

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY****Big Moo 2 including the Fringe Festival of the Arts**

Don't forget to add the dates to your diary – starting on 11<sup>th</sup> and running until 13<sup>th</sup> July, returning this year for more fun in CMK..... see the July edition for more information.

**Milton Keynes Contemporary - WHITEWALL - thecentre:mk's professional arts space**

Constructed Mythologies exhibition by Naziv Tanbouli, takes the imaginative influence and human characteristic of Milton Keynes and its citizens and presents them within a framework of mythical fantasia.

For more information see: <http://www.miltonkeynescontemporary.co.uk/MK%20contemporary/miltonkeynesconk.html>

**Milton Keynes Gallery****Cathy Wilkes – Turner Prize Nominee**

Cathy Wilkes has been nominated as one of four artists short-listed for this year's Turner Prize by Tate, this is the second time in two years that a Milton Keynes Gallery exhibitor has been nominated. Her current exhibition can be seen at the Gallery until 08<sup>th</sup> June. For more information see <http://www.tate.org.uk/britain/turnerprize/>

**MK Forty Tower – nominated for the 2008 LABC (Local Authority Building Control)**

Milton Keynes Gallery commissioned the construction of a 19metre high tower in Margaret Powell Square (between the Gallery and Theatre). The tower is being nominated in the Best Structural Innovation award, the winners will be announced at the Award ceremony being held at the Jury's Inn, Milton Keynes on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008. For more information see: <http://www.labc.uk.com/awards>

**Nomination for The Arts & Business South East Awards**

David Lock Associates and Milton Keynes Gallery have been short listed for the Sustainability Award at The Arts & Business South East Awards 2008. Winners will be announced to 300 of the region's top arts and business decision-makers in Oxford on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2008. For more information see:

<http://www.aandb.org.uk/render.aspx?siteID=1&navIDs=1,4,30>

**Milton Keynes City Orchestra****Summer Symphony - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008 at Milton Keynes Theatre**

Sian Edwards will be joined in performance by "the meteoric successful pianist" Freddy Kempf, at Milton Keynes Theatre as part of a concert - "Summer Symphony". **Concert tickets** for this event, which takes place at 7.30pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008 are priced £28 - £9 (concessions available), and are available direct from Milton Keynes City Orchestra on **01908 558311** or from Milton Keynes Theatre Box Office on 0870 060 6652.

**The Hub**

**Something Fishy Going on:** Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Loch Fyne will be holding its regular and already popular outdoor fish market from 9am throughout the day selling a wide range of fresh fish and shell fish... orders are welcome 01908 546 570

**Roller Rink:** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 11am – 4pm complimentary roller skating for all the family in the Central Square of the Hub.

**Sex in the City Launch Event for Breast Cancer Research 28<sup>th</sup> May at Xscape**

Xscape proudly presents – in aid of Breast Cancer Research – an exclusive Charity Screening of Sex and the City. Taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> May, the event will include a pink carpet, pink champagne reception, watch the movie followed by an after-show party in SNO!zone. Tickets cost £25.00 call 01908 666677 or visit [www.xscape.co.uk](http://www.xscape.co.uk)

**Theatre District****Race for Life**

Partnering with Race for Life to promote their event walk, jog or run 5k to raise money for Cancer Research UK on 31<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June. They are offering training tips, a weekly fitness programme and personal training sessions for all ages and abilities (men welcome to attend too!). Sessions are held on the grass area of the Theatre District (behind Yates & Opus, in front of Buddha Blue) each Saturday up to the event. Runners start at 2pm and walkers at 2.45, joggers are welcome at either session as everyone will work at their own pace. Each session will begin with a warm up and finish with stretching, and details of the weekly focus can be found on our [www.theatre-district.co.uk/](http://www.theatre-district.co.uk/) / <http://www.raceforlife.org/findanevent/index.asp?rid=2>

Also on 31<sup>st</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June between 12noon and 4pm all those running, watching and supporting the event are invited to the District where additional funds will be raised for Cancer Research by offering music, free massage and family entertainment.

