



## **EVENTS**

### **Royal Visit 29<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

HRH Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip will be visiting on Milton Keynes officially to open the Hub development at Midsummer Boulevard / Witan Gate and then onto the new Stadium:MK at Denbigh, as well as the new St John's Ambulance Centre at Greenleys. The event is hailed 'as a major landmark in the development and national profile of the city' more details will be available closer to the event.

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Raymond Blanc, celebrity chef and owner of the new Brasserie Blanc will be switching on the Christmas tree lights in the central piazza of the Hub around 5:30pm. Brasserie Blanc officially opens on 28th November and is now taking Christmas Bookings call 01908 546590 to make your reservations.

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – (day of the Royal visit) all venues in the Hub will be closed to the public, only invited and approved guests will be permitted entry to the Hub on that morning. The public will be able to gather at indicated points in the surrounding public areas to see the Queen and Prince Philip. Further details on Celebrations in the Hub and the route for the Royal visit will be provided by the local papers and radio stations over the next two weeks. We will also keep you informed as we receive more detailed information.

For more updates and information see: [www.thehubmk.com](http://www.thehubmk.com)

### **The Wind In the Willows Christmas Tale**

6th November 07 - 2nd January 08 – Middleton Hall, Central Milton Keynes

Join Toad, Ratty, Mole and Badger for the Wind in the Willows Christmas Show at Middleton Hall. You can book online to beat the queues. For more information go to: <http://www.thecentremk.com/santa.aspx>.

### **Xscape – Celebrity Christmas Launch**

Opening on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November until 06<sup>th</sup> January, the opportunity to visit the magical winter wonderland. Enjoy the Christmas entertainment, demonstrations and shows. For more information see: [www.xscape.co.uk](http://www.xscape.co.uk)

### **Milton Keynes Gallery**

#### **MK Forty Tower**

You still have an opportunity to climb the tower and see the panoramic views, to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city, the 19 metre tower is constructed in Margaret Powell Square (between the Gallery and Theatre). It opened on 20<sup>th</sup> July and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007. For more information see: [www.mk-g.org](http://www.mk-g.org)

### **British Heart Foundation – Hearts First Santa Jog**

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2007 at Willen Lake, Milton Keynes starting at 11:00am. For more information see:

[www.bhf.org.uk/mksantajog](http://www.bhf.org.uk/mksantajog)

### **Milton Keynes Partnership Review**

MKP have issued there Annual Review for 2006/2007 for more information please see:

[http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/dfiles/DocumentLibrary/MKP\\_annual\\_review\\_06-07.pdf](http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/dfiles/DocumentLibrary/MKP_annual_review_06-07.pdf)

## **CONSULTATION**

### **Milton Keynes Council**

#### **Want to hear your views on the Budget for next year**

Calling all borough residents - Milton Keynes Council has started consulting on its annual budget and to help them make the right decisions, they would like to hear your views.

The council will be carrying out consultation in two stages:

- **1st October 2007- 12th November 2007** - consultation on which services people think are a priority for spending, and on the levels of Council Tax.
- **December 2007 - February 2008** - consultation on the detailed budget proposals.

As part of the first stage they have produced a questionnaire that asks which services should have more or less money spent on them, and asks for people's views on Council Tax levels. They would like you to get involved by filling in the online questionnaire by 12 NOVEMBER 2007. To complete the questionnaire online, click on the link below: [Milton Keynes Council Budget Consultation](#)

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

**Loch Fyne, Zizzi's, Ha Ha Bar** - are all open for business, located in the new Mortimer Square at the Hub behind Jury's Inn Hotel on Midsummer Boulevard and Witan Gate. Brasserie Blanc and the Gourmet Burger Kitchen (GBK) will also be opening in the next two weeks. For more information on the Hub openings please see [www.thehubcmk.co.uk](http://www.thehubcmk.co.uk)

**Fugu, Midsummer Boulevard (Next to All Bar One)** Will offer sushi, noddles and tepanyaki, due to open late November / early December you will be able to see the chefs using the tepanyaki griddles and a sushi chef all working in an open kitchen. More information to follow! For more information see: [www.fugumiltonkeynes.com](http://www.fugumiltonkeynes.com)

## **Ortega Tapas – Theatre District**

Visitors to Ortega, which opens in November, will offer an extensive tapas and paella menu. For more information see: [www.ortegatapas.co.uk](http://www.ortegatapas.co.uk)

## **Best Way to Contact Thames Valley Police by Phone**

**999** – You should call this number in an emergency if there is a risk of serious injury, if a crime is being committed or is about to be committed.

