



## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **CMK 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – Saturday 23rd June from 12pm till late from Midsummer Place to Campbell Park.**

The programme will include buskers & street entertainers, Artists Gallery, Noddys roadshow & Childrens Party, the Black Market, Music4U, DJ's, local musicians, funfair rides @ 40p each, Arriva buses into CMK @ 40p, Family Picnic, Coco Loco Dance Tent, Korfbal & cricket tournaments, Mascot Race, Will Snap Band & headline major recording artist, Xscape & Theatre District special events and more. There will also be a special 'I love MK' day at the new Eco Park with free admission for coupon holders. For all the latest details please see: [www.miltonkeynes40.co.uk](http://www.miltonkeynes40.co.uk)

**KiK Music MK 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala** at MK Theatre on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** in association with Milton Keynes Theatre and the Theatre District. This spectacular event rounds off a packed weekend of summer celebrations for the city's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday, bringing together some of the finest performers and artists from across the local community for an evening of music, dance, theatre and comedy.

**Performances:** Sunday 24th June 7.30pm **Tickets:** All seats only £7.50

**Box Office:** 0870 060 6652 [www.miltonkeynestheatre.com](http://www.miltonkeynestheatre.com) **Groups and Schools:** 01908 547 609

For those of you that witnessed the **installation of the MK Gallery replica in Station Square** last September by Wolfgang Weileder called Transfer, the full-scale reconstruction and deconstruction will be presented as a four-screen video projection in the Cube Gallery from 17–20 May. There will also be a free panel discussion on Thursday 17 May, 7pm – 8 pm.

Speakers include: Wolfgang Weileder, John Best, Marie Kirbyshaw, Michael Stanley, representatives from R.Bau the construction firm and the school of Art and Culture, Newcastle University.

### **Put Milton Keynes on the Monopoly Board**

Hasbro are planning to release a new UK Monopoly board with the locations based on the votes of the general public and there are only 22 spaces on the board.

Milton Keynes is currently placed at 46 with 3268 votes and classed as a wildcard as we weren't even on the list to begin with, but if we get more people voting we will be right up the leaderboard. (Ashton Gate is currently the highest wildcard on the board, with 16930 votes!)

You can vote once a day at: <http://www.monopoly.co.uk/vote.aspx> and go to the wildcard section. Voting ends on May 25th.

### **Milton Keynes Battle of the Busy 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Skate Park, the old Central Bus Station**

A competition welcoming sponsored and non-sponsored skateboarders from anywhere in the world. The event will be sponsored by Plan-B and DC Shoes two of the leading skateboard companies in America. There are plans for the American Plan-B team to come to the event as they are touring in England at the same time.

One of the Plan B riders that may attend is world famous Danny Way. He has broken two world records which can be seen in the Guinness book of records and is famous for being the first person to ever jump the Great Wall of China on a skateboard!

There will be a cash prize up for grabs with totals at £1500 and a chance to see some of the greatest skateboarders in the world.

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

**Taxi Marshalls help revellers ride home safely** - Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership, and venues and licensed premises located in the city centre are working together to ensure more people who access the local night-time economy can get home more quickly and safely.

Two Taxi Marshalls have been recruited to facilitate fair queuing and to ensure the safety of passengers and Hackney Carriage drivers by directing the public towards these taxis rather than unlicensed and unregistered private hire vehicles. The Marshalls are working the taxi rank outside Xscape on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights between 11.00pm and 4.00am.

Up to 15,000 people flock to the Theatre District and Xscape for a night out and excessive alcohol consumption and frustration at having to wait for a cab home are significant factors in night time crime.

The scheme has already proved to be very successful and we are now seeking sponsorship to assist in funding it on a long term basis. Should any organisation wish to make further enquiries please contact Kay Greenhalgh on 01908 398133.

### **Development Information Sites**

The Partnership's Information sites at Midsummer Place, Middleton Hall in thecentre:mk, Xscape and the Railway Station have been updated with new information and the Xscape site includes a screen showing development videos and presentations. Contact us at The CMK Partnership (details at the bottom of this email) for more information or to request additional information on the sites.

### **Smoking Ban**

From 1 July 2007, virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England will become smokefree. MK Council and partner organisations are currently planning for the ban and will run awareness campaigns to ensure an understanding of the legislation and ways in which to deal with it. It may also be of interest to many of you that an **instant fine of £75** can be issued to anyone dropping cigarette butts or any litter in public places.

For further information see <http://www.smokefreeengland.co.uk/>

### **thecentre:mk's Purple Apple Success**

The BCSC (British Council of Shopping Centres) Purple Apple Marketing Awards recognise and reward best practice nationally in marketing and at their annual awards ceremony in London on May 9<sup>th</sup> thecentre:mk achieved the highest overall score within their size band (over 800,000 sq ft) in the Strategic/ Overall Integrated Marketing Campaign category for their Christmas 2006 campaign – Believe in the Magic, beating competitors such as the Bullring, Trafford Centre, Lakeside, Brent Cross and Meadowhall. They also received a merit in the Community Relations category for their 'Retail Suits You' scheme that aimed to get the long term unemployed in Milton Keynes back to work.

### **Theatre District**

The new club Opus in the Theatre District opened its doors to the public on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The interior is fabulous with two levels, different music rooms and a VIP lounge. They will also serve food from 12 noon every day.

