



Hope you have all had an enjoyable 'Summer' (?) and are looking forward to the predicted Indian Summer! Please feel free to contact me on 01908 398124 or email at [carmel.blyth@cmkpartnership.org](mailto:carmel.blyth@cmkpartnership.org).

## **EVENTS**

### **Heritage Open Days 6-9 September**

Heritage open days are co-coordinated nationally by the Civic Trust in partnership with English Heritage, events are taking place across Milton Keynes from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September. A flavour of some of the events is MK 40 Exhibition: Boyd & Evans Exhibition; Library Reading Discussion; Make a Difference 2007 Heritage Exhibition at CMK Library. For more information see: [www.heritageopendays.org](http://www.heritageopendays.org) or [www.mkheritage.co.uk](http://www.mkheritage.co.uk)

### **Milton Keynes Contemporary Whitewall thecentre:mk**

Woodcarver and artist Jeremy Turner presents work that exemplifies and exposes the excesses and opulence of retail. The exhibition called DESIRE runs from 18<sup>th</sup> August 2007 until 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007 and can be found on Midsummer Arcade (the right hand side of John Lewis Partnership facing the Theatre District). For more information see: [www.thecentremk.com](http://www.thecentremk.com)

### **Ways of Seeing - Art Exhibition – Visually Impaired People Inspiring Creative Ideas**

Ways of Seeing offers audiences new perspectives, experiences and different approaches to assessing retail environments, art works and services for visually impaired people. Due to start on the 17<sup>th</sup> September until 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Midsummer Place for more information see: [www.interactionmk.org.uk](http://www.interactionmk.org.uk)

- **Conference:** Scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> September at Jury's Inn from 10am until 4pm to book your place please email: [waysofseeing@interactionmk.org](mailto:waysofseeing@interactionmk.org) or telephone 01908 678514.

### **Love Letter - Tell us what you love about MK!**

To celebrate our 40th Birthday, Milton Keynes Local Strategic Partnership would love to take you out on the town. Tell us what you love about Milton Keynes and you could win £70 of theatre vouchers. The competition is open to all and will be judged by the Local Strategic Partnership Executive. To enter this competition visit <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/partnership-working/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=52093>. Closing date is the 8th November 2007.

### **Food Hygiene 'Scores on the Doors'**

From 17<sup>th</sup> September Milton Keynes Council is launching 'Scores on the Doors' – a new system whereby restaurants, takeaways etc. will be graded from 0 to 5 stars, following inspection from MKC's Environmental Health team. They will be supplied with a sticker and certificate to be displayed – discover if your favourite eatery is a 'hero' or 'zero'. For more information see: [www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk](http://www.scoresonthedoors.org.uk)

### **MK Forty Tower**

To mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the city, Milton Keynes Gallery has commissioned the construction of a 19metre high tower in Margaret Powell Square (between the Gallery and Theatre). You are invited to climb the tower and take in the panoramic views of the city and landscape beyond from 20<sup>th</sup> July until 28<sup>th</sup> October 2007. For more information see [www.mk-g.org](http://www.mk-g.org).

### **Light Fantastic - 12 - 13 October 2007**

The stunning Light Fantastic event comes to Central Milton Keynes from Friday 12 until Saturday 13 October between 5pm – 10pm! This new, free to attend spectacle will mesmerize you with the best of light, special effects, technology and entertainment, including a light parade, a son et lumiere show, and huge gas jet flames choreographed to music. It will take place between thecentre:mk and Midsummer Place Shopping Centre.

The event will feature giant images beamed onto projection surfaces on thecentre:mk. There will also be the magical Heliosphere – a weightless 'Helionaut' suspended beneath a large helium balloon, floating above the audience, and pyrotechnics throughout the event site. Not to be missed is the formidable French aerial act, Transe Express, which will be suspended 80m above thecentre:mk as they perform and The Light Parade to rival anywhere in the world will showcase Milton Keynes' magnificent central boulevards.

For more information about this event please visit [www.lightfantasticmk.com](http://www.lightfantasticmk.com)

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

### **New Openings at theHub:mk:**

Many residents have now moved into their new apartments in the Hub and several more of the new restaurants and café's have opened their doors recently....

**Las Iguanas** - With 140 seats in the restaurant, 50 in the bar and 140 on the piazza. Las Iguanas is all about getting away, and discovering a place more vibrant, more fun, more energetic and altogether more Latin. For more information go to: <http://www.iguanas.co.uk>

**Gloria Jean's Coffees** - established over 30 years ago, Gloria Jean's Coffees has become a global Icon with stores in over 20 countries. For further information see: <http://www.gloriajeans.com>

**Zizzi's** - new restaurant is scheduled to open the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> September. For further information see: <http://www.zizzi.co.uk>

**Strada** opens at the end of September and GBK, DimT, Loch Fyne and Brasserie Blanc are all coming soon. For more info on the Hub openings please see [www.thehubcmk.co.uk](http://www.thehubcmk.co.uk)

A reminder that 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 <http://www.smokefreeengland.co.uk/>. Please help keep our City looking great.

## **ROAD WORKS & PARKING CHANGES**

### **Abbey Hill Junction Improvements**

Improvements to the A5-H3 Abbey Hill junction start this week (20th August 2007) 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.

### **Lower Fourth Street**

To be closed from 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007 reopening 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2007 due to Central Networks work.

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

To be closed from 07<sup>th</sup> May 2007 reopening 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 due to development works.

### **Parking Changes:-**

#### **Milton Keynes Central Station**

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 and the footbridge which runs across the A5 to Common Lane and Redland Drive will close. A temporary car park opposite the National Hockey Stadium, off Elder Gate will open 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**

Due to the commencement of ground works for the newest CMK Office development temporary parking be located at South Fourth Street at the junction to Avebury Boulevard/Grafton Gate from 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007 providing 297 spaces.

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.

#### **Central Milton Keynes Parking Review 2007**

The council is undertaking consultation on proposals for amendments to the parking arrangements in CMK. The consultation started on 6 August and ends on 30 September 2007. These changes are aimed at reducing congestion, encouraging the use of public transport and promoting fairer use of parking spaces for residents, workers and visitors to CMK. It is anticipated that the new proposals will be implemented in January 2008. Detailed information from <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=51420>

**Theatre Multi Storey Car Park** – due to reopen on 24<sup>th</sup> September at 08:00am following major refurbishment by MK Council on improvements to widen the vehicle access ramps to make them more user friendly.

## **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.

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

The newest development in CMK consisting of office space with two small retail units  
Ground works commenced mid May with the main construction works commencing in the summer. The development will be completed in stages with the first phase due in summer 2008 and total completion in 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** – 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:** 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** – further development of the Xscape site will include more specialty retail units, café's and restaurants, and a 120 bed 4 star Hotel. The outline planning application will be submitted to Milton Keynes Council later this month and work is expected to start on site in 2009 with completion due in stages from 2010 to 2011. More information will be available at a public display in the Xscape in the next month, dates of which we will advise once confirmed.

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

- ◆ 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
- ◆ **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 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=7301EBA7B16E4FE8BDF12300B88F6926>
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ 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)

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