Nemisis got talent

Hip hop dancers tip top as they impress on star search TV show

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TELEVISION’S ‘Mr Nasty’ turned Mr Nice in his praise for city street dance crew Nemisis.

Celebrity judge Simon Cowell dubbed the dancers ‘fantastic’ in the auditions for Britain’s Got Talent.

Nemisis are through to the live semi-final stage of the competition after impressing the judges with a performance which aired to 12 million viewers on ITV on Saturday.

The crew can regularly be found practising outside the bus station in Central Milton Keynes, honing the highly choreographed dance routines that saw them crowned UK Hip Hop Street Dance champions last year.

The Britain’s Got Talent competition is judged by Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden and Piers Morgan. At Saturday’s audition all three praised the group and put them through to the next stage.

Miss Holden said: “Really slick, really cool, really sexy and a really good line up - I like that you have got those two fit girls in it.”

Mr Cowell added: “I feel the same way, there are so many times I’m sitting here hating the dancers but, I mean, it was fantastic.”

The semi-final will be aired on Friday May 30 from 8.30pm. Ishe, the crew’s leader, said: “We are really proud to be representing Milton Keynes in this competition.

“We love performing and hope that all our supporters, fans and people of Milton Keynes get behind us and vote for us. “It would be like a dream come true to win this competition and we intend to do our very best for ourselves, our families and everyone in Milton Keynes. “It’s a great city and we are very proud to represent it.”

The crew have been supported by local performing arts charity Madcap, which helped them set up dance classes and rehearse at its Wolverton studios earlier this year. They are also supported by local talent spotters MK Vibe.

Andy Jones, MK Vibe founder said: “Milton Keynes is buzzing at the moment, there is a huge wave of young talented performers bursting onto the scene and winning national competitions. “I believe this is going to be the year that the whole country sees what MK is all about and Nemisis are without doubt the epitome of all that is good with the city’s young people.

“Not only are they amazingly talented, but they are the most down to earth, hard working and dedicated group of people you could ever wish to meet. “They are a real inspiration and excellent role models to their generation and a perfect example of what can be achieved by combining raw talent with the right attitude.

“These guys are a credit to Milton Keynes and it would be fantastic to see them go all the way. The whole city should get behind them and pick up the phone this week to vote.”

Two acts from each of the semi-finals compete in the live final, with viewers votes deciding who will be the eventual winner.
TELEVISION and musical theatre actress Natalie Casey joined local musicians Louis Hanshaw and Gareth Warren at Milton Keynes Theatre yesterday as they ran a songwriting workshop with members of MK's Anti-Bullying Forum.

The star of the BBC2 comedy Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps, currently entertaining MK audiences in The Wedding Singer, popped in to answer questions and talk to members of the group about their experiences, before lending a hand with their creative project.

The theatre’s education and outreach manager Jodie Gibson said: “Young people connect with music, dance, drama and the creative arts, so a songwriting day is an ideal way to explore and express some of the issues associated with bullying. The education team at Milton Keynes Theatre are really excited about the work that has been created and we hope the song will send a positive message to pupils affected by bullying both in MK and beyond.”

The Anti-Bullying Forum is run together with MK Council and young representatives from every city school meet each month at Milton Keynes Theatre to discuss national anti-bullying campaigns and create exciting local initiatives to raise awareness of the issue in their schools.

Two Pints of Lager and less bullying

A WHEELCHAIR-BOUND woman who helped to kidnap a man and chop off his thumb should be jailed for life according to her own sister.

C J Gulwell, 45, of Franklins Croft, Wolverton, was found guilty of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm after admitting to the kidnapping of Craig Green.

The victim was driven to the tenth tee at Woburn Golf and Country Club and stripped to his underpants before having the top part of his thumb removed with a hammer and chisel on November 1, 2007.

As Gulwell awaits sentencing alongside her son, Jason, and two other men, her sister voiced her opinion.

Sue Gulwell told MK NEWS: “I’m her sister but as far as I’m concerned they should throw away the key.

“My sister is a liar and she uses people. She’s not a cripple at all – she’s using that chair as an excuse.

“It’s all an act.

“She has put our name into the dirt.”

At trial, the prosecution described the incident as a ‘revenge attack’ by C J Gulwell over a drugs debt.

Her 24-year-old son, Jason Gulwell, had already pleaded guilty to the kidnapping and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Luke Gates, 18, and Andrew Brown, 18, were also found guilty of the same charges at Oxford Crown Court last week.

Sue Gulwell now fears that her nephew Jason will be punished more severely than his mother.

She said: “My nephew’s going to go down for a long time for all this.

“It’s never had a mum.

“I think the boys will get longer than her.”

She also revealed her belief that C J is faking her disability and said her sister could not be underestimated - even fearing for her own safety should C J find out where she lives.

“She would cut my thumb off,” Sue said.

“She’s been on benefits for years and she’s claiming incapacity benefit but it’s all fraud.

“She only had an asthma attack and that was a year ago.”

C J Gulwell was born in South Africa before moving to London and then Milton Keynes.

She changed her name from Christine to C J, which uses her and Jason’s initials.

The prosecution said that although C J Gulwell stayed behind in the car while the attack took place, she knew what was going to happen.

Along with his missing thumb, Craig Green was left with permanent damage to his eye socket and the nerves on his left side of the face after the beating he received from Jason Gulwell and Gates.

Gates, Brown, C J Gulwell and Jason Gulwell will be sentenced in June.
Council holds its breath on school windmill scheme

BY JESSICA CUNNiffe

THE council has delayed a decision on whether five wind turbines will be erected at a city school, contravening its own planning rules.

Last week’s development control committee was expected to follow officers’ recommendations and agree five 14-metre turbines could be built at Hazleley Secondary School.

A report stated the ‘Quiet Revolution’ generators would sit within 85 metres of people’s homes, rather than the minimum 300 metre distance the council’s own guidelines specify.

However, following around 25 objections the council is looking at other methods of renewable energy, though a spokesman confirmed wind turbines are the favoured option.

Oakhill resident and surveyor Louise Sheldrick was one of those people who expressed her concern.

She said: “I am not against the turbines but I am concerned about their affect on the local communities. They are very noisy. I can’t understand why the officers are saying they recommend them before they have looked into it properly. There are so many other less disruptive methods of renewable energy.”

Ward member Cllr Don Holye, who believes the council did not carry out a proper consultation, said he is glad that residents’ views are being taken into account.

“At least now people will have been allowed to have their say,” he said.

A council spokesman said: “Wind turbines were recommended by our design team as the preferred method of providing sustainable, renewable energy at Hazleley school. However as a contingency we are also now actively exploring other options.”

Contender as tough as concrete cows

PERHAPS the phrase ‘tough as old boots’ should be replaced with ‘hard as concrete cows’ – in Milton Keynes at least.

Because when city man Kevin Dixon competed in the new series of Sky One’s gameshow Gladiators, he told presenter Ian Wright that he was OK because he is from Milton Keynes where even our cows are made of concrete.

The 32-year-old competitor, known as ‘contender’ on the show – was up against several of the newly branded gladiators such as Predator, Spartan and Oblivion.

Mr Dixon, a male model, reached the quarter final after his fellow contender hit the dust and froze at the start line due to an injury, leaving him to complete the eliminator unchallenged.

After his win he said: “I’m really looking forward to the quarter final and I’m amazed at how well I’ve done so far. It’s just been a big achievement for me.”

Council leader fights back

THE stalemate at Milton Keynes Council continues as the political parties row over who should run the authority.

The Conservative and Labour groups are calling for council leader Isobel McCall to be replaced due to mistakes made over the school build fiasco.

They failed to oust her from her seat at the annual council meeting on Tuesday, May 20, but plan to change the council’s constitution to remove her at the next meeting on June 10.

They also voted to form a cabinet of three and to temporarily move decision-making powers away from elected councillors to council officers, effectively preventing the leader from having a cabinet until the matter is resolved.

Both parties said the current leader is not acceptable to the majority of the council.

Now Cllr McCall has called for the opposition parties to ‘put up or shut up’.

In an e-mail sent to the Labour and Conservative leaders she said: “If you are not happy about us running an administration on our terms, you must put up your own administration. You have more than enough votes between you to do so.”

She has also criticised them for using ‘wrecking tactics to bring the council into chaos’ and says it is completely unheard of for members of one party to dictate who should lead another.

She claims nothing in the reports of the school build programme named her as being culpable.

But Cllr Andrew Geary, Conservative leader, said: “We have no intention of going into a coalition with Labour. It is completely wrong to form a coalition of all three parties or two of the parties three weeks after the elections when we have just asked the people of Milton Keynes to make a choice.”

He said the Conservatives believe the Liberal Democrats, as the largest group, should properly form the administration but not with the current leader.

He added that the reports of the school build programme point out a ‘failure of the administration’ led by Cllr McCall and that she should take responsibility.

Labour leader Norman Miles said Cllr McCall has made an interesting suggestion but that his party does not currently have a specific view.

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Dons fans miss the bus

SIR – As a resident of Milton Keynes and supporter of MK Dons, I’m sure I can’t be the only one who is angry we let our team’s achievements go by without a bigger celebration.