**The Wheel** sadly leaves us on 4<sup>th</sup> June – so take the opportunity whilst the sun is shining to view our fantastic city from above. Open from 2-11pm weekdays and 11-10pm at weekends. Adults £4, Children & Seniors £3, family tickets(2+2)£12. Full Gondola (6) £18.

### **Saxon Gate Redway**

Providing a dedicated cycle/pedestrian route North–South through the city centre, the new route will run through the current surface level parking east of Saxon Gate giving safe, direct access from and to the redway network.

## **ROAD WORKS & PARKING CHANGES**

**Theatre Multi Storey Carpark** – closed from May 14<sup>th</sup> to mid September for major refurbishment by MK Council on improvements to widen the vehicle access ramps to make them more user friendly.

### **Parking changes - Midsummer Boulevard (southside) between Grafton and Witan Gate**

Due to the commencement of ground works for the newest CMK Office development the temporary car parking in this area will be relocated south to Avebury Boulevard/Grafton Gate junction as of May 14 for phase one. Phase 2 closure is scheduled for 29 May with a total loss of 331 spaces. For a two-week period, car-parking provision will be less, however please note that on weekdays there are already over 300 unused standard rate spaces and 66 unused premium spaces in this grid square. These spaces will still be available in addition to the new temporary car park.

The new temporary car park on Avebury Boulevard/Grafton Gate Junction will open mid-June 2007 providing a further 297 car parking spaces.

Milton Keynes Partnership apologises for any inconvenience caused while these developments take place in Central Milton Keynes. Signs and leaflets will be in place prior to closure to advise all current users.

**Campbell Park Highway Works** - Avebury Boulevard in Campbell Park will be closed to through traffic between Enmore Gate and Marlborough Gate from 8 May 2007 to 18 May 2007 inclusive. Landscaping work will be completed at the end of the summer. The works are being delivered by the CMK Public Transport Improvements Project and will provide traffic signal controlled cycle and pedestrian crossing facilities and improved bus stops.

## **DEVELOPMENTS:**

**Milton Keynes Partnership Website** - [www.miltonkeynespartnership.info](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info) -

Provides information about the organisation and the work they do. For each development listed below you will now find a direct link to the website should you require more detailed information.

### ◆ **Midsummer Boulevard Office Development**

The newest development in CMK consisting of office space with two small retail units

Start Date: Ground works are planned to commence mid May with the main construction works commencing in the summer.

Expected Completion: The development will be completed in stages with the first phase due in summer 2008 and total completion in Spring 2009.

Developer: Hampton Brook Developments Ltd

For more information please go to:

[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=39](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=39)

### ◆ Campbell Park – Phase 1 Residential

[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=8](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=8)

### ◆ 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>

### ◆ MK Theatre & Gallery Expansion

[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=5](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=5)

### ◆ Theatre District Residential

[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=12](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=12)

### ◆ thecentre:mk Shopping Centre expansion

[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=6](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=6)

### ◆ Campbell Park Marina

[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=3](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=3)

### ◆ 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)

**CBX3 / thehub:mk** – next to the CBX2 at the corner of Witan gate and Avebury Boulevard, the Ramada Encore and Jury's Inn hotels have been open since August 2006. The 400 apartments of thehub:mk will see their first residents moving in by early summer this year. The 1½ acre Central Piazza is planned to celebrate it's opening this summer and will have around it restaurants and bars such as Cafe Rouge, Strada, Zizzi, Las Iguanas, GBK, Starbucks and Dim T. Bon Viveur opened it's third coffee shop in the piazza on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Leisure Plaza** – Currently home to Planet Ice and the Megabowl, over the next few years this area will be redeveloped by local company Abbeygate Developments, making it the home of an extensively refurbished ice rink upgrading it to a 4000 seater international facility. There will also be a 170,000 sq metre store alongside other leisure and retail facilities including several restaurants. Work is expected to start on site in April 2008 and reach completion by mid 2009.

**Sainsbury's Store and Residential** – located on the eastern side of Witan Gate and south of Avebury Boulevard, this 8 acre development is rapidly taking shape. Sainsbury's will start trading from the new superstore (their largest in Europe) in December 2008 and the 400 apartments are now being marketed by Kings Oak, for more info visit [www.loveonemk.co.uk](http://www.loveonemk.co.uk) and will be available for occupation from late 2007 through to December 2008.

[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=4](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=4)

**West End CMK Residential** – The first stage infrastructure work has begun to pave the way for new and exciting plans to develop the city's West End. The area between Midsummer Blvd 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. A developer has not yet been appointed and consultation is due to take place mid 2007. Expected completion for Phase 1 is 2010.  
[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=7](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=7)

**Junction 13 Improvements** – Overnight work started on 14<sup>th</sup> February at Junction 13 of the M1 to improve the flow of northbound traffic off the motorway and onto the A421 in Milton Keynes. For more info visit:

<http://www.englishpartnerships.com/page.aspx?pointerid=7DFFD281B38F42B9937F2CAFE508DFB9>

Other infrastructure projects in Milton Keynes include;

- ◆ A5 Portway ongoing until end July 2007
- ◆ Improvements to Junction 14 of the M1 – due to start this month and continue until December 2007
- ◆ Abbey Hill Junction Improvements – widening work is being carried out on the two slip roads off the A5. Width restrictions will only be in place outside peak weekday travel periods

### **Local Events Listing**

If you would like a copy of our Events Calendar which lists local community events and the MK40 Birthday celebrations, e-mail [kay.greenhalgh@cmkpartnership.org](mailto:kay.greenhalgh@cmkpartnership.org) and we will forward it to you.

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