



Hope you've all enjoyed the summer, next stop Christmas in only 16 weeks!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tour of Britain

On Monday 08th September Milton Keynes will host stage two of the Tour of Britain where 96 riders will be racing through our city. The actual start of stage 2 will take place in front of Milton Keynes Central Station starting at 10am, with the riders completing a loop of the town centre before heading out via Bletchley and on towards Aylesbury finishing in Newbury. For more information see: http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/therace_stage_pages/2008_route.asp In conjunction with the race, on the 6th & 7th September Midsummer Place will showcase cycling and The Tour of Britain as part of MK Bike Week.

Heritage Open Days

At various locations during September, take the time to visit historical venues for more information see: <http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

Food & Drink Fayre at thecentre:mk

On 04th to 07th September at Middleton Hall, see over 90 exhibitors and sample foods from different countries. For more information see: <http://www.thecentremk.com/SingleEvent.aspx?centreEventID=0806d837-92f7-4dec-a12d-53d53d6f1b26>

Sno!storm at Xscape

On 05th September at 7pm till late, SNO!zone are putting on a night of freestyle features with DJ's on the slope to entertain all you extreme sport fanatics. Admission is £35 per adult and £28 per junior. For more information see: <http://www.snozonemiltonkeynes.com/html/news-events/details/SNOstorm.html?ContentID=65>

MK City Orchestra presents 'The High Sheriff Concerts'

On 07th September starting at 7:30pm at Milton Keynes Theatre there will be a concert dedicated to thanking all those who give their unstinting support to charitable works throughout our community, and is in aid of two Buckinghamshire Charities - Milton Keynes's Community Foundation & The Buckinghamshire Foundation. For more information please see: <http://www.mkco.org/>

Discover Milton Keynes – 'Open Up Milton Keynes' Exhibition

September's exhibition theme is 'Open Up Milton Keynes' looking at tours, trails and heritage open days. The Discover Milton Keynes shop is located at 672 Silbury Boulevard (on the outside of the Shopping Building by Burger King) and displays information on the heritage of Milton Keynes. More information is available at: www.discovermiltonkeynes.co.uk . You can also purchase bus tickets in the shop from the Arriva representative who is available Monday to Friday 10am till 6pm. For more information on metro saver cards and other travel schemes see: www.mkmetro.co.uk .

Milton Keynes Gallery

The Art of Lighting - The final talk in the **What is Contemporary Design?** series linked to the current Richard Woods exhibition takes place on Thursday 11 September, 7-8pm; Claire Norcross, the lighting Design Manager at Habitat, will be talking through the crossovers of art and design in her leading sculptural lighting designs. Admission free, but places limited so ring 01908 676 900 to reserve a seat.

Mini MK Gallery in Midsummer Place – Families who have designed and printed their own logos at the free Wednesday Drop In workshops held in the gallery this summer have their work on display at a **mini gallery in Midsummer Place** until 19 September.

Tango at Milton Keynes Gallery - Live Art Performance and Film: Friday 26 September 7.30pm; free. Former Royal Ballet dancer, poet and performance artist Anthony Howell performs the Argentinean Tango to the music of Irish composer John Field. He follows up on Sunday 28 September offering beginner and intermediate Tango workshops at £6 per person at Opus MK in Theatre District. Places limited. Booking essential on 01908 676 900.

For information on what events and exhibitions being held at the Gallery see: <http://www.mk-g.org/index.php?id=301>

Milton Keynes Theatre

Offering a variety of productions over September and October. To book or for more information call the Box office on **0870 060 6652** (booking fee) or visit www.miltonkeynestheatre.com

MK Science Festival – 17th / 31st October

The two weeks will be packed with a series of exciting, entertaining and informative Science, Engineering and Technology events and activities held in various locations around the city and involving local schools, colleges, universities, societies and businesses. thecentre:mk and Xscape are holding events over 25th / 26th October, for more information see: <http://www.mksciencefestival.org.uk/events/index.php>

Briteyellow Onaccess

Tourists and visitors to Milton Keynes can now make enquiries and receive information instantly including: 'What's on', bus travel, bed and breakfast, shopping, hotels, and local attractions by sending an SMS text enquiry from their mobile phone. There is no charge to end users from Destination Milton Keynes or Briteyellow for using the service. To use text **dmk** on 07797 805724.