Portsmouth won the FA Cup, then celebrated the next day with the whole of Fratton Park and Southsea coming to a standstill to watch the team parade on an open-top bus. MK Dons won the Johnstone’s paint trophy and gained promotion, going up as champions, but celebrations? NONE! We now have a team and a stadium to be proud of.

It would have been nice for the people of MK to have been able to show their appreciation to the achievements of a team that has become part of the history of the new city.

Are we saying Portsmouth is better organised, or prouder of their achievements?

Mrs A J Beal
Willen Park

First rung on the artistic ladder

SIR – I have just read the very interesting letter for your edition dated May 21 regarding the so-called art exhibition at the art gallery in the city centre.

‘No’ is the answer to the statement ‘I am probably a lone voice crying in the wilderness,’ and for one thoroughly agree with every one of the writer’s comments.

I shall now look at my stepadder in awe that I have this artistic masterpiece and shall forthwith take it out of the shed and coss it inside.

I shall not be able to cook either as my cooker has now become an artistic feature looking like Cathy Wilkes.

The exhibits in the other room left me bowled over in wonder as I fail to see any artistic merit in a single upper-case sausage with a dolphin paint entitled ‘She’s pregnant again’.

My grandson was doing that at nursery school. As the writer quite rightly says, the Turner was the joke but where there is rubbish there is money.

The information centre was closed, going to save money, so how about getting somebody in charge of the art gallery who knows what he is doing or close it down and save wasting the taxpayers’ money.

Cathy Wilkes must be laughing at the so-called art experts who organised this exhibition.

Mr G E Peckett
Heelands

Communication the name of the game

SIR – I am the Heelands Rangers Nursery 7s secretary and you would like to make a return visit to Heelands Arboretum with regards to the Woburn Linnens v Heelands Rangers U12 Girls Cup Final which was played on Saturday, May 17.

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When arriving at the location for the final it appeared that Woburn Linnens only had five players. The Heelands Rangers children welfare officer approached the organisers secretary for the league and voiced her concerns, as Heelands Rangers were fielding a full squad of nine players.

The registrations secretary advised the child welfare officer that she had spoken to Woburn Linnens with regards to the number of players and Woburn Linnens had agreed to pay the fine so that the match would go ahead and not be forfeited.

Communication between clubs had been ongoing for several weeks and though Heelands contacted the league we received a very poor response, if any at all, at times.

Had the communications between league and clubs been better, maybe this situation would have been cleared much sooner than match day.

Nicole Dobey
Heelands Rangers Nursery 7s secretary

Hanging on in there

SIR – The good citizens of Milton Keynes cannot have failed to be aware of the blood being spilt on the council chamber floor in recent weeks in a vain attempt by the majority of members to get the leader to recognise her failings.

So tenacious is her grip on the levers of power, that one has to wonder whether her role models have been Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair who failed to recognise when they passed their self-by date until they perhaps watched the Mugabe whose grip on power would only be released on death.

A litany of cogent reasons were cited in extensive debates on March 11 and again on May 20 as to why members no longer have confidence in her – the key reason being her refusal to accept responsibility for her failure to manage her team’s oversight of recent school build fiascos.

Amid the partisan clamour that gripped the chamber last Tuesday the brief low-key argument by Cllr John Bint and the equally low-key delivery of legal advice by the chief legal officer, following a challenge by Cllr Richards (Lib-Dem), encapsulated the crux of the matter in 30 seconds or so.

Here’s what happened (the cross-party opposition members’ motion to temporarily strip the cabinet of its powers was tabled ‘legal’ but went on to say that central government would probably take the view that Parliament, in framing the relevant statute, intended that cabinet leadership should take personal accountability. It was lost on the administration that it is precisely because of the leader’s dogged refusal to be held to account that members found it necessary to curtail the cabinet’s powers. Until the Lib-Dems accept the principle of accountability, the council will remain at loggerheads, ultimately to the detriment of us all.

Cllr Brin Carteson
Stony Stratford Ward

Trust to fundraisers

SIR – I was very upset to read that the building of Bletchley Park is in danger of falling apart.

Our country should be so proud of everything that was achieved there during the war and we need to stop and think that we are proud to have this historical gem in Milton Keynes.

I have read that the Heritage Lottery Fund refused to help the trust – there should be queues of donors willing to step up to the challenge.

I visited the museum and it’s great. The mansion is a beautiful Victorian building packed with history and the Thurston’s have their own humble magnificence.

This was the place where many anonymous heroes worked behind the scenes to help crack the German codes. To let this place crumble would be an insult to their work. Bletchley Park inspired Ian Fleming’s James Bond and should capture the imagination of every child in Milton Keynes.

I hope other readers join me to support the fundraising programme when it’s announced.

G Simpson
Bradwell

Park preservation is a story of empty words

SIR – Your story ‘Code centre crumbling’ last week is a damning indictment of successive British governments, heritage agencies and the Lottery Fund.

Looking back through the scrap-books of newcuttings I have kept since 1990, the story of the preservation of the park has been a sorry one.

Constant rebuffs have been suffered by those who have worked tirelessly to save the park and its wartime buildings as a museum to honour the wartime codebreakers.

When the Government and British Telecom sold just over half the park for development, they transferred the remainder to the Bletchley Park Trust, at a nominal rent.

This they considered generous, although not one of their millions of pounds profit was given toward restoring the buildings, even then in need of urgent repairs.

The trust was indeed handed a poisoned chalice.

Politicians have claimed to support the aims of the trust. In May 1993 Michael Howard (Con) declared: ‘If there is a single site on which the war was won, Bletchley Park is that site. It is right and fitting that there should be a visible record of the events that took place, I intend to make that happen.’

Three years later, Robin Cook, Shadow Foreign Secretary (Lab) said a Labour government would work toward finding a solution to preserve what was a national asset. Empty words from both political parties!

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**Friend cons OAP out of £10,000**

*BY LAURA HANNAM*

A CARE HOME resident was fleeced of more than £10,000 by a trusted friend who was supposed to be looking after his finances.

Alan Fawcett, 52, from Paddock Way, Bletchley, admitted ten charges of fraud for taking money from the 82-year-old while controlling his financial affairs.

Milton Keynes magistrates heard that Fawcett was given responsibility for his former colleague and long-standing friend Gerald Green’s finances after he was admitted to Rosewood Care Home, Bletchley, in September 2006.

The ten fraud offences were committed between March 27 and November 1 last year, during which time Fawcett took £10,200 from Mr Green.

The amounts taken each time varied between £500 and £1,500. Peter Bird, from the Crown Prosecution Service, said Fawcett regularly visited the care home presenting cheques from Mr Green’s account to be signed by the pensioner.

“He thought they would be used to pay the bills but Mr Fawcett used them for himself,” he said.

Mr Green became concerned about his financial affairs when he started receiving letters from the bank saying he didn’t have sufficient funds.

Michael Cartwright, defending, said Fawcett used the money to pay off his own debts, including household bills and credit cards.

Magistrates decided their sentencing powers were not sufficient and committed the case to Aylesbury Crown Court at a later date.

Fraudster pays off household bills and credit cards with stolen money

Diabetic has iron will to raise charity cash

A CITY man hopes to become an Ironman in a bid to beat diabetes.

Mark Golding, pictured, 32, from Gurney Close, Milton Keynes, is training to complete the gruelling Ironman Western Australia Triathlon.

Next month he will complete half the challenge as a warm-up in Exmoor, Devon before he travels to Busselton, near Perth, to swim 2.4 miles, cycle 112 miles and run 26.2 miles at the end of the year.

The insurance company claims training team manager, who was diagnosed with type one diabetes in 2005, is hoping to raise £15,000 for Diabetes UK and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

He said: “I was very shocked when I was diagnosed with type one diabetes but, after I got used to the idea, I wanted to prove that the condition couldn’t stop me achieving extraordinary things.

“It completely changed my lifestyle. I started eating sensibly, cut back on the beer and began exercising. Endurance events seemed to be a good way to both prove my point and raise money to help other people affected by diabetes.

“This year will be the biggest challenge of my life but I am determined to complete both events because I want people to see that diabetes need not be the burden that some people think it is.”

To sponsor Mark visit www.justgiving.com/ironmanmark1

Young mum denies racial assault on doorman

A WOMAN has pleaded not guilty to committing racially aggravated assault against a bar doorman.

Corinne Harper, 24, from Jennings, Stantonbury, appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates’ Court on May 22.

She was charged with assaulting security guard Solomon Amo outside the Moon Under Water bar in the Xscape building on April 9.

Prosecutor Peter Bird said Miss Harper kicked Mr Amo in the chest and shouted racist abuse while he was detaining her boyfriend with other staff.

Michael Cartwright, defending, said Miss Harper accepts the charges of assault but denies using racist language.

She was given unconditional bail and is to be tried before magistrates in July.

Her partner, Aaron Henderson-Savage, 21, from the same address, admitted disorderly behaviour while drunk.

Just before midnight Henderson-Savage was asked to leave the Moon Under Water but refused and was involved in a struggle with security staff.

Mr Cartwright asked the court to take into account his acceptance that his behaviour was out of order.

He added that the couple had recently had their first child and had not been used to drinking for some time.

