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Milton Keynes Birthday Open Weekend

20 - 23 January 2018



www.livingarchive.org.uk



Introduction

The Birthday Open Weekend was inaugurated as part of the MK50 2017 year to provide greater profile for the designated date for Milton Keynes, or its 'birthday', which is the 23rd January. This is the second Birthday Open Weekend for what is hoped will become an annual event celebrating this date.

It is being delivered in conjunction with the final MK50 Showcase. Throughout 2017 a wealth of events and activities have been delivered in celebration of the 50th birthday of our unique city. This exhibition brings together elements from exhibitions, events and projects created and staged during the year and developed specifically for MK50. The Showcase will include 23rd January (our 51st anniversary) and a repeat of the Birthday Weekend city-wide event offering free or low cost activities to residents and visitors.

The sheer number of events and activities planned and delivered by Milton Keynes organisations, groups, communities and businesses across the city this year has been incredible. The MK50 Showcase is a chance to celebrate the achievement of 2017 and the whole city working together to share what a great place Milton Keynes is.

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1. MK 51 Family Fun Day

Organiser: **1Life at Woughton Leisure Centre**



Come to Woughton Leisure Centre on Saturday 20th January for our **FREE** Family Fun Day in celebration of MK's 51st Birthday! All facilities & activities are free on the day: kids can enjoy a full morning of activities with crèche, soft play, bouncy castle & **NEW** Born to Move kids' classes. Plus all our adult fitness classes will be **FREE** on the day too!

Date: Saturday 20 January 2018

FREE

Times: 0800-1400

Location: 1Life at Woughton Leisure Centre, Rainbow Drive, Chaffron Way, Milton Keynes, MK6 5EJ

Website: <http://www.1life.co.uk/milton-keynes-council/woughton-leisure-centre/home/>

Contact: Speak to reception for more details on 01908 660392.

FREE event for everyone! Adult classes will run as usual and will be bookable in the usual fashion. All kids' activities can be booked via reception; crèche & Born to Move classes must be booked in advance.

2. MK50 Showcase

Organiser: **Milton Keynes Council**



Throughout 2017 a wealth of events and activities have been delivered in celebration of the 50th birthday of our unique city. This exhibition brings together elements from exhibitions, events and projects created and staged during the year. Please see the website for supporting workshops throughout the show period 18th January to 22nd February 2018.

Date: Saturday 20 - Tuesday 23 January 2018

FREE

Times: Library opening hours

Location: Central Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HL

Website: www.mk50.co.uk

Contact: 01908 254050

3. Exhibition: Make No Little Plans – the city builders' stories

Organiser: **Living Archive MK**



Milton Keynes today is a thriving, multi-cultural city of nearly a quarter of a million people, yet 50 years ago the site was largely occupied by farmers' fields where crops were grown and cattle grazed. This exhibition tells the story of Milton Keynes' early years, told by those who were part of the Development Corporation, tasked with its planning and development. Featuring images and extracts from interviews from the Living Archive MK collections.

Date: Saturday 20 January –
Monday 22 February 2018

Times: During library opening hours

Location: Discover MK Showcase, First Floor,
Central Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard,
Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3HL

Contact: admin@livingarchive.org.uk

FREE

4. Girlguiding Milton Keynes

Organiser: **Betty Mills**



Members of Girlguiding Milton Keynes will showcase activities that girls undertake. Local leaders will be available to discuss girlguiding and volunteering opportunities.

Date: Saturday 20 January 2018

Times: Drop in between 1000 -1300
and 1400-1600

Location: Heron's Lodge Guide Centre, Bradwell Road,
Loughton Lodge, Milton Keynes, MK8 9AA

Website: Girlguiding.org.uk

Contact: Betty Mills: Bkgs.heronslodge@yahoo.co.uk.

FREE

5. Exploring Eaglestone

Organiser: **Milton Keynes Forum**



What connects the northern half of Eaglestone with Byker Grove? Come and find out on this walk with Tim Skelton around Eaglestone, looking at the work of architect Ralph Erskine, one of the most respected British architects of the latter half of the twentieth century. We will also see how his ideas were reflected in subsequent schemes by MKDC and others.

Date: Saturday 20 January 2018

Times: 1030

Location: Meet in car park at Eaglestone Local Centre

Website: www.miltonkeynesforum.org

Contact: Tim Skelton, colesbourne@btinternet.com
01908 604655

FREE

6. Winter Warmer

Organiser: **Friends of St Lawrence**



Join the Friends of St Lawrence and visit this medieval gem, with stunning wall paintings and stained glass. Warm up with hot chocolate, mulled punch, bakes and hot chestnuts.

