FOURSOME
Fantastic Dons thrash the mighty Manchester United 4-0 on the greatest night in the club’s history
THE business manager of the city’s worst performing GP surgery has told MK NEWS that a new team has the prescription for success that will turn it around.

Kingfisher Surgery in Elthorne Way, Newport Pagnell, was ranked 16th worst in the country in the GP Patient Survey, which covers the period from July 2013 to March 2014. The survey put it 7,970th out of 7,986 individual surgeries.

It was also named the second worst in the Hertfordshire and South Midlands Area Team, which includes clinical commissioning groups in Milton Keynes, Luton, Herts Valley, East and North Hertfordshire, Corby and Bedfordshire.

But Harriet Marshall, who took over running the surgery in December on behalf of McLaren-Perry Limited, said she is confident the surgery can be turned around.

She said there were no policies in place when she arrived and work has been carried out to implement a new system and new chairs have been provided for the waiting room. Three permanent doctors have also been employed at the surgery, which had previously been relying on locums.

“The whole thing was a complete mess when we came in, with no systems in place and no regular doc-
MK’s GP service is in poor health

BY SCOTT KIRK

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Read more about her plans at mkweb.co.uk/news

Milton Keynes has been ranked 208th out of 211 in a GP’s Patient Survey. Conservatives in the city have now called for a review of the city’s GP provision following the results of the survey, which was carried out by Ipsos MORI on behalf of NHS England and covers the period from July 2013 to March 2014.

The results were based on four criteria (see tables below), which included ease of getting through to a GP on the phone, and an average of these indicators gave Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) a score of 70 per cent—12 per cent behind the national average.

Councillor Alice Bramall, chairman of the health and adult social care committee on Milton Keynes Council, has called for a cross party review group to investigate why GP access is so poor.

MK’S WORST FIVE

- Kingfisher Surgery
- Hilltops Medical Centre
- Westcroft Health Centre
- Wolverton Health Centre
- Purbeck Health Centre

She said: “Healthcare services and access to healthcare is vitally important to everyone and it is incredibly concerning to see Milton Keynes appearing so low in the recent survey.”

“I am pleased to have been able to pull together this cross party review to get to the bottom of why residents are finding it so difficult to see their GP. With those hospital seeing more admissions than ever before, it is vital GP health services are operating fully and I am determined that we will get to the bottom of the problem and find solutions with support from the CCG and GP practices.”

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Hospital chairman shares plan

On the case: Baroness Margaret Wall

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Estate a ‘no go zone’

ONCE again your paper has reported on the lack of order, control and decent behaviour in the Fisherman’s area of the city. I refer to your report in last week’s edition regarding the girl being raped on the estate.

Thames Valley Police are occupied in other areas of the city and so any sympathy for a resolution to the problem is to designate Fisherman as a ‘no go zone’.

Normal well-behaved MK residents would then be made aware and put on guard prior to entering.

An additional measure could be to have guides offered for a nominal fee to escort pedestrians through the area.

Have we not had enough of the assaults, rapes and shootings?

John Steed
Shelby Lodge

Gridlock and buildings

FURTHER to Arun Vaidyanathan’s letter in last week’s MK NEWS concerning the increasing amount of traffic within a small residential area of Whalley and Sherwood Drive.

The existing traffic problems are not helped when large double-decker car transporters are parked in Sherwood Drive while they collect and deliver vehicles for the depot opposite the busy Bletchley Rail Station.

I believe the company has outgrown its existing site judging by the number of large vans parked overnight in the council area and put on guard out side Sherwood Drive.

This part of Milton Keynes has existing narrow roads that have no direct connection to the excellent grid road system and over the past years there is a direct link to the extra traffic growth and misery being inflicted in this small area by the planning department of Milton Keynes Council.

This includes the conversion of the majority of the land within the original Bletchley Park into a high density residential area combined with converting the smaller remaining area into a national attraction now referred to as ‘the home of the codebreakers’. During the conversion no provision was made for providing onsite parking for coaches delivering paying customers to the park.

The growing commercial success of this attraction can be measured by the number of coaches maintaining and following in the Whalley Drive and Sherwood Drive area.

In the planners’ pending box for this small area of Milton Keynes is the redevelopment of the derelict CAA buildings and the old canteen building in Wilton Avenue and a remaining grant for changes to Bletchley Station and after completion there are plans to build offices on any surplus land within the station area.

It would be a small compensation to correct the planners’ past mistakes rather than foist more multi-storey high density development on the unused Sherwood Drive council site, which is zoned as industrial land.

New is not always better and based on what our planners have created and date to propose in the future, I believe they should take paying custumge all the council signs, which, as you enter Bletchley, remind us that it is the home of the codebreakers.