Henderson-Savage was fined a total of £50.
Hoodies attack for phone
FOUR hoodies punched two youngsters in the face for a mobile phone and iPod.
The robbery happened at around 10pm in Stowe Court, Stantonbury on May 9.
The four men, all aged 16 to 18 and wearing dark, hooded tops, approached the victims and after assaulting them and taking the phone and iPod, they fled, three on foot and one on a bicycle. One of the thieves has unusual teeth.
Anyone with information can contact Detective Constable James Shepherd 08458 505505, or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

Muggers snatch watch
THREE men snatched an antique wrist watch during a daylight robbery.
The 56-year-old victim was grabbed around the neck by one man while another searched his pockets.
They stole cash, a mobile phone and an antique wrist watch before escaping towards the shopping centre, where they were joined by a third man.
The incident happened on the footbridge over the V8 Marlborough Street at around noon on Friday.
The antique watch is a gold link, Buliver and has a thin gold strap and grey face with gold numbers.
Police described all three men as white and said one spoke with a foreign accent.
The thief who searched the victim’s pockets is between 5ft 8ins and 6ft and has short, dark hair. He was wearing a grey T-shirt and blue jeans.
Anyone with information can contact Detective Constable Wayne Watson on 08458 505505.

MORE than £3,000 is up for grabs thanks to a scheme to reward recyclers.
Milton Keynes Council is celebrating National Recycle Week, which this year runs from June 2 to 6, by giving a big cash bonus to good recyclers.
Last year saw the launch of the recycling teams’ Cash for Trash promotion where every week a recycling household is randomly rewarded with a cash prize of at least £100.
One year on, the council claims kerbside recycling has increased by 16 per cent.
To coincide with the national recycling campaign, there will be a £3,000 giveaway to residents who correctly place their recyclables into pink bags for kerbside collection.
Community Waste Ltd, which runs the council’s hi-tech materials recycling facility in Wolverton, has provided the prize money for Cash for Trash and will be funding extra prizes every day during the first week of June.
Over four days there will be two prizes of £500 up for grabs. For one day only there will be a big prize of £1,000.
The council’s waste reduction officer Paul Mocroft said: “Our Cash for Trash scheme has proved to be an incredible success – kerbside recycling has increased and local residents have been rewarded for doing the right thing by the environment.
“All residents need to do is to be in with a chance of winning one of the recycle week prizes, is to recycle using their pink sacks and blue boxes for glass and look out for the recycling team on collection day.”
Milton Keynes Council is recognised as one of the most forward-thinking waste management local authorities in the UK and currently residents recycle around 36 per cent of all household waste in the borough.
Mr Moorcroft added: “We would like to thank all residents for the effort they have made in recycling more and more waste every year.”

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Record-breaking recyclers get a new green ally

By David Gale
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The shopping centre has a secret weapon in its battle to recycle - Big Hanna.

In the week that thecentre:mk announced it has achieved Government recycling targets four years ahead of schedule, it also introduced Hanna, which turns food waste into compost.

Between April last year and March this year thecentre:mk recycled 1114.14 tonnes of wood, metal, pallets, polythene, coat hangers and cardboard on site which accounted for 50.3 per cent of the centre:mk’s total waste breaking the Government target of 40 per cent by 2012.

A further eight per cent was sent to an off site materials recycling facility for processing.

This follows last week’s announcement that it had been named the greenest retail company and the 30th best green company overall in the UK in The Sunday Times Green list.

The 1,114.14 tonnes surpassed thecentre:mk’s 2007-08 target of 1,000 tonnes of onsite recycling.

This is backed by a host of initiatives being implemented at thecentre:mk with the installation of 20 Dyson hand-dryers (which use up to 83 per cent less energy per cycle), the trial installation of natural light tubes in the management offices, the installation of a reverse vending machine and the arrival onsite of food composter Big Hanna.

Big Hanna allows the centre to recycle food waste into compost which can then be used on the planters within the malls.

For every 100kg of food waste, Big Hanna will produce 10kg of compost which is a 90 per cent reduction and this initiative will help thecentre:mk to reach its target of 60 per cent onsite recycling by the end of March 2009.

“The arrival of Big Hanna is great news for our recycling programme,” said Carol Wakeley, cleaning manager at thecentre:mk.

“Already we recycle cardboard, plastics and coat hangers – we even have a cleaning training room made from recycled materials!”

However, the arrival of Big Hanna means we can tackle the issue of food waste and start to produce a worthwhile export from the waste we produce.

Dan Murphy, operations manager said: “This is a fantastic testament to the recycling ethos we employ here at thecentre:mk. The team have worked incredibly hard on this and to be four years ahead of Government targets is a just reward.

“Recycling is one part of everyone’s responsibility to the planet and thecentre:mk is proud to be involved in the process. Also, we’re constantly researching new ways in which to reuse energy and access new energy sources.”

Drinking spree ends in tragedy

AN alcoholic was found floating in a canal after spending 12 hours drinking, an inquest has heard.

Patrick Davidson, 52, from Fenny Stratford Drive, Bletchley, was seen by a passer-by in the Grand Union Canal, Fenny Stratford on May 20.

An inquest, that opened yesterday, heard that he had spent May 19 drinking in the Railway Club in Bletchley from 11.30am until 11.30pm before taking a taxi home with friends.

He was spotted off near where his barge was moored in Fenny Stratford. He spent most of his time on the barge.

He was spotted in the canal close to his barge's mooring just past 7am the next morning and was confirmed dead at the canal side by a police surgeon at noon.

Mr Davidson, a divorcée, was unemployed but had previously worked as a clerical officer for British Rail.

His family said he had suffered from an addiction to alcohol for some time.

His ex-wife, Barbara, said: “We know he has been in that canal a few times. It always happened when he was trying to come back home to the boat.”
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Olympic hopeful died in pony fall

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Olympic hopeful died when she fell from her pony, an inquest has heard.

Shannon Leigh Bloomfield, from Hill Farm, Hanslope, died in a pony fall at the eventing centre at Milton Keynes Equestrian Centre in Malt Hill Farm, Hanslope.

The inquest, held on Friday, heard that Shannon had ridden a rotational fall at the final jump – when a horse somersaults and the rider drops vertically below it.

“I don’t know what caused it, the pony was going nicely and she was riding nicely, they just failed to negotiate the fence,” she said.

“When you see a pony in a rotational fall you instinctively know with an experience of ponies that it is not going to be nice.”

As the pony scrambled to get up its hoof came into contact with Shannon’s head. A paramedic and doctor were at the event and administered first aid, but Shannon never regained consciousness and was confirmed dead at Milton Keynes Hospital at 6pm.

A pathologist’s report said Shannon died from multiple injuries, including fractures to her skull and damage to her lungs. Shannon had ridden 13-year-old Poppy, which was owned by an experienced breeder in Little Horwood, for 16 months.

Earlier in the day she had won a previous round and moved on to the final competition with higher wooden jumps set at around 2ft 6inches.

Centre owner Fiona Gikins said Shannon and her pony were a ‘talented pair’ and the jumps were well within their capability.

“She had regularly competed at higher levels,” she said.

Kim Bennett, senior health and safety officer at Milton Keynes Council, inspected the premises the day after the incident.

She said she was satisfied that the building, jumps and lay out were all acceptable and that no further action needed to be taken.

Shannon’s mother, Wendy, called for the equestrian governing bodies, such as the British Horse Society, to bring in tighter controls to stop children from going too far in competitions.

“It always scares me sometimes to see the number of children flying around courses with parents shouting for them to go faster and higher,” she said.

“I don’t believe anyone is to blame but there should be a point to say ‘no’ to children carrying on with classes. I think in certain cases it should be taken out of the parents’ hands.”

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Death ride: Shannon Bloomfield on Nile Dancer jumps a fence earlier on the day she died

Alcoholic choked to death on a bacon sandwich after drinking vodka, an inquest has heard.

Ronald Mennie, 63, was found dead at the council house where he lived alone in Colne, Tinkers Bridge, on February 15.

Council housing officer Linda Goodship and a police officer made a routine call on Mr Mennie as he had failed to respond to a department letter following neighbours’ noise complaints.

“We knocked on the door and there was no response,” she said.

“PC David Goodwin could see the television was on through the window. We called another officer and forced entry and found him sitting on the settee. He was dead. “I could see there was a bottle of vodka and a glass on the table in front of him.”

Dr Ky Lavin, consultant pathologist who carried out a post-mortem, said Mr Mennie had a large mass of unchewed bacon roll stuck in his wind pipe, which was formed into a ball.

He had more than three times the legal driving limit of alcohol in his blood, which would have impaired his gagging reflex: “If he had not been drunk he would have coughed it up,” she said.

The court heard the divorced father of two was an unemployed plumber with a long history of alcohol dependency.

Coroner Rodney Corner recorded a verdict of accidental death.

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Train tickets to London from Bletchley are more expensive than from Milton Keynes Central – even though it is closer to the capital and uses the same train.

Travellers buying an off-peak ticket from Bletchley Railway Station must fork out £17.90 while those leaving from Central Milton Keynes, three miles up the track, can buy the longer journey for less money - £13.50.

Train operator London Midland says this is because it is offering a ‘brilliant deal’ to people travelling from the larger station. It also admits that the £4.40 saving encourages people to travel up to central station, even if their local station is Bletchley.

A spokesman said that to make the ticket prices more consistent – the shorter the journey, the cheaper the ticket – would penalise the many passengers from Milton Keynes Central and not Bletchley – even though it is closer to London.