OUT AND ABOUT IN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

University Centre Opens in Central Milton Keynes

On 22nd September the University Centre opens at 200 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes. Dr Keith Straughan has taken up the post of Vice Principal. The centre will be run by Milton Keynes College and will initially have places for 700 undergraduates with a wide range of degree-level courses on offer. For more information see: <http://www.mkcollege.ac.uk/?id=821&PHPSESSID=e5a554ff43f0798e78c85c886a63bab0> or contact 01908 684452/53.

Transport Question Time

On September 11th as part of The Milton Keynes Citizens' Advisory Group on Transport (CAGoT) information gathering process, a **Transport Question Time will be held** at The Open University, Berrill Lecture Theatre – see link for campus map: <http://www3.open.ac.uk/contact/locations.aspx>. Isobel McCall, Milton Keynes Council Leader; Professor Stephen Potter an International transport expert and Theo Chalmers from Urban Eden will be on hand to answer your queries. CAGoT will continue meeting during September and October to prepare their findings and submit them to MK Council for consideration at the end of October.

Invest Milton Keynes (IMK)

After a record year during 07/08, Invest Milton Keynes (IMK) has made a strong start to this year with 36 investment successes secured as of August 31st. These account for 141 new and 688 safeguarded jobs and of the successes, 21 are from the target group of high growth, high-value, knowledge-based businesses. The successes include a new Japanese and Canadian company. The highlights of the 07/08 year can be found in the IMK Annual Review brochure, which can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.investmiltonkeynes.com/dpdfs/AnnualReview0708.pdf>

Abandoned Trolleys

Don't forget that you can now contact the 'Trolley Hot Line' **0800 3161241** or direct line to the driver: 07930 662017. Please call these numbers if you see any trolleys that need collecting and if you are aware of areas where trolleys are regularly left and the situation does not improve after reporting it please let us know.

ROAD WORKS & PARKING CHANGES

Cycling Awareness Weekend Closures

Milton Keynes Council are holding a cycling awareness promotional weekend on Saturday 6th September and Sunday 7th September outside the shopping area on Midsummer Boulevard, near the small Police station and Zavvi's media store. To enable this event to take place safely, this part of Midsummer Boulevard will be closed to all traffic except for emergency services vehicles and those connected with the promotional weekend from 06.00hours on Saturday 6th September through to 17.00 hours on Sunday 7th September 2008.

ROAD CLOSURES:

Tour of Britain Road Closures

For the Tour of Britain to start from Milton Keynes Station, it will be necessary to close Midsummer Boulevard from its junction with Elder Gate to the Midsummer Roundabout on Grafton Gate. (A total distance of 130 metres in a general north easterly direction), from 18.00hrs on Sunday 7th September through to 16.00hrs on Monday 8th September 2008.

Elder Gate will be closed to ensure public safety and the safety of the participants of the Tour between the two inner junctions at the front of the station a distance of approximately 170 meters, from 05.00hrs to 13.00hrs on Monday 8th September 2008.

The diversionary route whilst these roads are closed will be via the outer junctions of Elder Gate at the station and V6 Grafton Gate being aware of the one-way system that is in place at the Station. In addition the parking bays along Elder Gate between these junctions will be suspended from 18.00hrs on Sunday 7th September to 13.00hrs Monday 8th September 2008.

Temporary Car Parking Availability:

Please see the new map detailing car parking availability during the week:

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=58337>

- ◆ 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.

The parking consultation on the Council's Draft Parking Strategy for Central Milton Keynes is due to start in September. Details to follow or check <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking> for further updates. 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. For general parking queries, e.g. permits, penalty charge notices etc, you should e-mail mkparking@milton-keynes.gov.uk or visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkparking

Milton Keynes Central Station

The August bank holiday was a busy time for workers carrying out improvements to Milton Keynes Central Station. The newly extended Platform 1 has opened and major work to platform 5 and platform 2a is being carried out. The two year project carried out by Network Rail to remodel and realign track, renew signalling and overhead lines to improve the capacity at Milton Keynes is now coming into it's final few months with the full completion taking place at Christmas 2008.