However, thanks to the planners, it is now home to high density building and gridlock on the roads.

Barrie Butcher
Whalley Drive
Bletchley

Steer clear of roads

A LOT has been written recently about banning cyclists from the grid roads, changing the speed limits and altering junctions etc.

All to improve safety.

Well none of it will make any difference as individuals like the one I caught on camera on Sunday evening show.

A motorist can be seen, a clear right indicator comes on, but then the driver continues on instead, causing a near accident.

This is the biggest issue on our local roads – incomp­letion.

So if the driver of the blue Ford Focus doesn’t want to lose his time or have to pass an accident before you kill someone.

Paul Pritchett
Sent via email

Three of your thoughts

I HAVE read the news and speculation about cyclists on the grid roads in your paper over the last few weeks with interest and I would like to make a few comments.

Whether the bikes are allowed on the grid roads or not, if Milton Keynes Council is allowed to close a road to vehicles (“Road closure plans, MK NEWS, August 6”) then it could certainly close the road(s) to cyclists.

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Brenda’s City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

COMES 2026, the ‘New City’ of Milton Keynes will be just another concrete conurbation with congested roads, inner-city schools, graffiti-strewn subways and shops if any, local services to speak of.

And the reason for this apocalyptic future of the past? A desire by Milton Keynes Council to build a further 28,000 homes, without money from Central Government to support the development with additional infrastructure such as schools and GP surgeries.

Many parts of Milton Keynes are already looking run-down and neglected.

Estates in Netherfield, Fullers Slade, Timkers Bridge, Fisherman and Connniburrow – to name a few – which would have been seen as cutting edge design and architecture in the late 70s, are in dire need of improvement or replacement.

New builds currently going up on the eastern and western flanks are nothing more than soulless, identikit pre-fabricated, slot together building sites, adding nothing of any significance to the city.

The Government has talked this week of building up to three more ‘Garden Cities’ to cope with the increasing housing demand – let’s hope they learn from the mistakes currently being made on our doorstep.

Feeling the need to be cheered up, I took the City Life team to the cinema this week to watch the Inbetweenners 2 movie.

After initially having to get over the shock of paying nearly £10 a ticket, the team and I settled down to watch the show.

There is no movie I’ve never seen such a crude, crotchetous, but ultimately hilarious movie in a long time, highly recommended.

For more on the future of Milton Keynes, turn to page 14.

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Chasing prostate cancer

MEN are being urged to put on their trainers to help those suffering from cancer. A silver Suzuki went into a ditch after a collision with a white Nissan van at about 11am. The different distance runs are also open to women and children aged eight and above.

Research UK event organiser Carol Osborne, has organised Chasing Down Prostate Cancer, which will take place at Furzton Lake on September 14 from 9.30am. The different distance runs are also open to women and children aged eight and above.

Carol said: “We are allowing women and children to join because all the family suffers when we lose a loved one to prostate cancer.”

Matt, who has lost two family members to cancer, said: “It would be great to get many people involved.”

Read more at mkweb.co.uk

‘Best’ places to live highlighted

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE ‘best’ and ‘worst’ places to live in Milton Keynes have been highlighted in two studies this week.

Royal Mail revealed MK8 was one of the most desirable postcodes in the UK based on health, crime rates, education, housing affordability and employment. MK8 covers the north west of the city and includes Two Mile Ash, Great Holm, Loughton and Shenley Church End. The area beat off more than 1.8 million postcodes in the UK to make number seven in the study’s top 10.

Great Holm councillor Zoe Nolan said: “I have lived in the MK8 postcode for 22 years. I love living here and it is wonderful to have it recognised as such a desirable part of the UK.”

An interactive online map rating 7,137 areas across the UK has also been released. Based on similar criteria such as crime, health, home ownership and average weekly income, it showed Olney as the ‘best’ area to live in the city after it came 256th.

At the other end of the scale, the map, compiled by the Daily Telegraph, put Beanhill and Coffee Hall at 6,192th.

But Cllr Brian Walker of Woughton Community Council, which covers the area, criticised the ranking.

“We have had our share of problems but I have lived on the estate for 20 years and there are a lot of people here who are willing to make it better.”

Run for research: Matt Quibell and Carol Osborne down at Furzton Lake getting ready for the run

MEN are being urged to put on their trainers to help those suffering from cancer. A silver Suzuki went into a ditch after a collision with a white Nissan van at about 11am. One person was treated at the scene and another was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital.

Teenager sexually assaulted

A 17-YEAR-OLD girl has been sexually assaulted. The teenager got off a train with a man in Bletchley and walked with him to Tinkers Bridge. As they walked along the redway, the man kissed her on the neck and touched her inappropriately. She pushed him away and flagged down a person.