**0845 8 505 505** – In all other situations you should call the 24-hour Police Enquiry Centre (PEC).

For more information see: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)

To jog your memory - the **Smoking Ban** is officially in place in England. Please remember that an **instant fine of £75** can be issued to anyone dropping cigarette butts or any litter in public places. For further information see [www.smokefreeengland.co.uk](http://www.smokefreeengland.co.uk) . Please help keep our City looking great.

## **ROAD WORKS & PARKING CHANGES**

### **Lower Third Street and Grafton Park Closure**

Closed from 07<sup>th</sup> May 2007 reopening 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 due to the Pinnacle Office development works.

### **Parking Changes:-**

#### **Witan Gate – Parking around Witan Gate House**

From mid-November public parking around Witan Gate House will not be possible as this area is to become a private care park for Witan Gate House users only. There are available parking spaces in the temporary car park behind Witan Gate House towards the station end approximately 300 standard rate spaces and 30 premium rate spaces, South Fourth Street also has over 200 presently unused spaces. The change of use is due to the development of West End Phase One residential which includes the current privately owned car park for Witan Gate House.

### **Milton Keynes Central Station**

Due to the new lines works, from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007 it will not be possible to park along the back road nearest the tracks. Some of the spaces in the car park at the south end of the station will also be closed off. Access to this car park will be via Avebury Boulevard only, changes to the footpath will be notified as soon as the information is available. A temporary car park opposite the National Hockey Stadium, off Elder Gate opened on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007 providing approximately 140 car parking spaces. Full completion of the works is anticipated in December 2008, for **further information please contact Network Rail Helpline on 08457 11 41 41.**

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

Hoardings now surround the site for the Pinnacle office development; temporary parking is located at South Fourth Street at the junction to Avebury Boulevard/Grafton Gate providing 297 spaces.

## **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.

**Theatre District** – The new development has been completed at 475 Lower 12<sup>th</sup> Street (next to TGI Friday's). The residential apartments are being sold via Lanes New Homes contact: [www.lanenewhomes.co.uk](http://www.lanenewhomes.co.uk) and Aragon Housing Association contact: [www.aragon-housing.co.uk/twentyfour7](http://www.aragon-housing.co.uk/twentyfour7) . Restaurants are now being fitted out ready for opening see Ortega information – more news on the others as we receive it.

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

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

The hoardings are up and the cranes have arrived the new development consists of office space with two small retail units. Main construction works are underway and 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

[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** – First residents due to arrive mid-November, Barratts will be re-launching a new showroom situated in the residential block opening in December 2007. 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 Barratts, 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 Development:**

**West End One – Residential:** Two public information events during July and October have taken place. Places for People – one of the UK's largest property management and development groups - has been selected as the developer for first phase of the development. 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.

**Xscape Expansion** – at the CMK Development Information site display in the Xscape you can see full plans of the proposed expansion 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 will be made in November. 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 the application please see: <http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/development-control/documents/weeklylist29%5F10%5F07%2Epdf> page 4 of the document.

**Leisure Plaza** - near the train station, between Elder Gate and Grafton Gate and Avebury Boulevard and Childs Way. The redevelopment of the Leisure Plaza will incorporate the refurbishment of the existing ice facility, and new retail and leisure uses. The application has been permitted by Milton Keynes Council for more information see: <http://www.miltonkeynes.gov.uk/development-control/documents/Decisions%5FList%5F3%5FSeptember%5F2007%2Epdf> page 2 of the document.

#### **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.
- ◆ **Abbey Hill Junction Improvements** - On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007 improvements to the A5-H3 Abbey Hill junction started and are expected to continue until 23rd January 2008. Widening work will be carried out on the A5 slip roads and on the approaches to the roundabout. The embankments will also be widened to accommodate the widths of the carriage-ways. Traffic signals will be introduced at the northern Great Monk Street and the eastern Monks Way approaches to the roundabout. Also, the current part time traffic signals at the entrance of the roundabout from the A5 will now operate full time.
- ◆ **Junction 13 Improvements** – works now completed.  
For more info visit:  
<http://www.englishpartnerships.com/page.aspx?pointerid=7DFFD281B38F42B9937F2CAFE508DFB9>

#### **Other Developments:**

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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)

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 Carmel for anyone interested in receiving a copy.

#### ***Carmel Blyth***

Communications Officer

[carmel.blyth@cmkpartnership.org](mailto:carmel.blyth@cmkpartnership.org)

Direct Line: 01908 398124