Witan Gate near the Sainsburys Development

Lane closures in operation until 15th September, to enable the developer Abbeygate Developments to construct a new footway.

Upper Second Street

Footway works are being carried out to upgrade the existing, completion is anticipated on 15th September 2008.

Coachway Temporary Relocation

More information will be forthcoming from Milton Keynes Council which will be updated to you in due course. 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>

DEVELOPMENTS:

We have four Development Information Sites located at thecentre:mk, Midsummer Place, Xscape and CMK Railway Station, managed by us to 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:

<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/default.asp>

thecentre:mk –

Redevelopment of Queens Court

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. For more information see:

<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/thecentremk.asp>

Redevelopment of City Square – by M&S and Costa at thecentre:mk

The application for the redevelopment of City Square has been registered with Milton Keynes Council by Hermes Real Estate and Prudential. The redevelopment includes a permanent kiosk to serve food and drink all year round with seating for 140 people. With the space to build two temporary event spaces during the summer season if needed and redesigned landscaping with triangular raised areas of grass incorporating seating along the edges.

Campbell Park – Phase 1 Residential Campbell Square

The first resident block towards the back of the development is anticipated for completion by Christmas. 21 of the 29 apartments released for sale have been sold; you can visit the sales office between 10am and 5:30pm for details. 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.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/CampbellSquare.asp>

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

Due for completion in the summer of 2009, the top corner of the "Pinnacle" element is expected at the end September/early October. Take up of space has been fast and already Deloitte & Touche and Denton Wilde Sapte have taken between them pre-lets of over 50% of the available space. The developer is Hampton Brook Developments Ltd, for more information see the new dedicated website:

<http://www.pinnaclemk.com/default.aspx> or
<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/pinnacleDevelopment.asp>

Sainsbury's Store and Residential –

The current Sainsbury's Store on Avebury Boulevard is due to close on evening of Monday 06th October with the new store on Witan Gate opening on Tuesday 07th October.

New store opening times are: Monday – Friday 7am till 11pm; Saturday 7am till 10:30pm; Sunday 11am till 5pm. The store is nearly double the size of the old one with one third designated to Sainsbury's home and clothing ranges, also included is a new 260 seater café. The store has 500 designated free (up to 3 hours) parking bays beneath the building with access from Witan Gate.

Residents continue to move in to the apartments in the development with 32 out of approximately 200 apartments released now sold. In total there are 400 apartments. For more info [visit](#)

www.barratthomes.co.uk or
<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/Sainsburys.asp>

West End CMK Development:

West End One – Residential:

Utilities work being undertaken is along the Grafton Gate side of the site and this is in preparation for development phases 2 and 3 which will include further residential developments. As phase 1 utilities are already on site. Places for People received approval to develop the first phase of West End One in April 2008 by Milton Keynes Council. The area between Midsummer Boulevard and Childs Way, from Witan Gate to Grafton Gate will comprise some 1,500 homes plus offices and shops along with a school and community facilities of which Places for People will create 650 homes as the first phase. For more information see:

<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/westEndCMKresidential.asp>

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:

- ◆ **Xscape Expansion**
<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/Xscape.asp>
- ◆ **Leisure Plaza**
<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/development/CityCentre/leisureplaza.asp>
- ◆ **CMK Public Transport Improvements**
http://www.miltonkeynespartnership.info/MKP_Projects/project_detail.php?Key=11 and:
<http://www.englishpartnerships.com/page.aspx?pointerid=7301EBA7B16E4FEBBDF12300B88F6926>

CONSULTATIONS

Milton Keynes Council

Community Cohesion Strategy – consultation began on 21st May and concludes on 24th October. For further information see: https://public01.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ConfinPublic/consultation_Dtl.asp?Id=151&status=2&criteria=

Community Development Strategy – consultation began on 21st May and concludes on 24th October. For further information see: <http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/community-living/DisplayArticle.asp?ID=58635>

Neighbourhood Regeneration Strategy –consultation began on 21st May and concludes on 24th October. For further information see: https://public01.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ConfinPublic/consultation_Dtl.asp?Id=147&status=2&criteria=

Local Events Listing

Our CMK Events Calendar which lists local events can be found on our website:
<http://www.centralmiltonkeynespartnership.co.uk/news/default.asp>

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