Police would like to speak to a man caught on CCTV. He is white, about 5ft 6ins, with short light-brown hair. He was wearing a polo shirt, jeans and white Lacoste-type shoes. Anyone with details about the incident, on July 16 at about 10.20pm, can call 101.

Boys arrested after fight

TWO teenage boys were left with facial and head injuries after a fight near the shops in Great Linford.

A group of teenagers were seen fighting at about 8pm on August 19 and police want to find a man they believe witnessed it. Two boys aged 12 and 13 were arrested on suspicion of assaulting a person, causing them actual bodily harm.

They have been released on police bail until October 1. Witnesses should call 101.
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**FBU meeting to ‘calm tensions’**

**BY JESSICA DUNCAN**

The Fire Brigades Union (FBU) has called for a face-to-face meeting with the chief fire officer for Milton Keynes.

James Wolfenden, the secretary for the FBU’s southern region, has expressed his desire to hold talks with Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service’s Mark Jones to ‘calm some of the tensions’.

As reported on mkweb.co.uk, Mr Jones released a statement to staff on Friday, expressing his frustration and anger surrounding the online abuse he has received over his decision not to allow firefighters back to work after striking over their pensions.

He said: “I repeat my disappointment at the abusive and bullying techniques being utilised, but wish everyone in this service to know that we will not make deals with the FBU while officers and firefighters are under threat.”

In response to the statement, Mr Wolfenden said: “The only way to settle our differences is through dialogue. Both parties are pretty entrenched in their positions, which has led to confrontation, but we want to get around the table and calm some of the tensions.

“Hopefully there won’t be any more strikes but that all depends on how the meetings with the Government go this week.”

A spokesman from the fire service said: “The channels of communication have always, and will continue to be, open to FBU representatives. Should the FBU wish to arrange a meeting they are welcome to contact us and we will be happy to meet.”

**MK News Briefs**

Gas cylinder fire

A 206-metre cordon was put in place and businesses evacuated after a fire in an industrial unit involving gas cylinders.

Firefighters and police were called to Chestney Wood, Bleak Hall, yesterday at 1pm. Four fire crews attended to tackle the blaze and check the potentially explosive cyr-acetylene cylinders.

**Anniversary for Leo**

HELP celebrate the one year anniversary of MK NEWS charity of the year, Leo’s Appeal. From September 1-7 hold a breakfast with family and friends to help raise money. See mkweb.co.uk.

**Man flashes young girls**

A MAN exposed himself to six young girls in an underpass below H7 Chaffron Way.

On Sunday, the girls, aged between 12 and 14, were standing in the underpass, which runs from MK College to Oldbrook, when the man cycled past exposing himself and rode off towards Oldbrook. He is white, of slim build, with short grey hair. He wore a hooded jumper, white boxer shorts and was on a black mountain bike. Any witnesses should call 101.

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‘Changes do not make the grade’

A HEADTEACHER has slammed changes made to GCSE exams.

Following an overhaul of the exam system, the number of students achieving an A* to C grade in English has dropped nationally by 1.9 per cent – and Shenley Brook End School suffered a similar drop in the subject.

But headteacher Glen Martin feels that the reforms, which include the switch to less coursework, are unfair on students, who he felt would have achieved better marks if they had sat last year’s exams.

“It’s wrong that some students who last year would have got a C are now getting a D,” he said.

“I feel quite strongly that what they say is maintaining standards isn’t actually doing that.

“I think this stigmatises young people.”

“This is the problem with national politics affecting students’ futures.”

Shenley Brook End student Tyler Arthur, who got six A’s and five A’s, admitted he was affected by news coverage of the drop in English grades ahead of picking up his results on Thursday.

“The stories get you worried and leave you feeling paranoid and anxious,” he said.

In total, 65 per cent of students gained five or more GCSEs at grades A* to C, including English and maths, at the school – 3.8 per cent below the national average.

COMING UP: MORE GCSE NEWS

TURN TO PAGES 26 AND 27

BY SCOTT KIRK

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Historic charm at Ye Olde Swan in Woughton-on-the-Green

Landmark pub Ye Olde Swan in Woughton-on-the-Green is inviting local residents to enjoy the pub’s new look following a £65,000 refurbishment.

Situated next to the thirteenth century St Mary’s church, near the picturesque surroundings of Ouzel Valley Park, the Tudor pub (part of the Chef & Brewer brand) has long been a firm favourite of local residents and visitors.

One of the pub’s most famous regulars was legendary highwayman Dick Turpin. A stone remains at the pub which Turpin used to mount his horse when in need of a speedy escape. Legend has it that the stone carries a curse and that bad luck will befall anyone who dares to move it.

