



## E-NEWSLETTER MAY 2009

### CONSULTATIONS

#### **Milton Keynes Council**

**Second Stage Central Milton Keynes Parking Proposals** – is to ascertain the views of the public on improved bus services and changes to the CMK parking scheme. Consultation began on 01<sup>st</sup> April 2009 and concludes on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009. For further information see: [Milton Keynes Council Second Stage CMK Parking Proposals](#) In addition to holding a members workshop to enable organisations to respond on the first parking strategy consultation, CMKP submitted a response and has attended 2 stakeholder workshops at the Council.

**Draft Conservation and Maintenance Plan for Trees in Central Milton Keynes** – the Plan is a technical piece of work that aims to provide principles and guidance for the management of trees within CMK and to provide a supplement plan to the CMK Handbook for the Public Realm. Consultation began on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 and concludes on 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2009. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council Draft Conservation and Maintenance Plan for Trees](#)

**Milton Keynes Parish Boundary Consultation** – a three month consultation is taking place to find out the community's opinions about proposed plans to change parish boundaries. The review could mean that some homes will come under different parishes. Consultation began on 30<sup>th</sup> April and concludes on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council – Parish boundary Consultation](#)

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**The Events Calendar for 2009**, giving details of events being held in and around Milton Keynes for more information see: [CMKP: Events Calendar 2009](#) . If you would like to include your event please email me at [carmel.blyth@cmkpartnership.org](mailto:carmel.blyth@cmkpartnership.org).

#### **Cycle Tour Series – 21<sup>st</sup> May 7pm**

The first ever Tour Series will be kicked off in Milton Keynes on 21<sup>st</sup> May, cycle races will be taking place right in the heart of the city. The Tour Series will see ten top British teams competing to be number one. During the day, there will be a range of other cycling activities organised specifically for the city residents, visitors and businesses. You will have a chance to team race on the professional cycling track, enjoy cycling demonstrations and skills sessions running throughout the afternoon. For more information see: [Tour Series](#)

#### **thecentre:mk – Middleton Hall (by John Lewis)**

**Garden Show** – 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May, for more information see: [thecentre:mk - Garden Show](#)

#### **FringeMK (Fringe Festival of the Arts)**

FRINGEMK Project Space at Midsummer Place is currently showing 'The Art of Memory' a series of paintings, prints and photographs from 15<sup>th</sup> May until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009. For more information see: [FringeMK](#)

#### **Midsummer May Madness Mayhem**

All retailers in Midsummer Place will be giving away free scratch cards with every purchase from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Scratch off the panel and reveal an 'Instant Win' prize. Everyone has the chance to win a brand new Steven Eageall Toyota Aygo, which will be on display and become the official 'post box' for entries. For more information see: [Midsummer Place](#)

#### **Milton Keynes Gallery**

**James Lee Byars Exhibition** began on the 04<sup>th</sup> April and runs until the 21<sup>st</sup> June. The exhibition details representative work by the late artist James Lee Byars (1932-1997) including sculptures, works on paper and film documentation of his performances.

**A Perfect Start to an Evening...** will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7–10pm at the Project Space, MK Gallery and Margaret Powell Square. This is the first evening of Milton Keynes Arts Open Weekend, and is produced and coordinated by Milton Keynes Gallery's Young People's Project involving contemporary art, music, poetry, film and performance inspired by the James Lee Byars exhibition. It's free to attend and there is no need to book.

**What is Art Talk Series** runs from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May until 28<sup>th</sup> May for more information on this and other activities see: [Milton Keynes Gallery](#)

### **Sainsbury's 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The first store was opened on Drury Lane, London in 1869. Over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May the new Central Milton Keynes store on Avebury Boulevard/Witan Gate will be celebrating with a giant birthday cake and much more.

### **Milton Keynes Contemporary WHITEWALL – Ima Pico**

The exhibition entitled 'Overflow' starts on 23<sup>rd</sup> May until 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009, inspired by the visual clutter and media saturation of our busy world. For more information see: [www.miltonkeynescontemporary.co.uk](http://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.

