

### FAMILY FUN DAYS IN CMK

#### **Monday 26 August, noon – 4:00**

New Play Park Opening & BBQ  
Between North 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, CMK

#### **Saturday 31 August, 10.00 – 4.00**

MK Market Fun day  
Market Square, CMK

#### **Play Park Opening & BBQ**

We are pleased to announce that work on a new play park for local residents has now been completed and the two young boys who first raised the idea will cut the ribbon at its grand opening on Bank Holiday Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Last summer the North 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street Residents' Association (CHRA) asked the Town Council to help them turn the large but neglected garden into a much more friendly place for children and families.

After talking it through with Bob Stones, Chair of CHRA, and local police officer Jim Lake, the Town Council agreed to pay part of the cost. Then, with help from Milton Keynes Council, we successfully put in a bid to a group called WREN, who generously agreed to provide the majority of the funding (£50,000).

Come along to the grand opening and fun fair and see what people power and creative thinking can achieve!

(Residents' barbecue just £1 per head.)

#### **MK Market Fun Day**

Now that we've saved Secklow Gate and Market Square from demolition, let's celebrate the fantastic, colourful market at the heart of CMK!

Entertainment includes belly dancers, free-running from Paramount Parkour, African fashion show and Mark Niel, MK's very own Poet Laureate! Plus fairground rides, children's farm, MK Dons mascots and MKFM broadcasting live on the day.

Try tasty dishes made with market produce and the new 'CMK Smoothie' created specially by Smoothieride.

**FREE glitter tattoo for residents of CMK Town Council – see coupon for more information**

## FIGHTING FOR RESIDENTS' PARKING: CAMPBELL PARK & CMK SCRATCH CARDS

Late last year, CMK Town Council (CMKTC) succeeded in getting planning permission refused for the final phase of the Campbell Square development, off Avebury Boulevard, when they discovered that Taylor Wimpey were trying to count 23 public parking spaces on the highway towards their required quota for new residents. Parking is difficult enough for existing residents without adding to the problem. However, to make space for the correct number of parking spaces, Taylor Wimpey decided to move the new apartments closer to the original ones. Although the Town Council and residents objected to the impact on privacy, planning permission was granted earlier this month.

Campbell Park residents sometimes struggle to find a parking space especially when visitors to the city centre park nearby to avoid parking charges or there are events held in Campbell Park. This is an issue that CMKTC will continue to work on.

Meanwhile, residents living in CMK grid square were up in arms when MK Council came up with a proposal to scrap the use of scratch cards for visitors and residents alike. Your Town Council took up the cause, arguing that this was totally unfair, and the plans have now been shelved.



Photo courtesy Ian Lawson



### FREE GLITTER TATTOO FOR CMK & CAMPBELL PARK RESIDENTS!

#### **MK Market Fun Day**

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 10:00 – 4:00**

Just bring along this coupon to the CMK Town Council stand, near the main doors from the shopping arcade. Alison, an award-winning face painter, creates Glitter Tattoos for adults or children which last 2-7 days.

Photo courtesy Facepainting by Alison.

## LOCAL PEOPLE SHAPE CMK'S FUTURE

Central Milton Keynes is widely tipped as the engine of regional growth and a huge amount of development is expected in the next fifteen years. Completing the city in a way that keeps its unique appeal is crucial; which is where local knowledge comes in. For nearly two years residents and members of the MK business community have been thrashing out details of a new roadmap to guide the city through its next stage of growth. This is the CMK Alliance Plan.

Now published, highlights of the plan include provision for:

- 30,000 new jobs
- More independent shops and community facilities
- A new Market Hall in addition to the existing open air market
- A major university campus
- 5,000 new residences

“Local people have said they would like to see more community and cultural facilities, as well as retaining the leafy character and convenience that makes CMK so attractive,” says Dr Rebecca Kurth, chair of the Town Council and joint chair of the CMK Alliance steering group.

“What a phenomenal achievement this will be for the people of Milton Keynes if it finally goes into planning law,” says Paul Hunt, joint chair of the CMK Alliance and MD of John Lewis MK.



Planning Minister Nick Boles (centre) receives a copy of the new CMK Alliance Plan from Dr Rebecca Kurth (right), Mr Paul Hunt (left) and other civic figures. (Photo courtesy Linda Inoki)

The final plan is likely to go to residents and businesses early next year, in separate referendums. If approved, the CMK Alliance Plan 2026 will set the scene for the next chapter in MK's success story.



Photos courtesy Anne-Louise Mellor

## FRESH PROTECTION FOR MK MARKET

CMK Town Council has succeeded in getting MK Market officially listed as an “Asset of Community Value.” This adds a layer of protection in case a plan similar to the Primark scheme comes along again, threatening the existence of the market.

If the Borough Council ever decides to sell the land it owns in Market Square, it cannot now simply sell it to the highest bidder. It will have to give the local community six months to put together a bid to buy the land, which would give us a chance of protecting this important social hub and all the family businesses that keep it going.

The Town Council has also given a grant to support the newly formed MK branch of the National Market Traders Federation to support their first ever community Fun Day at the market.

## New CMK Town Council Office Now Open!

We are pleased to announce the opening of our first ever CMK Town Council office.

The office is in Midsummer House – MK Community Foundation's new flagship building on Midsummer Boulevard – just a few minutes' walk from Christ the Cornerstone Church. It might be modest but we hope that our new office will give us a convenient base to serve residents' needs better; a place for regular 'open door' residents' surgeries; and a way of building stronger links with local residents' associations and community groups.

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We look forward to meeting you in our exciting new location in the heart of Central Milton Keynes!

Rebecca Kurth (Chair) Ken Baker Ramo Erdogan  
Paul Cranfield (Clerk) Andre Brady Linda Inoki  
Charles Ashbury