Nowadays the pub’s historic ambience, stunning surroundings and extensive beer garden – complete with a popular outdoor bar – provide the perfect setting to enjoy great British pub food with a glass of wine or pint of caskale. Ye Olde Swan general manager, Meagan McNamara, said: “We are really impressed by the improvements that have been made as a result of this latest renovation. As a landmark in the community we were conscious that any refurbishment had to take into account the historic nature of the building.

“We’ve refreshed and expanded the dining area to make it an even more enjoyable experience to sit back, relax and enjoy fantastic pub food.

“We look forward to sharing our fresh new look with returning and new guests alike over the coming weeks and months and providing them with a meal to remember in an enviable setting.”

As well as the brand new look, the menu at the Ye Olde Swan will see a revamp from Wednesday 27th August. The new menu is filled with the timeless pub dishes you know and love, coupled with hearty portion sizes and big, bold flavours.

Typical starters include farmhouse pork and chicken liver pâté infused with cider and mustard served with toasted bloomer bread and ale chutney (£4.99); seared scallops served over sticky barbecue and ale pulled pork, with roasted red peppers and rocket finished with a balsamic glaze (£6.49); and sautéed button mushrooms on a garlic and toasted muffin with a Stilton and peppercorn sauce, complete with crumbled Stilton (£4.59).

The main event features dishes such as two lightly grilled sea bass fillets served with pan-fried scallops over a creamy prawn, pea and chive risotto (£13.49); pan-fried duck in a black cherry and red wine sauce, served with Dauphinoise potato and Savoy cabbage and bacon (£13.99); and a prime Wagyu beef burger topped with crispy prosciutto, with sweet potato fries, onion rings, ale chutney and truffle mayonnaise (£13.49).

There is also a new set lunch menu available from £4.99, 12pm – 4pm Monday to Saturday, featuring hand-battered fish and chips, and a chicken breast burger topped with grilled bacon and cheddar cheese, served with chips. Plus there is the two-course evening set menu for £12, or £14 for three courses, from 4pm Monday to Thursday, which includes the ever-popular Brewer’s Chicken and the new beetroot and butternut squash salad.

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£15k shop theft

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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Various iPads, iPhones, iPods, Macbooks, screens and cash were taken from Apple Mania after burglars managed to break through a back gate, two doors and numerous safety locks.

“This is the first time something like this has ever happened as we had a very robust system,” said Andre Sablon, owner of the shop in High Street, Stony Stratford.

“Whenever it was knew what they were doing and what they were taking. “They got to pull through a grilled gate, back door, rip off the office door and get the locks off. “They made their way into the main shop and went into the display cabinets. They also removed the CCTV.

“We have now replaced the most secure and up-to-date CCTV out there – it’s top of the range. “We have also upgraded all the doors so this doesn’t happen again.”

Mr Sablon expressed his relief that the shop is busy to help make up for some of the financial loss from the break-in. He added: “We get people coming to the shop from all over Milton Keynes, but also from Northants and Bedfordshire.”

The burglary happened between 8.30pm on August 18 and 8.50am the next day. Any witnesses should call PC Vicky Robinson on 101, or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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It’s been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Bedford, Milton Keynes & Leighton Buzzard areas and Billy is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. ‘The truth is it’s not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I’ve done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated. So, if your windows are steamed up, broken or damaged give Billy a call for a free quotation on 0800 61 21 118 and he’ll be happy to help.’

A PASSENGER was ‘left traumatised’ after she was sexually assaulted on a train. The 25-year-old fell asleep after boarding the train at Euston and woke up to find a man touching her as it passed through Leighton Buzzard.

She left the train at Milton Keynes and alerted police. Officers met the train at Rugby station but could not find anyone matching the man’s description. He is described as Asian and in his 40s. He wore a white shirt, which was either short-sleeved or had the sleeves rolled up, dark suit trousers and carried a heavy dark shiny coat.

Sergeant Mark Summerfield from British Transport Police (BTP) said: “The victim has been left traumatised by this assault and we need to find the man responsible.”

Anyone who was on the 6.49pm Euston to Birmingham New Street service on August 13 and saw anything is being urged to contact BTP on 0800 40 50 40.

Last week BTP announced the number of sexual offences reported on the UK’s railways has risen by a fifth in a year.

There were 1,117 sexual offences recorded from March 2013 to March 2014 – a 21 per cent increase on the 925 the previous year.

BTP is running Project Guardian in an attempt to reduce the number of incidents.

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Call for city summit to address funding

By Scott Kirk
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An urgent city summit has been called for after MK NEWS revealed the building of more houses, schools and doctor’s surgeries in Milton Keynes is in doubt.