### **Race for Life – 30/31<sup>st</sup> May**

Taking place at Campbell Park in Central Milton Keynes on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May, starting at 11am. You can walk, jog or run the 5k course to raise money for Cancer Research UK. For more information see: [Race for Life](#)

### **Milton Keynes Theatre**

Currently showing the Little Shop of Horrors (11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May) and offering a variety of other productions, to book or for more information call the Box office on **0844 871 7652** (booking fee) or visit [Milton Keynes Theatre](#)  
**MK's Top Talent** - Milton Keynes Theatre will be 10 years old in October and to celebrate this they are working in partnership with MK News to hold a brand new talent contest this Autumn - MK's Top Talent. The winning act will be offered a paid professional contract to appear in this year's spectacular pantomime Cinderella. Tickets are already available for the heats (29<sup>th</sup> Sep – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct) and all-important final (3<sup>rd</sup> Oct). For tickets call Milton Keynes Box Office on 0870 0606652.

**Milton Keynes Theatre** – has developed itself as a resource for the Milton Keynes business community. It can now offer a superior venue for meetings, conferences, exhibitions and celebrations – with a fully trained Corporate Events Team, and partnered with some of the leading names in the events industry. Sponsors and Business Associates of the Theatre are offered considerable marketing opportunities to promote their brand and advertise to an audience of up to 80,000 theatregoers. For more information, please call Sue Lloyd, Development Manager, on 01908 547511.

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

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

### **Open University at 40** – 30<sup>th</sup> April – 04<sup>th</sup> June

An exhibition celebrating 40 years of the Open University in Milton Keynes. For more information see: [Discover Milton Keynes](#)

### **Bucks Youth Games**

Taking place on 06<sup>th</sup> June around Milton Keynes – the games will see over 1000 young people taking part in an Olympic style event in one day across three venues. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council - Bucks Youth Games](#)

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

#### **Milton Keynes Gallery and Theatre Win Access Award**

Congratulations to the Gallery and Theatre for winning the Bucks Vision (BAB) Best Company Practise Award is following nomination by members who participated in the Gallery's 'Seeing is Not Believing' project last year and various access events for the visually impaired at the theatre. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Gallery & Theatre Win Award](#)

#### **Milton Keynes Council Sign Up New Cleaning Contract**

SERCO was awarded the contract in August 2008, and from March 2nd 2009 have taken over the day to day operations of the Waste management and environment cleansing contract for residents in Milton Keynes. With Milton Keynes Council they are planning to introduce a number of improvements to the service which will include kitchen waste collection, as well as planning more environmentally friendly collection routes. For more information see: [Milton Keynes Council – Serco Contract](#)

#### **Big Moo 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009 – Want to be Involved**

The Big Moo – taking place for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running this year on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July. Local charities, clubs, societies, not for profit organisations, or anyone providing entertainment or free activities on the day are invited to be part of this event for free, so please join in. If you would like to be involved in any way or can volunteer to help on the day, then please contact Sara on [sara.mills@theatre-district.co.uk](mailto:sara.mills@theatre-district.co.uk)

**Twenty First Century Chic (21<sup>cc</sup>)** - Opened in early April at the Xscape as a new bar and dance venue. For more information see: [Xscape - 21 Century Chic](#)

### **Coming soon.... Rodizio Restaurant to the Theatre District**

Due to open on the late May, find out more about the new Brazilian steakhouse, Rodizio Restaurant opening at the Theatre District see: [Theatre District](#)

### **Watch 'The Best of Milton Keynes' on YouTube!**

Destination Milton Keynes has recently put together a DVD which shows some of the many exciting and varied activities Milton Keynes has to offer. To view the clip go to [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_mtbOe8Lvl](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_mtbOe8Lvl) (if you have a YouTube account please feel free to rate the clip as this will help the search engine ratings as well). Or you can view it within the DMK site via [http://www.destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk/Visit\\_us](http://www.destinationmiltonkeynes.co.uk/Visit_us)

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

After a record year in 2008/2009 with 82 projects, 2870 jobs and enquiries nearly 10% up on the previous year, Invest Milton Keynes has made a strong start to 2009/2010 with five successes in April and enquiries up by 13%. For further information on IMK please visit [Invest Milton Keynes](#)

**Thames Valley Police** are running a series of discussion surgeries until the end of June. You are invited to go along and talk about any issues or concerns that you have within Milton Keynes. For more information see: [Thames Valley Police Surgeries](#)

### **Keep Your Bike Safe**

Since December, Thames Valley Police have been helping cyclists to take simple steps to protect their bicycles. Using a special marking kit, the police can permanently security mark your bicycle with a unique identifying code and the information is then stored on a central data system. The bike marking kits are available for a discounted cost of only £3 at Midsummer Place Police Station. For more information see: [Bike Marking - Midsummer Boulevard Police Station](#)

**Milton Keynes Partnership launch new film** - a short new video clip demonstrating the work it undertakes locally, for more information see: [Milton Keynes Partnership - New Film](#)

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

#### **Temporary Closure Avebury Boulevard**

Work is required to enable a deep sewer connection which is scheduled to take place from 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 on the south west carriageway only, from the junction with South Fifth Street to Witan Gate, it is hoped that the works will be complete by 21<sup>st</sup> May but the contractors have advised that work may extend to Friday 05<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Parking at Marks & Spencers**

Works are underway to turn the current parking system at Marks & Spencers into a one way system with dedicated pick up areas for shoppers. Anticipated completion of the work mid-May 2009.