“The most annoying thing is that it’s the same train,” said Philip Morgan, from Mellish Court in Bletchley, who is incensed at the lack of logic in having to pay £4.40 more to get on the same train.

He said: “Because I don’t need to get there at peak time I thought, wow, £13.50 from Milton Keynes was great. You see it advertised everywhere. But that is only from Milton Keynes Central and not Bletchley – even though it is closer to London.”

The most annoying thing is that it’s the same train.

“It is stupid and ridiculous.” Matt Hurst, spokesman for London Midland, said: “Passengers travelling between Milton Keynes and Euston are benefiting from reduced price tickets.

“If London Midland made ticket prices more consistent, passengers from Milton Keynes, one of the company’s most-used stations, would pay more. However, given the complexities of ticket price regulation and the realities of the market place, we have no plans to change any of the three prices.”

He added that from December, passengers at both Bletchley and Milton Keynes will benefit from London Midland’s £243 million investment which will lead to state-of-the-art new trains, an improved timetable and improved reliability.

A PART of Bletchley’s history will come to an end this week when the town’s railway depot closes after 100 years of maintaining trains.

On Saturday the 20 members of staff working at the traction maintenance depot, which is north of the town’s railway station, will move to Northampton.

Bletchley depot’s existing buildings were opened in 1964 but trains have been maintained on the site since the early 1900s.

The reason for the move is that the 321 fleet of trains is being phased out since London Midland, owned by Gobia, was awarded the franchise last year.

Herbert Booth, Bletchley’s community heritage officer, said it is a shame that a town which thrived on its railway industry is losing part of that history.

“It is always sad for any important local industry moving away from the area,” he said.

“But it is a fact of life that we have suffered in all parts of Milton Keynes.

“I hope all the people involved find new opportunities.”

A London Midland spokesman said: “The maintenance depot will close on May 31.

“Work will transfer to Northampton and the staff will transfer there. “At this stage they are being found alternative jobs.

“It was always part of the plans Gobia had when it took over.”

Network Rail, which owns the land and buildings, could not say what its future plans are for the site.

End of the line as century-old maintenance depot moves to neighbouring Northampton

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POST OFFICES should be kept open, residents should decide on the expansion of the city and the grid road system should be retained.

That is according to residents in the north of Milton Keynes who completed their MP’s latest constituency survey.

Out of the 3,000 people who responded to the questions put by Mark Lancaster (left), more than 90 per cent said it should be up to local people to decide on expansion – the targets for which are currently stipulated by the Government and implemented by the unelected Milton Keynes Partnership.

And 89 per cent of people support the campaign to keep the post offices open despite widespread closures across the country.

Mr Lancaster was heartened by the fact that 91 per cent of people replying said they support his infrastructure-before-expansion campaign.

He said: “I think it absolutely essential that MPs keep in touch with their constituents’ views which is why I have carried out a series of regular major surveys and I am delighted that so many people have taken the time to respond.

“From the results it is clear that an overwhelming majority of people support my ‘I before E’ campaign and that local people want to be in charge of their own destiny when it comes to the expansion of our city. Both are issues that I will continue to fight for.”

CITY MP Mark Lancaster is fighting for action on the issue of stillborn babies.

The member for Milton Keynes North is using his Parliamentary influence to set up a strategy to tackle the 4,000 stillbirths in the UK each year. He raised the issue in Parliament challenging Health Secretary Alan Johnson on why there is no strategy in place.

In his research, the MP discovered that of 2,500 babies, 17 per day, die within the first 28 days of birth each year. Mr Lancaster said: “It is clear just looking at the numbers that many people are going through the tragedy of stillbirths and neonatal deaths every day.

“It is absurd that the Department for Health has not implemented a national strategy before to ensure best practice on how to deal with this issue can be shared.”

Mr Johnson said more work will be done.

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Hammer gang sought
A GANG attacked two men with a hammer in a city bar on May 19. Police are appealing for witnesses to the afternoon assault, which took place in City Limits at Xscape.

At around 3.45pm two Asian men were playing pool in the gaming area when they were approached by a group of six or seven Asian men. The large group set about the pair and there are reports that a hammer was used. The gang then chased another man into the Virgin Active Gym then fled out of the rear door of Xscape leading to AirKix.

An 18-year-old suffered a head cut and was treated at the scene. Anyone with information about the incident can call Det Con David Reynolds on 08458 505505 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Trapped engineer freed
A MAN was trapped on a ‘cherry picker’ aerial platform while working on rail lines in the city centre. The engineer had to be cut free after becoming trapped near the Portway roundabout on the H5.

Two rescue crews were able to lower the platform and used hydraulic cutting equipment to help free the man, who was seen by a doctor and left in the care of South Central Ambulance paramedics.

Landlord served fine
A LANDLORD has been told to cough up almost £2,000 for dumping waste outside his properties. Simon Banisi, of Redland Drive, Loughton, was fined £1,000 for two offences of fly-tipping and was ordered to pay £925.23 costs after rubbish was found outside his properties in South Ninth Street.

Milton Keynes magistrates heard council officers had previously warned Mr Banisi of his responsibilities to clear waste at his other properties but on visiting the site in September they found two arm chairs, tree cuttings, a vacuum cleaner and other rubbish.

Banisi was convicted of allowing waste to be stored illegally contrary to fly-tipping laws under the Environment Protection Act 1990.
After Milton Keynes was announced as the national pilot for a Safer Neighbourhoods project, in which the new Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) play a vital role, reporter JESSICA CUNNIFEE looked at the progress being made by residents and agencies working together to improve the city.

WHOEVER said nagging is futile was wrong. Because Milton Keynes’ 32 NAGs, comprising residents, police, parish councillors, local councillors and council officers, are working across the city to sort out everything from litter to louche behaviour.

And the acronym is apt: because it is the persistence of these groups which is helping them succeed.

NAGs were set up in Milton Keynes as part of the Safer Neighbourhoods project, a joint venture between the Community Safety Partnership and Thames Valley Police, essentially in order to improve the state of the city’s estates.

Indeed, some people may wonder how tidiness can correlate to a reduction of crime – how beautifying an unkempt underpass can reduce anti-social behaviour.

But Chief Superintendent Andy Standen emphasised the effectiveness of this unique approach. He said: “Neighbourhood policing is being rolled out across the country but in Milton Keynes we decided to do this through the Neighbourhood Action Group approach.

“The aim is to enable local people to articulate to agencies what the problems are and what needs to be done to improve the quality of life in their area.”

Fly-tipping was identified as the...
biggest concern of the NAGs at their first meeting on May 15, alongside parking and anti-social behaviour.

Various approaches have been taken to improve each area. In Netherfield, for example, ten tonnes of rubbish was taken from the estate in order to reduce the potential for fly-tipping. Bob Shaw, environmental quality officer for the Safer Communities Unit, who was involved in this, said: “Our main aim is to get people to take responsibility for how the estate looks and to want to improve the quality of life in the area.”

Meanwhile, the Woughton South NAG has joined up with Milton Keynes, Thames Valley police and Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service this month to go around the estate and collate evidence relating to littering and fly-tipping. The Lakes Estate NAG identified an underpass on the estate as a major safety concern and worked with young people to remove the graffiti and carry out a street art project, as is now happening in Stantonbury.

And the Bradwell NAG has even worked with the probation service to have unpaid workers assisting with cleaning up the area. As a result of these successes, Milton Keynes is being used as a national pilot and the Government will be recommending that other towns and cities take a similar approach. But Lisa Emmanuel, Safer Neighbourhoods manager, reckons that the NAGs’ work has only just begun.

She told NAG members at this month’s meeting: “The foundations are in place and the hard work really begins now. We know there are gaps and will be setting up training sessions to help you as NAG members in areas such as chairing skills and communicating with residents and businesses in the area.”

– and the rest of the country is set to follow

TEAMWORK: The Netherfield patrol of Pete Orme, Kate Guiney, PC Emma Pullen and Janet Richardson – tackling litter is one of their main targets
WITNESSES who gave evidence against a man who stabbed his flatmate to death have been praised for their bravery.

Eric Erron Johnson, 23, was found guilty of manslaughter following the fatal stabbing of David Williams at their flat in Oldbrook last August.

Detective Sergeant Luke Grove has publicly recognised the important role that key witnesses played in the trial.

He said: “I would like to take this opportunity to praise the witnesses for their bravery throughout this very difficult trial.

“It has been an ordeal for them but their determination to see justice done has resulted in a guilty verdict being returned.

“This was a senseless death which started out as a row over a mobile phone and I am pleased that Mr Johnson must now face the consequences of his actions.”

The victim, aged 30, was killed at his home in Oldbrook Boulevard on Friday, August 3, from stab wounds to his neck and chest.

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**In Memoriam**

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MANDY WHARTON  
On 27th May  
With love from all the family xxx

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A SHOP showcasing the best of Milton Keynes celebrated the ‘City of Firsts’ at its launch.

Discover Milton Keynes, a facility for citizens and visitors to the city, was opened by the new Mayor of Milton Keynes, Jan Lloyd.

The opening address was made by Councillor Euan Henderson, who described the importance of a heritage facility in the centre of the city.