Having read our front page story last week, Cllr David Hopkins wants the summit to be arranged so government ministers, MPs and leading councillors can agree how the cost of providing the infrastructure needed for the city to continue to grow can be met.

It is accepted that the provision of GPs and schools and the construction of affordable and social housing is not happening fast enough – a situation that cannot be allowed to continue.

But Cllr Hopkins is concerned that Milton Keynes Council leader Pete Marland’s plan to go cap in hand to the Government will lead to it offering more money for infrastructure but at the cost of committing to thousands more houses on top of the 28,000 that have already been agreed for the area.

He said: “We have an agreed Core Strategy and a plan for growth to 2026 and a project underway to add to and amend those projections through to 2031 (Plan:MK).

“Central government is calling for more homes to be built and we are responding to that call – it’s now time for the Government to put its money where its mouth is and fund the essential infrastructure required to make that growth in housing numbers a reality.”

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North, said he has been fighting for more government help to meet infrastructure costs for years.

He also said he was open to the idea of discussing the issue at a city summit.

“I recognise that more needs to be done so that Milton Keynes gets our fair share of funding,” said Mr Lancaster.

“We need more money if we are to continue to expand and I continue to be the city’s strongest advocate when it comes to this.

“I’ve been lobbying for 10 years for fair funding – we have had some success with health care and schools, but even more needs to be done.”

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FEARS have been raised that anti-social behaviour will increase if a shop is given permission to sell alcohol.

Little Romania, a convenience store selling eastern European food, has applied for a licence from Milton Keynes Council (MKC).

But concerns have been voiced over the plans by the shop in Queensway, Bletchley, by a councillor and nearby businesses.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council has announced a ‘no drinking zone’ could be introduced in the area in an attempt to reduce anti-social behaviour and alcohol-related problems.

In an email to MK Council’s licensing sub-committee, which is due to discuss the proposal tonight, Alan Webb, ward councillor for East Bletchley, says: “It will increase the anti-social behaviour from the groups that gather, drink all day, verbally abuse young girls and virtually make it a no go area.

“I have been in the area, hearing for myself the victimisation of innocent people caused by the increasing drinking.

“We are trying to increase the quality of Queensway, not scare people and traders away.”

Andrea Parker, manager of the Keech Hospice charity shop in Queensway, has also expressed her concern in an email to the committee, claiming drunks outside the store have affected trade.

MK NEWS contacted Little Romania, but no-one was available for comment at the time of going to press.
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Police give crime cash to charities

POLICE have handed £14,000, which was raised by selling goods seized from criminals, to three charities in the city.

Thames Valley’s Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Anthony Stansfeld, and Chief Constable, Sara Thornton, have awarded the cash to Hazard Alley, Mediation Works MK and MK ACT.

It has come from the Police Property Act Fund, which is created from the sale of goods recovered by the police that cannot be returned to their original owner.

Hazard Alley, a child safety training centre in Kilmarnock, has been awarded £5,000, as has Mediation Works MK, which helps solve disputes within the community and workplace.

MK ACT, which offers help to domestic abuse victims, has also received £4,000.

The cash is a welcome boost for Hazard Alley, which costs £350,000 a year to run.

Its director, Jan Alder, said: “Thames Valley Police were one of our major partners when we started 20 years ago.

“I am delighted that the PCC is continuing to support us and this will help us continue to deliver an important safety and crime reduction message to children.”

In total, more than £187,000 was donated to charities and community groups across Thames Valley from the fund.

Mr Stansfeld said: “I am delighted that we have been able to make such good use of this funding by supporting a large number of charities and voluntary organisations.”

Chief Constable Thornton added: “It is good to see so many different organisations allocated money.

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Funding to save church from ruin

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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AFTER a two year wait a group of volunteers have secured funding to help protect a thousand-year-old church that has become a crumbling ruin.

A group of more than 40 volunteers started a campaign in 2012 to preserve the ruins of St Peter’s Church in Stanton Low, north of New Bradwell.

This week Save St Peter’s steering group was ‘delighted’ to announce it has secured funding from its owners, Milton Keynes Council, to erect a ‘vandal proof’ fence around the church to protect it for future generations.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, the area was becoming a hotspot for late-night revellers and people were stealing bricks.

The group now hopes that with the fence, the grade II-listed ruin can now be a display of the city’s history.

Barbara Wright, chairman of the group, said: “We are delighted to announce the news.

“The Heras-style fence was erected on August 20 and along its 160-metre perimeter vandal proof clips are used to ensure that the metal fence cannot be lifted out from its feet.

“Milton Keynes isn’t overly blessed with history and the bits we have got tend to go back a long way.”