No booking required.

Date: Saturday 20 January 2018

Times: 1100-1300

Location: St Lawrence, Broughton, Milton Keynes,
MK10 9AA

Access: Wheelchair access up Old Rectory Drive (by kind permission of Mr J Neale) and through church gate.

Contact: Julia Campion, FOSL Co-ordinator
friendsofstlawrence@gmail.com
07966 341674

FREE

7. The 'Fegans' building – a pictorial history

Organiser: **Ken Daniels**



Video footage, photos and tales of the iconic Stony Stratford building, from St Paul's College, through Fegan's Orphanage, to the Calcutta Brasserie.

- Date:** Saturday 20 January 2018
- Times:** Two shows: 1400-1515 and 1530-1645
- Location:** York House Centre (Beechey Room), London Road, Stony Stratford, MK1 1JQ
- Access:** Wheelchair access via rear entrance to York House. Permanent ramp in place. Disabled access toilet in situ.
- Tickets:** £3.00 from York House Centre or pay on the door. Proceeds to York House Centre.
- Contact:** Ken Daniels, email jukeofstony@gmail.com, tel 07760 298453

8. 'Billy Elliott' Musical Workshop

Organiser: **Theatretrain Milton Keynes**



Students between the ages of 6-18 are invited to book a **FREE** place on this 3-hour Performance Workshop.

All places must be prior booked, please email Emma on the email address below to book a place and get sent a registration form and information.

- Date:** Saturday 20 January 2018
- Times:** 1430-1730
- Location:** Shenley Brook End School, Walbank Grove, MK5 7ZT
- Website:** www.theatretrain.co.uk/milton-keynes
- Contact:** Emma Meads
Email: emma@theatretrain.co.uk

FREE

9. Milton Keynes Through the Lens

Organiser: **Simpson History Group**



A fascinating and entertaining hour-long glimpse of the past, featuring archive footage from local film-makers. Over the last few years Living Archive MK has been digitising local archive film. This film is a compilation spanning the last 70 years. Featuring clips such as a VE day party in Wolverton; the opening of the M1; adverts selling Milton Keynes to the wider world; building of the roads and estates; and the last Aston Martin to leave the production line.

Date: Saturday 20 January 2018

Times: 1930

Location: Simpson Village Hall, Simpson, MK6 3AD

Website: www.simpsonandashland.co.uk

Contact: Peter Barnes peterrwbarnes@hotmail.co.uk

FREE

10. Fridge Fiesta

Organiser: **MK Community Fridge**



Grab your sombreros and kick on your cuban heels. MK Community Fridge are celebrating The Americas and throwing a 'Fridge Fiesta' to raise funds for Year Two of their food waste project. You're invited to taste mouth-watering flavours courtesy of Taco Shack, experience the sensation of live Latin music and beats and feel the energy of Bachata and Cuban Salsa presented by the professional team from Salsa Rica UK.

Bar available. Over 18s only - 150 free tickets available. You're invited to generously 'pay as you feel' on the night. Reserve your place by going to the website link below.

Date: Saturday 20 January 2018

Times: 2000-2300

Location: The Old Bath House, Wolverton

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fridge-fiesta-tickets-4100479143>

Contact: www.mkcommunityfridge.org
[facebook/MKCommunityFridge](https://www.facebook.com/MKCommunityFridge)
[twitter/MKFridge](https://twitter.com/MKFridge)

FREE

11. Bletchley Park: Local Residents Ticket Offer

Organiser: **Bletchley Park**



A special ticket offer for local residents to visit Bletchley Park, home of the Codebreakers. Now a vibrant heritage attraction, it's open every day for you to discover the extraordinary achievements that helped end World War Two.

Receive 50% off entry for people living within a 10-mile radius of Bletchley Park. Terms and conditions apply, see website for details.

Date: Saturday 20 January until 30 June 2018

Times: Usual opening times

Location: Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes, MK3 6EB

Tickets: Tickets available at the Admissions Desk

Website: www.bletchleypark.org.uk

Contact: 01908 640404
enquiries@bletchleypark.org.uk

12. Mapping Milton Keynes – arts workshop for age 7+

Organiser: **Milton Keynes Libraries**



Working with artist Emma Wilde we will make a large, colourful collaged map of Milton Keynes. Looking at original plans and drawings we will become town planners designing our own buildings, bridges, shops, parks and houses to be included on our map of this exciting new town.