### **thecentre:mk**

Sportsmania 2 – Taking place on 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May, there will be dealers stalls, as well as guest talks, autograph signing sessions and much more. Check out the website [www.sportsmaniaevents.com](http://www.sportsmaniaevents.com) for all the latest announcements and guests.

Garden Show – 30<sup>th</sup> May – 01<sup>st</sup> June, for more information see: [www.centralexhibitions.co.uk](http://www.centralexhibitions.co.uk)

### **12<sup>th</sup> Group Travel Awards - Milton Keynes Nominated**

Milton Keynes is one of 6 finalists in the category of Best Town or Shopping Venue for Groups. For more information contact Sarah Jeffery on 0845 166 8127, <http://www.grouptravelawards.com/>

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

**The Hub** - The Living Room Group Ltd will officially open The Living Room Restaurant and Bar at thehub:mk, Milton Keynes on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Featuring a ground floor restaurant and bar area together with a more formal second floor mezzanine restaurant area. Outdoor heated terraces will be situated to the front of the premises onto Midsummer Boulevard and to the rear overlooking the Central Piazza. For information see: [www.thelivingroom.co.uk](http://www.thelivingroom.co.uk)

**Red Hot Buffet** due to open in May at the Theatre District, for more information see: [http://www.theatre-district.co.uk/venues/Red\\_Hot\\_Buffet/](http://www.theatre-district.co.uk/venues/Red_Hot_Buffet/)

### **Blueprint Bar coming soon.....**

Blueprint will operate from Eldergate, Station Square, on the site of the former Directors Wine Bar. Providing lunch-bites during the day before switching the lights and upping the entertainment during the dark hours.

For more information see: <http://www.blueprintbars.com/>

### **Discover Milton Keynes**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm, the new Mayor of Milton Keynes, Councillor Jan Lloyd will open the shop as one of her first formal engagements. 'First' is the key for the opening theme of this unique shop. *Milton Keynes – City of Firsts!* will show just how many firsts Milton Keynes can lay claim to. Located at 672 Silbury Boulevard (on the outside of the Shopping Building by Burger King), this Milton Keynes Heritage Association (MKHA) project is supported by a number of partners including Milton Keynes Council, the CMK Partnership, thecentre:mk and Living Archive. More information is available at: [www.discovermiltonkeynes.co.uk](http://www.discovermiltonkeynes.co.uk)

### **Getting Home Safely – Taxi Guideline**

To travel home safely you should either pre-book a private hire vehicle (minicab) from one of the licensed Milton Keynes private hire operators or use a licensed black taxi cab (Hackney Carriage) that can be flagged down. Do not accept an offer from a private hire vehicle if you have not pre booked it – you will be uninsured to travel and the driver can be heavily fined as recently discovered by a Milton Keynes taxi driver. Private hire mini cabs display a blue license plate on the rear of vehicle while black cabs will have a white hackney carriage license plate.

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

#### **Coachway Temporary Relocation**

The Coachway relocated in late April 2008 to the temporary site at Campbell Park for more information see: <http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/schools/displayarticle.asp?DocID=17701&ArchiveNumber> work has now begun on the redevelopment of the existing site off of Junction 14 on the M1 for more information on the improvements please see: <http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/transport/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=57150>

#### **Parking Changes:-**

##### **Temporary Car Parking Availability:**

- ◆ 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.

If you have a query or comment to make concerning changes to parking in CMK, in particular regarding issues you feel will arise as a direct result of the development, you can e-mail [cmkparkingchange@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:cmkparkingchange@milton-keynes.gov.uk). For

general parking queries, e.g. permits, penalty charge notices etc, you should e-mail [mkparking@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:mkparking@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or visit [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking)

### **Milton Keynes Central Station**

The footbridge from Linceslade Grove across the A5 is scheduled to open on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Other station improvement works are progressing well, a new platform is opening at the end of June and Platform 1 is being extended. Full completion of the work is anticipated in December 2008. Temporary parking for the station can be found opposite the National Hockey Stadium, off Elder Gate providing approximately 140 car parking spaces.

### **Grafton Gate Closure – Redway closure**

The redway running along Grafton Gate / Avebury Boulevard at the end of the proposed West End development scheme will be closed due to the installation of services for the development. Please use the redway on the opposite side of the road near Toys R Us and Argos. The closure will be from 03<sup>rd</sup> March until July 2008.