Residents are being invited to visit the church as part of the city’s Heritage Open Days event.

All ages can explore the site’s graves and remaining structure from September 11-14 between 11am and 1pm.

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BY JESSICA DUNCAN

WHEELCHAIR users can now enjoy playing sports on their doorstep after thousands of pounds was given to a centre. Stantonbury Arts and Leisure Centre has been awarded £7,360 by the Big Lottery Fund, which has paid for 10 sports wheelchairs.

The wheelchairs, supplied by Motivation Sport, will enable disabled residents to play tennis, badminton, basketball, archery and fencing.

It means wheelchair users will no longer have to travel to the Stoke Mandeville Stadium in Aylesbury to play sport. Paralympian Gabi Down, 16, is a wheelchair fencer from Bletchley who currently has to train in her coach’s garage after she lost £10,000 worth of funding in March.

She said: “I have to get lifts to Aylesbury to train, so being able to go to Stantonbury would be so much easier. “If we now have a dedicated centre in Milton Keynes we can encourage more people with disabilities to get involved in sport.”

Curtley Ewins, 22, who is currently on a work placement at the centre, applied for the Big Lottery funding.

He said: “The chairs will mean disabled residents can play with their family and friends. “There is no other place like this in Milton Keynes and it is often difficult for residents to travel to Stoke Mandeville.”

Three wheelchairs are already available, with the rest expected to arrive next week. The first basketball session will take place on September 3 at 7.30pm.

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Testing: From left, Rachel Ball, Curtley Ewins, Tony Porter and Scott Gale with the new wheelchairs

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THE city has a new top cop after its latest Local Policing Area (LPA) Commander was appointed.

Superintendent Gez Chiariello is returning to Milton Keynes, where his career with Thames Valley Police began in 2007, to take over the role of LPA Commander from September 1.

It’s a role he will be familiar with, having been LPA Commander for Aylesbury Vale.

Supt Chiariello, who is a qualified and practicing martial arts instructor, said: “I am looking forward to returning to Milton Keynes as LPA Commander and working alongside some incredibly committed and dedicated members of staff, police officers and key partner agencies to deliver a service of which our communities, friends and family will be proud.

“My priorities will include primarily protect vulnerable people and keeping the communities of MK safe.”

Supt Chiariello is replacing Supt Barry Halliday, who is moving to another role within the force.

Supt Jim O’Ryan has been acting LPA Commander in Supt Halliday’s absence and will continue in the role of deputy.

He said: “I am looking forward to working with Supt Chiariello when he takes up his new role.”

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THE manager of a company claims council roadworks that made it difficult for customers to access a retail park ‘screwed their business’. Shops including Hobbycraft, B&Q, Halfords and Next based at the Central Retail Park in Rooksley have complained they received no notice that Grafton Street would be closed for improvement works for five days from Friday, August 15.

And after customers found it difficult to enter the park having been diverted, some reported that they had lost more than half their takings for each day of the repairs.

Gary Furniss, the store manager of Hobbycraft, told MK NEWS: “We had no notice at all. For a couple of days they weren’t even doing any work on it, one worker was asleep by the road. They screwed our business, the store was so dead.

“We lost 55 per cent of our business every day of the repairs.”

At one stage Gary attempted to move cones to reopen the road but claimed he was threatened with arrest.

Cllr Mick Legg, cabinet member for public realm at Milton Keynes Council, said: “The businesses don’t believe the closures were made aware to them. Although notices were made on the highways they didn’t receive a letter. We will make sure we learn from that. Obviously there are winners and losers out of this process, but repairs are overdue.”
STUDENTS from across the city picked up their GCSE results on Thursday.

Among those celebrating at Shenley Brook End School was Desislava Enev, who picked up 13 A*s and two As. She is hoping to become a lawyer and will continue her studies at the Royal Latin Grammar School in Buckingham from September.

Matteo Johnson also picked up seven A*s and four As and, following his appearance as Danny in the school’s production of Greece, he wants to become an actor.

“I feel like all the hard work has finally paid off,” he said.

Oakgrove School celebrated its highest ever GCSE results with 73 per cent of students gaining five A*-C grades, including English and maths. The pass rates of 81 per cent in English and 83 per cent in maths were particularly impressive.

Top performers included Ariadna Puchal-Carillo, who achieved A* and A grades in all of her 12 subjects.

Headteacher Peter Barnes said: “This shows the excellent academic outcomes achieved by students at Oakgrove School.”

More than 97 per cent of students at the Hazeley Academy achieved five or more GCSE passes. Eighty-two per cent netted A*-C grades in maths, while 76 per cent gained the top grades in English.