Date: Saturday 20 January 2018

Times: 1400-1600

Location: Milton Keynes Central Library

Tickets: Tickets in advance from Milton Keynes Central Library

Contact: Michelle Herriman
01908 254050
Michelle.Herriman@milton-keynes.gov.uk

FREE

13. Global Outreach African Display

Organiser: **Global Outreach Foundation MK**



An exhibition of African costumes and artefacts and posts from different African community businesses.

Date: Saturday 20 January 2018

Location: MK City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey

Tickets: £5 entry

Website: www.globaloutreachmk.com

Contact: 07736 347636

14. Sailing Club Open Day

Organiser: **Emberton Park Sailing Club**



A family-friendly environment in which members sail all year round. Come and have a look around where we can inspire you with our activities to get on the water. We are a RYA Recognised Training Centre, and offer a range of sailing courses to all our members.

Date: Sunday 21 January 2018

Times: 1000-1600

Location: On the A509 within Emberton Country Park, MK46 5FJ – between Emberton and Olney

Website: www.epsc.org.uk

Contact: sails@epsc.org.uk

FREE

15. A walk around New Bradwell

Organiser: **Milton Keynes Heritage Association**



New Bradwell, an often overlooked area of MK, contains a variety of interesting buildings amongst its Victorian and 20th-Century developments including 7 Listed Buildings. Come for a walk with us to find out more about some of them.

Date: Sunday 21 January 2018

Times: 1030

Location: Meet at the entrance to St James Church, Church Street, New Bradwell, MK13 5LG

Website: www.mkheritage.co.uk

Contact: Dianne Sutton 01908 606256

FREE

16. Build Your City

Organiser: **Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre**



Come and plan and build your MK! Model making and design activities for children. Meet our 1960s and 1970s urban planners! Take your designs home.

Date: Sunday 21 January 2018

Times: 1100-1500

Location: Bradwell Abbey, Alston Drive, Milton Keynes, MK13 9AP

Contact: Booking: please contact Education Officer, Stephen Knight
education.officer@mkcdc.org.uk

FREE

17. Festive Road Open Day

Organiser: **Festive Road**



Come along to Festive Road and see all of our fabulous creatures – have your photo taken on Harminder the Elephant, meet naughty Baby Rex, play with our automata, make some noise on our wacky instruments, or do some creating at our play table.

Date: Sunday 21 January 2018

Times: 1100-1500

Location: 28 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes, MK11 3HB

Tickets: Free of charge – but donations welcome

Website: www.festiveroad.org

Contact: Martine Frost: 01908 921018

FREE

18. Guided Tour of The Milton Keynes Rose

Organiser: **The Milton Keynes Cenotaph Trust**



The Milton Keynes Rose is a public artwork and Civic Space designed by Gordon Young.

The design includes over 100 granite columns over 60 of which have now been dedicated, inscribed with a date, title and brief explanation. Guided tours tell the story behind the dedications, the history of Milton Keynes and key dates important to local people.

Date: Sunday 21 January 2018

Times: 1300-1330

Location: Campbell Park, Milton Keynes

Website: www.miltonkeynesrose.org.uk

FREE

19. Channel 40 Archive Film Screening

Organiser: **Living Archive MK**



Channel 40 was a unique experiment in community access cable television that broadcast from a purpose-built studio in Fishermead to new-build areas of Milton Keynes between 1976 and 1979. Since its closure, the remaining videotape recordings have been stored at the Bucks County Archive in Aylesbury, but thanks to a grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund it is now possible to convert these vulnerable recordings to an accessible digital format. In this special video presentation, Colin Barrett - a digital video specialist and a former staff producer at Channel 40 - will show not only some examples of the recordings that have so far been digitised but will also offer an insight into the technology employed in the conversion process.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the video presentation. Running time: Approx. 30 mins

Date: Sunday 21 January 2018

Times: 1500

Location: Milton Keynes Gallery

Tickets: http://www.mkgallery.org/events/2018_01_21/channel_40_archive_film_screening/

Contact: admin@livingarchive.org.uk

FREE

20. Look Around You – Hospital Art Collection Tour

Organiser: **Arts for Health (Milton Keynes)**



An engaging tour of newly reframed and restored artwork back on display in Milton Keynes University Hospital as part of Arts for Health's 'Look Around You' project (funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund).

Tours will leave the Main Entrance every 30 minutes from 1730, the last tour will leave at 1900.

Date: Monday 22 January 2018

Times: 1730-1930

Location: Main Entrance, Milton Keynes University Hospital

Website: www.artsforhealthmk.com
www.facebook.com/artsforhealthmiltonkeynes

Contact: Please book your tour time on our website, Facebook page, or by calling 01908 996124.