Like so much else in Milton Keynes it is the first of its kind, illustrating what makes Milton Keynes special both for its residents and as a hugely expanding international centre, planned to reach a population of 350,000 by 2031.

The shop and activity centre offers displays, trails and tours, films and photos, stories and memories about the people and events that have shaped, and continue to shape, the city.

Mel Jeavons, project co-director at Living Archive explained: “We have some excellent exhibitions ready but we need people’s memories too.

“We’d love to know what ‘first’ people can remember of Milton Keynes – a first home, or first day, or first achievement.

“If they could visit Discover Milton Keynes with their photographs and memories, we could create a new page of the city’s history.”

In June, Discover Milton Keynes will focus on Milton Keynes at War, coinciding with the Territorial Army’s centenary.

Mrs Jeavons added: “I’m sure every family in the city has its war story, come and tell us at Discover Milton Keynes.”

For more information, contact Living Archive on MK 322568 or visit www.discover-miltonkeynes.co.uk to contribute your story.

It has also received funding from partners including Milton Keynes Council, the centre:mk and Arriva Bus Company and its programme was created by Living Archive.

‘Milton Keynes – City of Firsts’ was the theme for the project’s launch on May 22 and the organisers are calling for residents’ help to build up a special exhibition.

The project, based at 672 Silbury Boulevard, the centre:mk, is led by the Milton Keynes Heritage Association and managed by the Central Milton Keynes Partnership.

It’s another first for MK as heritage shop opens

Toasting a success story: Tim Hill of Living Archive and MK Mayor Jan Lloyd at the shop opening
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The awards, launched by MK NEWS, MK Web, Kimbells solicitors and Savills, aim to honour the best places to eat in MK.

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And if football’s not your thing Our ‘Enery, boxer Henry Cooper, also put in an appearance alongside former title holder Frank Bruno and many other sporting greats.

SIXTIES GREATS: 1966 hat-trick hero Sir Geoff Hurst (top left) is joined by England’s World Cup centre half Jack Charlton and heavyweight boxing champion Henry Cooper at the event that attracted a lot of youngsters
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MISS CONDUCT

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Friday, May 30

FEMALE FRONTEd pop punk band Miss Conduct have been bothering the UK scene since 2006, rising from the ashes of long term live favourites Then Came Bronson. This band knows how to write a great song and they’re not about to hide it.

Tickets £6. Doors 7.30pm.

**THE PILGRIM FATHERS**

Plus The Modest Vivendi and Fink

Saturday, May 31

ALTERNATIVE session with local bands featuring the awesome new psychedelic post rock band The Pilgrim Fathers alongside the alternative guitar rock sound of The Modest Vivendi and Fink, former Band Blitz winners reformed and grown from two piece to trio.

Tickets £5. Doors 7.30pm.

**OUR MAN IN THE BRONZE AGE**

Plus NFO

Sunday, June 1

MK’s cloaked enigmatic kings of sonically drum play a special concert to launch their first CD. This will also be the last gig the band will play as a five piece after which the band will be swelling to seven by adding a second drummer/percussion and cello.

Alternative gothic rock band NFO, featuring members of The Fields Of The Nepilim, make some of the most emotionally compelling, intense alternative live rock.

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**THE STABLES**

**ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY**

Friday, May 30

WITH THE release of their latest album, This Way, Greg Carmichael and Miles Geldard celebrate a remarkable two decades since 1987’s ‘Red Dust And Spanish Lace’ enabled the British ensemble as an ever evolving, powerhouse force in contemporary jazz.

Tickets £17.50

**NEd EVEnT**

Acoustic Stage

Friday, May 30 & 31

NEd Everett brings a raw physicality to a historically cerebral instrument – the fiddleless guitar. Performing on custom glass-fingerboards, Ned is the winner of the 2003 North American Rock Guitar Competition.

**CARA DILLON**

Saturday, May 31

Cara Dillon’s crystalline vocals have been winning her acclaim ever since she won the All Ireland Traditional Singing Trophy at the age of 14. Her solo albums have had astonishing critical success and she’s been showered with accolades including two BBC Folk Awards.

**THE SWINGCATS**

Sunday, June 1

If you could browse through the vast number of major record label catalogue produced in the 30s 40s and 50s, it would soon become apparent to you that there was never a time when a female vocal trio was not included. From The Boswell Sisters to The Andrews Sisters, those girls provided some truly inspirational music. That era has been re-created by the glamorous Swingcats with swing, jazz and standards in three-part harmony.

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Jazz Stage

Tuesday, June 2 & 3

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Friday, June 6

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The play stars Jonathan Wilkes and Natalie Casey.

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June 21

GREG wants to marry Ginny but she seems unduly reluctant for him to meet her mother and father. His suspicions further aroused by mysterious telephone calls, incessant bouquets of flowers and boxes of chocolates from a pair of incriminating slippers under her bed, he follows her to her parents’ house in Buckinghamshire.

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### BBC1

- **6.00** Breakfast (T)
- **6.30** Children's (T)
- **7.00** Breakfast (T)
- **7.05** Weather (T)
- **7.10** FIVE (T)
- **7.30** FOCUS (T)
- **7.45** FILM: Coconu (1971)
- **7.50** Europe on Screen (T)
- **8.00** Weather (T)
- **8.20** Weather (T)
- **8.30** Fortnight (T)
- **9.00** News at Ten and Weather

### BBC2

- **6.00** CBBC
- **6.30** The Paul O’Grady Show (T)
- **6.45** CBBC
- **7.00** Weather (T)
- **7.05** Weather (T)
- **7.15** FOCUS (T)
- **7.30** FOCUS (T)
- **7.45** FILM: Road to Perdition (2002)
- **8.00** Weather (T)
- **8.20** Weather (T)
- **8.30** Fortnight (T)
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### ITV

- **6.00** Global (1994) (T)
- **6.30** ITN News (T)
- **6.35** ITV News (T)
- **6.45** Weather (T)
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- **7.45** FILM: The Lion in Winter (1968)
- **8.00** Weather (T)
- **8.20** Weather (T)
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### Five

- **6.00** FOCUS (T)
- **6.30** FOCUS (T)
- **6.45** Weather (T)
- **7.00** ITV News (T)
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- **8.00** Weather (T)
- **8.20** Weather (T)
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- **9.00** News at Ten and Weather

### Four

- **6.00** FOCUS (T)
- **6.30** FOCUS (T)
- **6.45** Weather (T)
- **7.00** News at Ten and Weather
- **7.05** FILM: Four Rooms (1995)
- **8.00** Weather (T)
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- **8.00** Weather (T)
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### BBC3

- **6.00** Breakfast (T)
- **6.30** Doctor Who
- **7.00** Weather (T)
- **7.05** Weather (T)
- **7.20** FOCUS (T)
- **7.30** FOCUS (T)
- **7.45** FILM: The Foreigner (2011)
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### BBC4

- **6.00** Breakfast (T)
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- **7.00** Weather (T)
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### SATELLITE

### EUROSPORT

- **7.00** Basketball (T)
- **7.30** FOCUS (T)
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- **8.30** Fortnight (T)
- **9.00** News at Ten and Weather

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- **7.00** Basketball (T)
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11.00 4 In the Morning (RT) 12.30 The Daily Politics (T) 12.45 Weather Live (RT) 2.00 Watchdog (RT) 2.30 The Feed (RT) 3.45 Pogba (RT) 3.50 Ready, Steady Cook (RT) 4.15 Europe in the Balance (RT) 6.00 Good Night (RT) 7.00 Michael Palin’s New Europe (RT)

**BBC2**

6.00 Culture 7.00 CBeebies (RT) 8.00 The One Show (T)

**ITV Anglia**

6.00 GMTV (T) 6.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show (T) 7.00 The Morning (T) 7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond (RT) 7.50 Just Shoot Me! (RT) 8.00 The List (RT)

**Channel Four**

6.00 C4 News (T) 6.30 The Secret Life of Mrs Beeton (RT) 7.00 The Devil Wears Primark (RT) 7.30 Gordon Goes in Search of a Rare Ingredient (RT)

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“I’ve always loved it,” beams the presenter, who has commented on the competition since 1973. “It’s a wonderful event. You can decry it for its foolishness, but it’s huge all over the world – they lap it up in Australia, for instance. It has a global audience of some 300 million.”

“Weado the competitive element and the voting. But above all in this country we love the Eurovision Song Contest because it’s the ideal opportunity to have a jolly good snore at Johnny Foreigner and throw things at the tiller. You can’t beat that sort of entertainment!” So Terry is the perfect person to whip the crowd up into a frenzy of delight at Eurobeat, Almost Eurovision (Sarajevo), a marvellously entertaining new musical show that is shasing its sequinned way to Milton Keynes Theatre from 14-19 July.

Terry, known across the continent as the Face of Eurovision, will be appearing on a screen at strategic points during this uproariously fun evening. Written by Craig Christie and Andrew Patterson, an acclaimed duo who have collaborated on three previous shows, this riotous celebration of Eurovision is the world’s first interactive musical. It gives audiences the chance to spring out of the closet and finally vote the UK as winners of Europe’s greatest cultural competition.