### **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 or shown on this display you will now find more information on their website should you require it.

### **thecentre:mk**

Details of the proposed redevelopment of Queens Court by Hermes Real Estate and Prudential have been registered with Milton Keynes Council. The redevelopment includes an open public square linking to the two main malls with the creation of a restaurant quarter, with under-cover seating in a winter garden overlooking the central courtyard.

### **Avebury Boulevard, Office Development to be developed by Abbeygate Developments**

Milton Keynes Council has approved the application for a six storey office development with restaurant / café / drinking establishment uses on the ground floor also to incorporate an associated car park with landscaping on the south side of Avebury Boulevard bisected by South Sixth Street the site is currently used for car parking. The development will also see the creation of temporary car parking adjacent to Westminster House to serve for the loss of spaces due to construction. For more information on the application please see: <http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=23778>

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

More cranes due to arrive as the George Wimpey development starts to take shape. Visit the sales office between 10am and 5:30pm. 14 of 29 apartments released for sale have been sold. The development includes: 280 apartments, town houses (including 30% affordable housing) and a small amount of retail space. For more information see: <http://www.georgewimpey.co.uk/newhomes/North+Thames/CampbellSquare/MapAndDirections/> / [http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=8](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=8)

### **Pinnacle – Central Milton Keynes – (Midsummer Boulevard Office Development)**

The development now well underway consists of office space with two small retail units. Completion will be in stages with the first phase due in summer 2008 and total completion by Spring 2009. The developer is Hampton Brook Developments Ltd. For more information see the new dedicated website: <http://www.pinnaclemk.com/default.aspx> / [http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=39](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=39)

### **Sainsbury's Store and Residential –**

Part of the development is now complete with some residents already moved in. Located on the eastern side of Witan Gate and south of Avebury Boulevard. 400 apartments are being marketed by Barratts, with 40 of the 80 apartments released for sale now sold. Sainsbury's will start trading from the new superstore (their largest in Europe) late this year. For more info visit [www.barratthomes.co.uk/](http://www.barratthomes.co.uk/) / [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 Development:**

**West End One – Residential:** Places for People received approval to develop the proposed scheme in April 2008 by Milton Keynes Council for the first phase of West End One. The area between Midsummer Boulevard 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. For more information see: [http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP\\_Projects/project\\_detail.php?Key=7](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=7)

**Xscape Expansion –** Full plans of the proposals can be seen at the Xscape Development Information Site which will include more specialty retail units, café's and restaurants, and a 120 bed 4 star Hotel. The outline application has been made to Milton Keynes Council the decision is scheduled for the end of May 2008. Once agreed work would be expected to start on site in 2009 with completion due in stages from 2010 to 2011. For further information regarding

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

- ◆ **Improvements to Junction 14 of the M1** – are underway and are expected to continue until the end Summer 2008.

### **Other Developments:**

- ◆ Leisure Plaza  
<http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/cmiswebpublic/Binary.ashx?Document=18064>
- ◆ 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=7301EBA7B16E4FE8BDF12300B88F6926>
- ◆ 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)

### **Invest Milton Keynes**

Invest Milton Keynes (IMK) had a record year during 2007/08, with 76 investments secured for the city; the highest since the team started in 2005. These investments also provided record figures of 1,292 jobs created and 1,720 jobs safeguarded. For more information see: [www.investmiltonkeynes.com](http://www.investmiltonkeynes.com)

### **CONSULTATIONS**

#### **Milton Keynes Council**

**Primary Capital Programme: Strategy for Change 2009 – 2023** consultation began on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008 with a closing date of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008 for further information see

<http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/schools/displayarticle.asp?DocID=17701&ArchiveNumber>

#### **Local Events Listing**

If you would like a copy of our Events Calendar which lists local community events e-mail [carmel.blyth@cmkpartnership.org](mailto:carmel.blyth@cmkpartnership.org) and we will forward it to you.

#### **Website Launch**

Our CMK Partnership website will be live in June 2008, please see [www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk](http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk). It will contain the information from the Development Information sites, detail our member organisations and representatives and much more specific information on Central Milton Keynes.

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