Nafisa Fadzelmulla, who received six A grades and two A*s, was shaking with excitement about her results.

She said: “I was crying before I came here this morning. I thought I was going to fail. I really can’t believe it.”

Hamid Iqra will go on to study the international baccalaureate after achieving eight A*s and two As.

At Walton High 71 per cent of students achieved an A, A* or distinction* in their GCSE and BTEC qualifications, with 35 students gaining the highest grades in eight or more subjects.

Students from the Webber Independent School achieved a 100 per cent pass rate, with 76 per cent securing A* to C grades.

Norman Miles, Milton Keynes Council’s cabinet member for children and lifelong learning, said: “This year’s GCSE results are a credit to the hard work and commitment that Milton Keynes’ students, school staff and governors put in all year round.”
Joy: One student at the Hazeley Academy is delighted after opening her GCSE results on Thursday.

Pupils at Shenley Brook End.
Company makes splash on show

BY SCOTT KIRK
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An Academy has come in line for more criticism this week.

The Academy in Saffron Street, Bletchley, wants to build an access road onto Drayton Road and create more parking to help get vehicles off the streets.

But Linda Poizat, who lives in nearby Magenta Close, is worried about how the new access road could affect the flow of traffic on the estate.

“We already have issues with getting out of our house in Magenta Close with all the school traffic,” she said.

“You can imagine the volume of cars that will be coming in and out of that road during school hours.”

An informal hearing about the plans, which is open to members of the public, is due to take place at Milton Keynes Council’s civic offices at 10am today.

The Academy’s chief executive, Warren Harrison, said: “We want to alleviate the traffic congestion as best we can so we are attempting to bring the traffic on site in a one-way system.”

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DAWN French, award-winning actor, best-selling novelist and the Queen of British Comedy, has set out on her first ever solo tour.

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As a big fan once said of her: “Her singular attempt to be ordinary fails miserably.”

Speaking to Matthew Stadlen, she said: “I’m sick with excitement about this solo tour. I’ve just eaten a little bit of the cushion with my bun thinking about it. “I’ve always wanted to do it and I think I’ve dodged it a bit because I’m aware that it’s a risk.”

Continued inside
MKlife

forties flyover

THE sights, sounds and tastes of the Second World War come to Milton Keynes Museum this weekend for its hugely popular Forties Weekend.

And in this year of special commemorations, the weekend’s packed programme is expected to include a flypast by not one, but two, Lancasters – the evergreen Battle of Britain bomber being joined for the first time by its Canadian counterpart. Back on the ground visitors can look forward to live music, parades and special exhibitions. It costs £22 for a family ticket for two adults and up to four children, or £7.50 for adults and £6 for concessions. The event is open from 11am-4.30pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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outdoor play

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movie review

FOR a tone lowering film full of
decapitations, bandages and
mutilations, while boasting
the same visual splendours as the original,
Sin City 2 is a disappointment.
The film expertly weaves together four
stories in Sin City: old favourite Marv
hunts down frat boys, gambler Johnny is
pitted against his father, Dwight McCarthy
gets caught in a dangerous web and little
Nancy Callahan is on a quest for revenge.
The first half gets off to a good start with
Joseph Gordon-Levitt as gambler Johnny
adding a touch of charm. But the second
act is slow going and the return of stripper
Nancy is a letdown. Watched over by the
dull ghost of her favourite Hartigan, Nancy
spirals out of control, but for a woman
on the brink Jessica Alba lacks the acting
degree to carry her scenes.

But Sin City is as stunning as ever with
dramatic reds, blacks and whites contrast-
ing against the violent backdrop with the
odd dash of colour used to great effect.
It’s just hard to believe that such beauti-
ful use of cinematic genius is coupled with
predictable plotlines. No originality means
this is just a graphic novel brought to life.
Rachael West

AS WE move into September
you will want to start to plant
or move new trees and shrubs
and sow hardy annuals for next
year.

Planting now will ensure
plants get the best start, as
their tops are going into the
dormant stage, but the soil is
still warm and plants will grow
new roots into the surround-
ing area between now and
Christmas.

This will help them cope with
warm weather next spring.
Sweet peas are best sown
now into pots in a cold green-
house/cold frame so they can
produce strong plants to flower
next year.

Sow hardy annuals straight
from the packet into the soil
onto a prepared seed bed to
give you a blaze of colour next
summer.

Plants dying down can be cut
back and grasses can be left
over winter for the wildlife.

Green hedge should now
have their final trim before
winter.

Climbing roses can also be
tied up for winter.

On your lawn apply an
autumn fertiliser to strengthen
it, after you have scarified and
aerated to let the air in and
remove the thatch.