The key to relishing the Eurovision is the audience members are each allocated one of ten competing countries to represent. After they have heard all ten entries, the audience are then invited to vote for their favourite via text message (although, unlike some shows we could mention, this voting process is bona fide). The genius of the show is that it is really interactive, because every performance can have a different winner. At Eurobeat, both the audience and the performers are kept in suspense until the very end. There is fierce competition between the nations; as in the real Eurovision, audience members cannot vote for their own countries, but there is nothing to stop them bribing others to do so.

In Eurobeat, the Contest is taking place in sunny, safe and secure Sarajevo. It is hosted by former Olympic pole vaulting champion, lifestyle programme presenter and cabaret performer Boyka (played by Les Dennis). They introduce acts who will stop at nothing to win the adoration and, more importantly, the votes of the audience. Whatever you do, don’t miss the entertainment spectacular during the count-in, which Boyka will spellbind you with her inimitable rendition of ‘I’m Sarajevo & Taste Me!’

The results are in from this year’s Eurovision but if you missed the fun and games in Serbia, fear not – Milton Keynes Theatre plays host to Eurobeat – Almost Eurovision (Sarajevo) this summer where you can decide who wins. The show stars Les Dennis, Mel Giedroyc and, by the magic of technology, Sir Terry Wogan and a man who has become synonymous with Eurovision. We caught up with the man to talk about his love of the competition and his part in the play.
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MILTON Keynes’ reputation as a centre for innovation has been reinforced as four experts have won regional technology awards.

Four of the six Bright Sparc Awards, run by the Sparc Technology Network, have been presented to innovators from the city. The awards attracted more than 60 entries from technology-led businesses and entrepreneurs across the region.

They were presented at a ceremony on May 14 at Cranfield Management Research Institute, part of Cranfield School of Management.

From the six category winners, Zeroshift Ltd, based in Knowlhill, was chosen by a panel of judges as the recipient of the overall Bright Sparc Award. Zeroshift has developed two global benchmark technologies.

The first is the world’s most efficient and lowest-cost automotive automatic transmission, which is now being refined in paid development programmes with global manufacturers.

Secondly, the company’s Intelligent Tool Control is a global military and civil benchmark for the prevention of foreign object damage in aircraft manufacture and maintenance.

Bill Martin, founder of Zeroshift and inventor of the transmission system, also won the award for Technology Entrepreneur of the Year.

Chris Dunkley, Sparc network director said: “The judges agreed that this highly innovative company demonstrated a brilliant idea, a world class product and had undertaken robust target market research, which is a key combination for successful entrepreneurialism.”

James Hawker of Bluecube Technology Solutions, Newport Pagnell, was announced as the awards’ Young Technology Entrepreneur of the Year; Olney-based Traka plc received the Technology Led Business of the Year award; and William Pope, who mentors early-stage businesses through the Milton Keynes Enterprise Hub, won the award for Business Innovation Support Person of the Year.

A special recognition award was also presented to Peter Woodland, managing director of Alps Electric (UK) Ltd, for his significant impact on innovation and business development in Milton Keynes.

Grant Seeley, director of inward investment for Invest Milton Keynes said: “The fact that four of the six winners are based in Milton Keynes underlines the strength of the city and its sub-regions in attracting a host of innovative companies willing to take advantage of its excellent geographic location, bespoke commercial space, support services and open business culture.

“All of the winners are working at the cutting edge of technology and have truly excelled in their specialist fields. “The Bright Sparc Awards has provided an excellent opportunity to celebrate the achievements of some of the city’s most innovative entrepreneurs and technology-led businesses.”
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Robert Scarff, Countrywide Estate Agents MD, said: “Set against the backdrop of concern in the media, we want to reassure people that there are hundreds of mortgage solutions still out there. New mortgages are coming through from lenders on a daily basis and we’re here to help customers find the right options for them.

“Whether you’re buying a home and need a new mortgage or reaching the end of a fixed term agreement and need to explore the mortgages available, we can offer advice and free mortgage reviews.”

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From left: Caroline Hume, Stewart Matthews, Beth Woodward, Mark Lancaster, Louise Tyrrell, Peter Bird and Peter Kelly outside Neves Solicitors offices on South Seventh Street.

MP Mark Lancaster visited the new MK offices of Neves Solicitors at Kingsbridge House, South Seventh Street, last Friday to see for himself the expansion that Neves has achieved in MK since the opening of its first office in October 2005.

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Please be advised that any sealed bids for the purchase of Wilton Lodge and Caldecotte Cottage submitted for the closing date of Tuesday 27th May 2008 will not be considered by the Council.

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Over the weekend of Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1, they will carry out a free efficiency check on any car to assess its fuel consumption and CO2 emissions and, if necessary, show the owner how to improve fuel efficiency.

Drivers will also be introduced to the award-winning BMW Efficient Dynamics technologies, a collection of innovative measures that together reduce fuel consumption and CO2 emissions while improving the performance and driving pleasure for which BMW is renowned.

BMW Efficient Dynamics technologies include Auto Start-Stop, which stops the engine whenever the car comes to rest and is taken out of gear, restarting the second the clutch is depressed, and Optimum Shift Indicator, a small visual display on the instrument cluster that shows the optimum gear for any driving situation.

Visitors over the weekend will not only be able to see how their own cars compare (in terms of fuel efficiency, performance, residual values, etc) to a new BMW in the same sector they will also have the opportunity to test-drive models equipped with BMW Efficient Dynamics technology for themselves.

David Abel, dealer principal, said: “As well as the environmental benefits, Efficient Dynamics can save drivers hundreds of pounds per year in reduced fuel and road tax costs. For example with CO2 emissions of just 119g/km, the 62.8 mpg BMW 118d falls into Band B for Vehicle Excise Duty - just £35 per year. Moreover, from October 2008 the 118d will also benefit from a 100 per cent discount on the London Congestion Charge, available for a small annual fee via Transport for London. Little wonder, perhaps, that the BMW 118d was recently voted World Green Car 2008 at the New York International Auto Show.”

Further information on the Efficient Dynamics open weekend on 01908 588600 or e-mail mail@stratstonemiltonkeynes.bmw-net.co.uk

We’ve made our cars more fuel efficient. This weekend, Stratstone Milton Keynes could do the same for yours.

Whatever you drive, the way you maintain your car can make a difference to your fuel consumption and emissions. That’s why we’re offering to give your car a free BMW Efficiency Check. Our suggestions could help lower your car’s emissions and running costs.

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Visit the BMW EfficientDynamics Open Weekend on 31 May or 1 June at Stratstone Milton Keynes. To find out more visit www.stratstonemiltonkeynesbmw.co.uk or call the Sales Team on 01908 588600.

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Mercedes-Benz of Milton Keynes has chosen local coachwork partners carefully for the provision of a full bodyshop service. All partners must comply with extremely high standards including investment in factory trained technicians and state of the art equipment. Every Mercedes-Benz vehicle is returned to its original condition, using only genuine parts and manufacturers recognised repair procedures, to ensure the vehicle and its safety characteristics remain 100% genuine. Steve joined Mercedes-Benz of Milton Keynes nine months ago to set up this new service. He has twenty-two years bodyshop experience, rising from apprentice panel beater, through administrative roles to management. Steve is also a fully trained Audatex body shop estimator. Audatex is the leading, fully computerised estimating system used in the motor industry and recognised by all leading insurance companies. The decision of where your car is taken for repair lies with you and not the insurance company and Audatex provides information in a format that is nationally accepted and approved without question.

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Rivalry renewed

MK Dons now know the complete line-up for League One next season.

With the play-offs now finished the Dons can look forward to a trip to West Yorkshire and they will also return to the place where they clinched promotion, Edgeley Park.

Leeds’ Elland Road awaits the Dons after Gary McAllister’s side lost out 1-0 to Doncaster and with that their chance to play Championship football for another year.

League One is set to be a hotly contended and highly competitive division as the likes of Leicester City, Colchester and Scunthorpe all look to bounce straight back from their relegation.

Then on Monday thousands tuned into the League Two play-off final to see Stockport County beat Rochdale 3-2 in a thrilling game.

It means the Dons can look forward to two more fiery encounters with Jim Gannon’s side next year.

And while there may not be a derby with Wycombe Wanderers, the Dons still have rivals Peterborough United to play as well close neighbours Northampton Town.

Like father, like son

INCE has signed for Liverpool.

But before Dons fans start panicking about their manager they should note it is not Paul Ince, but his son Thomas.

The 16-year-old has risen through the ranks at Liverpool and has signed on as a first year academy player for next season.

Unlike his father who played in midfield and captained Liverpool, Thomas will feature in the academy Under-18s as a striker.

Dons’ keeper cover secured

NATHAN Abbey has signed up for another year with MK Dons.

The 25-year-old joined the Dons at the start of last season and despite only making three appearances he was keen to secure his future with the club.

“it’s obviously nice to have it sorted as soon as possible so you know where you are,” Abbey said. “I was fortunate to have a few offers on the table but this was the one I wanted and it’s nice to have it tied up.”

Abbey’s limited game time had little to do with how he was performing on the pitch or on the training ground. It was in fact due to his team mate Willy Gueret’s inspirational form between the sticks. But when the former Luton goalie was given chance he grabbed it with both hands.

His penalty shoot-out save against Ipswich Town saw the Dons progress through to the Carling Cup second round, where they were knocked out by Sheffield United.