#### **How to get an e-mail reminder to renew your parking permit**

MKC can now e-mail you in advance if your parking permit's expiring to remind you to renew it. This applies for all permit types, including residents and employees that have a life-span of more than 3 months (unfortunately this does not include monthly permits or scratch-cards). If you would like to sign up to receive an e-mail reminder 3 weeks before your permit expires, submit your e-mail address on the form the next time you apply for a permit. To download permit application forms, click on [Milton Keynes Council - Parking Permit](#)

#### **Cashless Parking**

Drivers can now pay for their parking by phone or text as part of the newly introduced Pay by Phone parking. The new service is available in Central Milton Keynes on all red premium and blue long stay bays. Parking machines have the details listed of how you can pay over the phone for more information see: [Milton Keynes Council - Cashless Parking](#)

#### **Parking Charge Changes to CMK**

Following the consultation earlier in the year new parking charges are now in place as follows:

- Increasing the standard tariff parking charge from 25p per hour to 30p per hour
- Increasing the premium tariff parking charge from £1 per hour to £1.20 per hour (Permits and scratch-cards will increase proportionately – click here for [list of new charges](#))
- Increasing the long stay parking charge from £5 per day to £7 per day
- Lowering the tariff for the Theatre multi-storey car park to 20p per hour

#### **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: [Milton Keynes Council - Car Parking Availability Map](#)

- 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: [Milton Keynes Council - Parking Tariffs](#)
- 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**

Our four Development Information Sites located at thecentre:mk, Midsummer Place, Xscape and CMK Railway Station, have been updated with new information and colours to help 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: [CMKP: City Centre Development Information Sites](#)

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

The first phase of build saw the completion of Croft Court, which included 29 apartments with new residents moving in over December 2008. Works is now underway to complete phase two Field Court (anticipated completion Autumn 2009), which includes 5 - 4 bedroom townhouses and 17 – 1 to 2 bedroom apartments these have been released for sale. You can visit the sales office between 10am and 5:30pm for details, now released for sale. 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: [George Wimpey / CMKP: Campbell Square](#)

### **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: [Pinnacle MK - Hampton Brook](#) or [CMKP: Pinnacle MK](#)

### **Sainsbury's Residential**

Vizion at the Sainsbury's development located on the eastern side of Witan Gate and south of Avebury Boulevard have sold 80% of the apartments released for sale. A further 75 apartments are to be released in further phases. For more information on what is available for sale visit: [www.barratthomes.co.uk](http://www.barratthomes.co.uk) or [Sainsbury Development](#)

### **Queen's Court re-development**

Work is ongoing with the Queen's Court re-development, a public art action plan has been agreed with Milton Keynes Council and details how art within Queen's Court will be handled and stored safely. Each piece of art has an agreed new location either within the centre or Central Milton Keynes. For more information on the development please see:

[www.cmkp.co.uk](http://www.cmkp.co.uk) : [thecentre:mk Queens Court Redevelopment](#)

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

**Plans to build east of M1 have been removed for the Government's South East Plan** - The Strategic Development Area east of the M1 was added to the South East Plan by government in July 2008 and was strongly objected by the Council, Milton Keynes Partnership, the South East Regional Assembly, the Environment Agency and others. For more information see: [Government's South East Plan](#)

**East West Bus Service Launched** – bus number 300 connects Milton Keynes Central Station and Central Milton Keynes with Brooklands, Broughton Gate, Kingston and Magna Park. For more information see: [East / West Bus Launch](#)

### **Other Developments:**

#### **Leisure Plaza**

Currently home to Planet Ice and Megabowl, the site will be developed by Abbeygate Developments, for more information see: [www.cmkp.co.uk](http://www.cmkp.co.uk) : [Leisure Plaza](#)

Is there 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](http://www.cmkp.co.uk). 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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