652 or see www.kikmusic.org.uk.

Milton Keynes City Orchestra

On Friday 23rd January 2009 Milton Keynes Theatre hosts Première Pictures at 7:30pm. A Pre-Concert talk is scheduled at 6.30pm featuring an interview with composer Hugh Wood led by Sian Edwards and Adrian Boynton. Followed by the main performance at 7:30pm. Tickets cost from £10 up to £30 and can be purchased from the Box Office contactable on 01908 558311.

Discover Milton Keynes (open 10am - 6pm, Monday – Saturday)

Located at 672 Silbury Boulevard (on the outside of the centre:mk by Burger King)

The City of Firsts - 5th January - 19th February

An exhibition celebrating some of Milton Keynes' unique achievements

The Magic Lantern Show - 22nd January

A free event with drinks & nibbles from 6.30pm visit for an evening of Victorian parlour entertainment. Please book via: discovermk@googlemail.com or for more information see www.discovermiltonkeynes.co.uk

OUT AND ABOUT IN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

Plymouth to Timbuktu – thecentre:mk's Dan Murphy and Andy Rogers left City Square and took to the road last Friday in aid of MK Young Carers to follow their progress go to: <http://www.thecentreforseriousheroes.webs.com/>

Invest Milton Keynes (IMK)

To 31st December Invest Milton Keynes (IMK) has logged a total of 65 investment successes for the current financial year, compared to 60 at the same time in 2007. These successes account for a total of 843 new and 1489 safeguarded jobs. Enquiries were 11% up on December 2007. For further information on IMK

www.investmiltonkeynes.com

Remain Vigilant

Please continue to remove all valuable property from your vehicles as car criminals are on the look out. Items they will look at are valuables such as Sat Navs, DVD players, stereo equipment but they will also look for evidence of these such as holders or sucker marks on windows.

Why Not Try the Walking Bus

Walking buses involve colleagues who finish work at the same time co-ordinating with each other to arrange to walk to their vehicles. The vehicles could be parked close by each other, or one of the walking bus members could drop colleagues off to their vehicles. For more information see: <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=61298>

ROAD WORKS & PARKING CHANGES

Proposed changes to Parking Charges in CMK

Milton Keynes Council (MKC) adopted the CMK Parking Strategy in December 2008, MKC Cabinet will be considering a report on short term measures that include increased parking charges see Annex A1. To view the CMK Parking Strategy go to www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking or to view the full report that will be presented to Cabinet on 21st January go to <http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=8270> or for further information and parking updates after the 21st January go to www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking.

Avebury Boulevard and Witan Gate Closure

Expected completion is now anticipated in March 2009, the closure involves part of Avebury Boulevard from its junction with South Fourth Street in an easterly direction to its junction with South Fifth Street, and for Witan Gate to be closed at both sides of the Avebury Boulevard junction. The closure is required to facilitate the installation for an electricity supply and district heating mains whilst the road is closed the alternative route will be via Grafton Gate, Childs Way, Saxon Gate and Midsummer Boulevard and vice versa.

Lower Second Street and Lower Third Street

Work continues on the Pinnacle Development. To ensure safety, the temporary closure of the footway, highway and parking bays on the land adjacent to Grafton Park between Lower Second Street and Lower Third Street will need to be extended until the site is completed in June 2009.

Temporary Car Parking Availability:

Milton Keynes Council have an online map detailing car parking availability during the week, to find out where car parking spaces are see:

<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.

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>

Campbell Park – Phase 1 Residential Campbell Square

Residents moved into Croft Court before Christmas only 1 apartment remains unsold. Work is now under way for the completion of Field Court (which is located to the right of Croft Court as you look from Avebury Boulevard) anticipated completion October 2009, the sales centre has now released 4 bedroom townhouses and 1 / 2 bed apartments within Field Court for sale; you can visit the sales office between 10am and 5:30pm for details. The total development will include 280 apartments, town houses (including 30% affordable housing) and a small amount of retail space. Construction of the remaining blocks is on hold currently. 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 Pinnacle development by Hampton Brook is due for completion this June. For more information see the new dedicated website: <http://www.pinnaclemk.com/default.aspx> or

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

Sainsbury's Residential

Vizion at the Sainsbury's development achieved 50 completions during December with total completions nearing 120. In total there are 400 apartments within the development the first quarter of 2009 will see the last of the apartments coming up for sale. For more info on what is available for sale visit: www.barratthomes.co.uk or

[Sainsbury Development](#)

Infrastructure projects in Milton Keynes include:

Improvements to Junction 14 of the M1 – Major road works are now complete with final checks being done. The final phase is the landscaping will be carried out as the planting season begins, during this period cones may appear.

Other Developments:

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

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

- **West End One Phase**

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

- **Xscape Expansion**

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

- **Leisure Plaza**

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

We would like to hear from you, if there is information that you would like to hear about that we currently do not cover either in our e-Newsletter, Website and the Development Information Sites. Please contact me with suggestions. Also, if you see anything operational within CMK that you feel needs addressing let us know and our Operations Sub-Group can look at it for you. For more information on our Operations Sub-Group and Centre Management role please see www.cmkp.co.uk

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