Abbey was also given the nod in the Dons’ FA Cup match with Crewe but could not prevent the team from bowing out at the first stage.

However, the Dons’ number two keeper says he has just got to wait for his opportunity.

Abbey said: “I won’t approach next season any differently from last year. I worked hard, I trained hard and I felt like I gave Willy a good push.

“Credit to Willy, he had a fantastic season. There weren’t many opportunities for me to knock on the manager’s door and say ‘look, I’m here, I’m ready to play’, because Willy didn’t create that opportunity for me.

“I’ve got to take that on the chin, work as hard next year and maybe things will turn and I’ll get a chance.”

The new deal will keep him at stadiummk until June 2009.

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F1 RACING

One to remember, one to forget

BY SIMONE CORGAN

A SPECTACULAR crash, another smashed up car and fourth place proved it was just another weekend for Red Bull Racing.

Once again, the racing team had plenty of positives from a points clinching Mark Webber drive, but also had their head in their hands at the sight of not one but two David Coulthard incidences.

The two drivers could not have had more different weekends in Monte Carlo.

Webber’s was incident free, a risk on tyres during the race caused a brief moment of panic, but all in all it was a great Monaco Grand Prix for the Australian.

Coulthard, however, had one to forget.

It all started with engine throttle problems on Thursday then Coulthard suffered what he described as violent and ‘one of the biggest hits’ of his career when he smashed in a barrier at 185mph.

Miraculously he emerged unscathed by the incident and the Red Bull engi neers worked their magic to get the RB4 ready in time for the race.

Coulthard was penalised five places for replacing the gear box.

But the Scotsman’s race lasted only seven sails of a lap as he lost control of the rear and collided straight into the barrier, losing his front in the process.

And if that was not bad enough Sebastien Bourdais then had a carbon copy accident and ploughed straight into the back of Coulthard’s car to end both their races.

A frustrated Coulthard said: “It was always going to be a race where you had to be very careful at the beginning, I got caught out on the entry to the pit lane, I corrected, corrected and corrected, but then ran out of road.

“I’m extremely disappointed as this is a race where keeping out of trouble gives you a good chance of getting points, but that said, the boys did a great job to recover the car after the qualifying accident.”

And there was still plenty to be happy about when Webber recorded a career best fifth successive points finish.

Driving in unpredictable weather conditions Webber almost saw the chance of finishing fourth slip through his hands.

Webber, like all the drivers, started on intermediate tyres then as the rain stopped he switched to dry on lap 49.

But it appeared to be a few laps too early as he lost ground when he struggled to keep up with the pack.

Luckily for Webber, Adrian Sutil was caught in a late accident, which allowed him to return fourth.

He said: “That was good, a great result which gives us a lot of points.

“It wasn’t the most exciting race, but it was very difficult in the wet and we were aqua-planning at Casino.”

MKSPORTS SHORTS

Coulthard spectator

Red Bull Racing driver David Coulthard is leaving Formula One for NASCAR, but only for a weekend.

The Scot is heading out to North America prior to the Canadian Grand Prix to pay a visit to Red Bull’s stock car team.

The weekend before the F1 race in Montreal sees the NASCAR boys racing at Dover in Delaware, on a track known as the Monster Mile.

Coulthard will be a guest of the NASCAR Red Bull Racing Team, which is now in its second year of competition, racing Toyota Camrys, driven by Brian Vickers and A J Allmendinger.

“I am interested in all sorts of racing, but hardly ever get a chance to see anything other than Formula 1, so when Red Bull came up with the idea of shooting a promo film around their NASCAR operation on the week before the Canadian GP, it seemed like a great opportunity to go and see why this form of racing is so popular.”

Hurricanes melt

MK Hurricanes have had a tough start to their ice hockey summer cup competition.

The Hurricanes lost their first game 6-1 to an experienced Chelmsford Nighthawks side.

Paul Jamieson had a brace to his name as Canes came back from a three goal deficit before the end of the first period.

Yet Chelmsford regained the lead at the end of the second period.

Phil Jacobson, Jameson and Lucas again got on the score sheet yet the Canes could not prevent the defeat.

The next day they missed out to the Streatham Chiefs losing 0-6-7.

MKSPORTS SHORTS

One in three

MK City’s batting line up struggled to make three figures and Robertson will be one of the real contributors from the top order.

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DIVISION ONE

ASPLEY Guise lost by two wickets to North Crawley.

Ian Fool had helped Guise on their way with 79 to set up 171-8 but North Crawley’s successful chase saw them take 25 points.

MK handed victory to Olney Town following a dismal innings in which they fell all out for 80 and Olney eased to a seven wicket win.

MK City’s batting line up struggled to 100 runs after Cublington’s Sam George (3-12) and Paul Rice (3-30) picked them apart.

Cublington wobbled slightly but eventually recorded a six wicket victory.

Winslow Town lost by four wickets to New Bradwell while Eaton Bray beat Newport Pagnell Town by 163 runs.

DIVISION TWO

ELSTOW took 30 points from Aston Clinton as they beat their visitors by 116 runs while Biddenham drew with Steeple.

Monmore lost to Open University by six wickets and Soulbury record a 38 run win over Old Bradwell.

Edlesborough picked up 20 points for a winning draw with Sudtham.

DIVISION THREE

DRAYTON Parslow finished their innings on 253-5, with Shane Rolls hitting 130, but that wasn’t enough as Tring Park came on to win by two wickets.

Eaton Bray 2nds lost by six wickets to Milton Bryan and North Crawley 2nds beat Eggington Foresters by seven wickets.

New Bradwell 2nds were handed a 39 run defeat by Whitchurch.

DIVISION FOUR

MK City 2nds beat Old Bradwell 2nds by six wickets while Cranfield University beat Willows 2nds by six wickets.

Printers drew with Milton Keynes and Stoke Hammond lost to Stewkley.

MK-based pair picked for Olympics

MKNEWS

MILTON Keynes badminton partnership Call Emms and Nathan Robertson have been selected for Great Britain’s Olympic Team and the Beijing Summer Games in August 2008.

It was four years ago when Emms and Robertson, who train at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes, shot to fame in Athens when they just missed out on gold in a nail-biting final.

And this year the Olympic silver medallists will want to go one better.

It is set to be the 30-year-old Emms’s last major competition after she announced her impending retirement from the sport.

Not only will she be trying her hardest in the mixed-doubles she also has a shot at gold in the women’s doubles when she partners up with Donna Kellogg.

Emms said: “I am delighted that the BOA (British Olympic Association) has confirmed that I will be representing Great Britain at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games this summer in both the mixed and women’s doubles.

“To win silver in Athens was amazing but now I am determined as ever to go one better and bring home gold with Nathan.

“Donna and I will have tough competition in the women’s doubles too, the fact that only two European teams have qualified for the games shows the strength of the competition, but we have every chance and will be fighting for every point.”

 Ranked sixth in the world Emms and Robertson will be one of the favourites to return home from the Games with a medal.

There will be extra pressure on Robertson who is ahead of schedule in his recovery from an ankle injury, but he is lashing his lips at the prospect of putting on the GB track suit.

Robertson said: “Competing in the Olympics for Great Britain is the proudest moment you can have in your sport, and winning a medal would be an extra big bonus.”
FORGET medicine balls and treadmills – Drissa Diallo is turning to Wii in a bid to return to fitness.

The battling defender has been told to turn his attentions to the gaming phenomenon that is sweeping the country, the Nintendo Wii, to help him recover from a shoulder injury that saw his season ended early.

Having undergone keyhole surgery in April Diallo is now ready to start the long intensive rehabilitation.

And head physio Simon Crampton will tell Diallo that he needs to play on the computer console, which uses special motion-sensitive controllers that allow you to throw a punch or drive a car with the flick of the wrist rather than a push of a button, to strengthen the shoulder.

“The Wii is perfect for what Drissa needs to work on,” Simon added. “The varying diagonal movements utilised in game play are a lot closer to normal movements than most exercises we can give him.

“As well as that, it’ll keep it interesting for him as standard exercises can be quite boring. By making it a bit more engaging it encourages the rehab programmes to be followed.”

Diallo, who saw the specialist last week and no longer needs to wear a sling, will be using Wii Fit as well as the numerous boxing, football, tennis and golf games available.

But the Dons face the same problem as millions across the UK, they need to track one down.

The Nintendo Wii has been a revolution and the fitness programmes have taken customers by storm. The computer console is sold out in most stores and the Dons are hoping to get hold of several Wii’s to introduce to their rehabilitation work.

“Some of the new programmes that are available would also be of great use for other types of rehabilitation. They work on core body strength, which is a key attribute for professional footballers, so it should be a useful addition to our medical facilities.”

Simon said: “As soon as we’ve been able to get him one, Drissa will certainly be prescribed some Wii time.”

“Once he completes all the mobility work and we’re happy he’s regained a full-range of movement, we’ll begin an intensive strengthening programme and a gradual integration into football.

“Drissa’s approached all his rehab with great professionalism so far and I don’t expect that to change. He’s given himself the best chance of a speedy, safe recovery.”

MK Dons have announced they will play Watford and Sheffield Wednesday in pre-season friendlies.

Wednesday will come to Milton Keynes on Tuesday, July 22, although a kick-off time has yet to be decided.

The Hornets, will visit stadiummk on Wednesday, July 30. Kick-off 7.45pm.