FREE

Image: Siripan Kidd, Milton Keynes 1, Silk Quilt

21. Netball United Open Evening

Organiser: **Netball United Netball Club**



Netball United Netball Club will be hosting a free open evening. Suitable for women aged 16+ of all abilities. The 1830-2000 session will be perfect for those who are familiar to the game and have experience of playing, whilst the 2000-2130 session will cater for players new to the game or with limited experience. Both sessions will include various formats of the game including fastnet and versatility matches.

Date: Monday 22 January 2018

Times: 1830-2130

Location: Sports Hall, Sir Herbert Leon Academy, Fern Grove, Bletchley, MK2 3HQ

Website: <https://www.netballunited.co.uk/>

Contact: Please let us know you are coming by emailing your name and preferred session to Tina Irvine netballunited@aol.com

FREE

22. Film Screening: Make No Little Plans – the city builders' stories

Organiser: **Living Archive MK**



Milton Keynes today is a thriving, multi-cultural city of nearly a quarter of a million people, yet 50 years ago the site was largely occupied by farmers' fields where crops were grown and cattle grazed. Just why and how did this agricultural area of North Bucks get transformed into the largest and most ambitious of Britain's new towns?

This film is a story of Milton Keynes' early years, told by those who were part of the Development Corporation, tasked with its planning and development. It's a story of audacity and brashness, of teamwork and tussles, of utopian dreams and a bold vision.

Date: Tuesday 23 January 2018

Times: 1730-1830

Location: The Odeon Cinema, 12 Stadium Way, Milton Keynes, MK1 1ST

Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/ychza4p>

Contact: admin@livingarchive.org.uk

FREE

23. The Milton Keynes that Never Was

Organiser: **Milton Keynes Forum**



We all know what MK is like now, but what could it have been like? From City Club to the Towers of Light; from the Italian hillside of Great Holm to the extravagance of the proposed HQ for the Consumers Association, MK Forum Chair Tim Skelton will look at the schemes that never made it beyond the drawing board.

Date: Tuesday 23 January 2018

Times: 1900

Location: MK Gallery (Event Space)

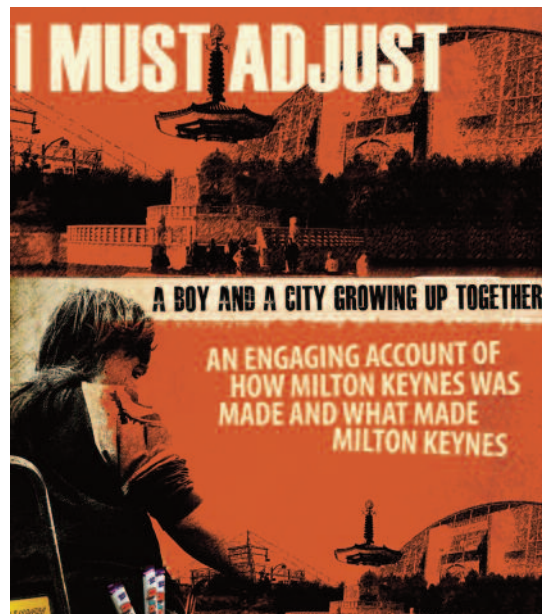
Tickets: Booking via the MK Gallery website
<http://www.mkgallery.org/events/>

Contact: Tim Skelton, colesbourne@btinternet.com
01908 604655

FREE

24. I Must Adjust – A Milton Keynes Documentary Film by Lee Scriven

Organiser: **LJS Films and Living Archive MK**



This 60-minute film portrays the fascinating tales of the 1970s pioneers who moved to the new city for a new way of life.

Date: Tuesday 23 January 2018

Times: 1845-1945

Location: The Odeon Cinema, 12 Stadium Way, Milton Keynes, MK1 1ST

Tickets: £5 available from:
<https://tinyurl.com/y7w6gmh3>

Contact: Email: imustadjust@icloud.com



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In 2018, Milton Keynes will take part in the European Commission's European Year of Cultural Heritage (EYCH). The European Commission have developed this initiative with the aim of promoting cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and social cohesion, whilst also highlighting the economic contribution of cultural heritage. The four EYCH strands of activity are: engagement, value, protection and innovation.

In Milton Keynes we want to focus our EYCH programme on the themes of our urban design USP and our European connections and stories (developing the 'creative and cultured city' vision.)

Look out for more information in Spring 2018.

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