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£3000 give-away for National Recycle Week

Milton Keynes Council’s successful Cash for Trash scheme will celebrate its first birthday next week with a massive cash give-away. 2nd – 6th June is National Recycle Week and during this week eight prizes of £250 and one huge £1000 prize will be randomly awarded to MK recyclers.

During the first year, Cash for Trash will have seen prizes worth over £10,000 given away to residents who had the correct recyclables at the edge of their property by 7am on collection day.

The prize money has been donated by Community Waste Ltd, the contractor who manages the council’s recycling facility, other prizes have come from local businesses.

Paul Mocroft, waste reduction officer at the council says, ‘over the past year we’ve seen kerbside recycling increase by 16%. The great thing about Cash for Trash is not a single penny of the prize money has come from council tax or any of the council’s budget. Rather than costing the council money, the scheme has saved money as a result of more materials being processed through the recycling facility and less material being sent to landfill.’

National Recycle Week 2008 is about showing people there are lots of things we can all do to recycle more; be it remembering to recycle glass jars as well as bottles; recycling things from upstairs as well as downstairs; helping people understand that their individual contribution all adds up to make a big difference or sharing more information about what happens to our recycling once we put it out for collection.

Alex Cutts, from Community Waste Ltd adds, ‘we know that some things are recycled more than others, nationally for example just 20% of plastic bottles were recycled in 2006. We’re hoping that by raising awareness of recycling and by funding the council’s Cash for Trash scheme we’ll see a higher percentage of plastic bottles recycled this year.’

The monthly free public tour of the recycling facility will take place at 6:30pm next Wednesday, 4th June when residents can see what happens to their recyclables and understand the reasons why we need to recycle more.

To book a place on the tour, please call 01908 25 23 12.

Contact the Recycling Team: recycling@milton-keynes.gov.uk 01908 25 25 70
In the Pink!

Recycling banks in Milton Keynes have had a make-over. Less sorting needs to be done as all paper, card, plastic bottles and cans can now be put in the same pink bin like the pink sack scheme.

Andy Hudson, chief waste management engineer says of these new bins, ‘As all the materials got sorted at the council’s recycling facility with the recyclables from the pink sacks, we thought it would make it easier for residents to recycle by putting everything in one bin. It was only natural that we had pink sacks and the bins should be pink too!’

There are all separate bins for clear, green and brown glass at each recycling site.

Pink banks at Community Recycling Centres

If residents have missed their collection day, or had a clear out and found a lot of recyclable material they may prefer to take their pink sacks to one of the three Community Recycling Centres at New Bradwell, Newport Pagnell or Blackhall. All three sites have the new pink recycling bins which will take pink sacks.

Please remember that pink sacks should only be used for recyclable materials, not for general rubbish or non-recyclables.

Pink sack outlets

Each year, Milton Keynes Council delivers one roll of pink and one roll of black sacks to residents. Sacks are delivered between August and December. If you recycle more than one pink sack a week and need more pink sacks you can pick up a roll free of charge from many locations across the borough.

Heelands
Bradwell Parish Council, 21 Govers Lane.

Khn Farm
Age Concern Milton Keynes Furniture Store, 6 Barners Lane.

Little Brickhill
Little Brickhill Stores, 2 Westing Street.

Mosslyn
The Carrington Arms, Cranfield Road.

Neal Hill
Co-op Store, 6a Tower Crescent, Towcester Road.

Great Linford Parish Council Office, Local Centre, 10 Tower Crescent, Netherfield.

Woughton Parish Council, 33-37 Farthing Grove.

New Bradwell
Co-op Store, 42 High Street.

Newport Pagnell
Library, St John Street.

Newport Pagnell Town Council, 89 High Street.

Co-op Store, 75-77 High Street.

Co-op Store, 1 Wardsworth Avenue.

Olive
Library/Olives Centre, High Street.

Co-op Store, Stanley Court, Weston Road.

Sherington
Virginia House Stores.

Stantonbury
Co-op Store, 30 Put Heath, Stantonbury Centre.

Stoke Goldington
Reading Room, High Street (Tuesday mornings only).

Stony Stratford
Library 0-7 Church Street.

Westcroft
Library, Westcroft Centre, 17-18 Barnsdale Drive.

Weston Underwood
Weston Underwood Parish Council, Parish Clerk.

Woburn Sands
Library Friends Meeting House, Hardwicks Road.

Co-op Store, 25-27 High Street.

Wolverton
Co-op Store, Agra Centre, Wolverton.

Library / Wolverton GTC
Town Hall, 122 Crewd Street.

MK Chindon Foundation. The Square, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton.

The 3 R’s: Reading, Reusing and Recycling

2008 is the National Year of Reading: a nationwide campaign, aimed at inspiring more people to read more regularly, for pleasure and personal advancement. From books to blogs, comics to newspapers, blockbuster to pulp fiction, the campaign is about making reading accessible and attractive to everyone, however diverse their taste or their ability.

Today 10% of all brand new books are returned unsold to the publisher and end up in landfill, not to mention the thousands of tonnes of used books. To celebrate the National Year of Reading, the Recycling Team have put together a guide to reading, reusing and recycling books to help residents save money, find a quick read, grab something for the beach, or donate used books.

Books for loan

Milton Keynes Council has libraries in Central Milton Keynes, Bletchley, Wolverton, Stony Stratford, Westcroft, Newport/Pagnell, Olney, Woburn Sands, Kingston plus the Mobile Library Service. Membership is free and open to everyone, wherever you live. Taking advantage of your local library not only saves money but also saves paper by reducing the need to produce so many new books. Pop into your local library or visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/library_services for more information.

Buy and sell online

Buy and sell new and second hand books at:

- www.greenmetropolis.com
- they recycle old books and plant a tree in every book sold.
- www.dog.co.uk
- www.amazon.co.uk

Web-based book swapping sites

Finished reading your book and want to pass it on to someone else? There are two great websites to make the process fun:

- www.bookcrossing.com

Register your book, leave it a public place to be picked up and read by others. Once you’ve set your book free you can track the book’s journey as it passes from person to person.

www.readingapt.co.uk

Donate books

Share your books with friends, family or a book club.

Use one of the British Heart Foundation book banks in Milton Keynes (see loco), Charity Shops such as Age Concern, British Red Cross, Cancer Research UK, ExtraCare, RSPCA, Oxfam or Milton Keynes Book Shop.

Via www.freecycle.org

Donate used bookshelves or other book cases.

The Last Chapter

If your self-backed book is in poor condition and unsuitable for reuse, it can be recycled in your pink sack. Hard-backed books can be recycled if the covers are removed.

Drink Carton Recycling

Milton Keynes residents have recycled over 30,000 drink cartons since new recycling banks arrived in the borough last December. All waxed and foil lined cartons used for drinks, milk, soup and custard etc. can be recycled in the banks.

Andy Hudson, chief waste management engineer at the council says, ‘We’re not able to take cartons in pink sacks as the investment required in our recycling facility to sort them would be far too high. However, I’m pleased to see residents are using these new banks.’

Cartons are either waxed or foil and plastic lined and can’t be recycled with other cardboard packaging.

Locations of book banks

- Tesco Bletchley
- Duncombe Street Bletchley
- ASDA Denbigh North
- Kingston Centre
- Tesco Wolverton
- Stony Stratford
- Vicarage Road car park

Carton recycling banks can be found at ASDA Denbigh North, Kingston Shopping Centre, Tesco Wolverton and the Community Recycling Centres at New Bradwell and Newport Pagnell.
Dear Helen

Thanks for your letter; I’m pleased to hear you’re composting so enthusiastically!

A few tips I can offer to speed up the compost process are; sitting the bin on the earth/soil; putting it somewhere where it will get some sunlight so the bin will warm up and shredding/chopping up your garden waste into smaller pieces (remember the bin needs air so don’t make the contents too dense). Natural compost activators are comfrey leaves or chopped up nettle leaves (not the roots).

If you are doing most of these things, and if you’ve got compost out of the bin in 3-4 months it sounds as if you are, you probably won’t be able to speed things up much more. If you have the space I would suggest another compost bin and operate the two of them in rotation. Many people with large gardens/families find that using more than one compost bin in this way is helpful.

In addition, you can of course sign up to our garden waste scheme and use our green bin for when you have too much garden waste for your compost bin, if you don’t have a shredder for your woody waste, or if you have a lot of leaves in the autumn, which break down slowly (www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/gardenwaste 01908 252 666). Your other option might be to use a wormery, which is for kitchen waste only.

Personally at home, I have a wormery, a compost bin and a council garden waste collection. I use the wormery and compost bin for my kitchen waste and the compost bin for as much garden waste as I can fit in, giving the right balance of wet and dry materials. I then put any excess garden waste in my council bin.

Wormeries are more expensive than compost bins, but you can buy them at cost price through the council offer (www.recyclenow.com/compost or 0845 077 0757), alternatively you may like to build your own. I’ve put together a fact sheet on how to do this which is available to download from our website (www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recyclingleaflets).

I hope this answers your question. There’s also a lot more information on the compost section of our website, www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/compost.

Keep up the good work!

Paul Mocroft
Waste Reduction Officer

To get a bargain compost bin, visit www.recyclenow.com/compost or call 0845 077 0757