STEPING into the unknown
on her first solo tour with 30
Million Minutes is both exciting
and terrifying for Dawn French.
And she still isn’t quite sure
what the show is.

Talking to Matthew Stadlen in
a Cornish hotel, just up the lane
from her home on the coast,
she makes a worried noise.

“It’s not a stand-up show.
It’s not a play. I guess it is a
monologue because it’s just me
talking. It’s a slide show to an
extent. But not like your awful,
most feared auntie who’s just
come back from Egypt where
you have to sit and watch
everything. It’s quite autobio-
graphical, so I show you the
people that have made me, so
to speak. There’s quite a lot
about my mum and dad.”

French’s father gave her
confidence and she remembers
a ‘key moment’ when she was
leaving for a party. “I’ve always
been a big girl and shouldn’t
really have been wearing hot
pants,” she says. Her father,
though, was supportive. “He
told me I was completely beau-
tiful and how amazing I looked
in them and that I would get
loads of attention. So my dad
gave me a sort of telling off
that was about totally infusing
me with confidence and I went
on cloud nine to this party and
I’ve actually never left that
party. It was armour.”

When she was just 18, French’s father Denys killed
himself. It was, she says, “just
like a bomb went off in our
family. I still have sadness
about it. Massive sadness.
And I think it’s been a centre point
of my life, what happened with
my dad.”

Soon after her father’s sui-
cide, French started at
the Central School of
Speech and Drama
in London. There she
met Jennifer Saun-
ders. The pair began
to make names for
themselves on the al-
ternative comedy
scene and their
long-running
TV show, French and
Saunders, launched in
1987.

Roles on television
– including
the lead in the
Vicar of
Dibley – and
in the theatre have followed.

With an autobiography and
two novels also to her name,
she is testing herself again.

But French is not entirely easy
with the show being all about
her.

“I keep saying to Michael
Grandage, the director, ‘I need
to take this out,’ and he says,
‘Absolutely not – that’s the
whole point. Do not push it
away from you. Absolutely own
it and be completely strong
and confident about that.’

So that’s what I’ve done. I
don’t need loads of positive
notes for just being alive. What
I want is people to turn up
and see whether what I’ve
written works.”

What are you waiting
for? To book tickets to the
show at Milton Keynes Theatre,
visit atgtickets.com/milton
keynes
warconcert
BRADWELL Silver Band will be commemorating the anniversary of the First World War with a Music for Heroes concert.
The event, on Saturday, September 6 from 7.30pm, will involve guest soloist Ben Godfrey of the Central Band of the RAF.
Tickets are £8 from 01908 616463.

nirvanatribute
IT’S hard to believe it’s 20 years since the world lost Kurt Cobain. But his spirit lives on in the music of Nirvana and tribute band Real Nirvana are an excellent example of the musical legacy he has left.
The group play at The Craufurd Arms in Wolverton on Saturday. Doors open at 7.30pm and tickets, costing £5, are available from www.thecraufurdarms.com

diamondstar
NEIL Diamond was a star – and a big one at that. The Diamond Decades celebrate his great music and with JJ Jones as the man himself, you’ll be amazed at how his voice and delivery are so close to the real thing. JJ and his band play at The Stables in Wavendon at 8pm on Saturday. Tickets cost £19.50 from www.stables.org or 01908 280800.

MKlife HOTPICKS
Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

support charity
TAKE part in a charity walk and wheelathon sponsored by MK Athletics.
The event takes place at Stantonbury Campus Stadium on Saturday and there will also be stalls, a barbecue, bouncy castle and more. The day starts from 1pm, with registration open from noon, and is raising money for CDKL5 Disorder UK, which helps people suffering from the genetic disorder.

top tips
LEARN the basic steps of some of the most popular ballroom dances to celebrate Top Hat returning to Milton Keynes Theatre.
People aged 18 and over can try the foxtrot and quickstep as seen in the show, which is on until September 6.
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- Popular Location
- No Chain

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The introduction of a residents permit parking area within Cumbria Close, Bletchley from a point in line with the south-eastern boundary line of number 13 Cumbria Close, and continuing in a south-western direction to the highway boundary of number 18 Cumbria Close, which will introduce permit parking for holders of a valid resident’s permit, visitor’s permit or carer’s permit operational the whole 24 hours of every day. There will be no charge for the issue of the resident’s permits, visitor’s permits and carer’s permits.

Residents that will be eligible to apply for a resident’s permit and visitor’s permit will be those residing in properties 13 to 24 Cumbria Close, Bletchley.

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**Public Path Diversion Order 2014**

**Neighbourhood Plan 2015 Section 139**

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes

Public Footpath Diversion Order 2014

The above named Order, made on 27th August 2014 under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the public footpath described in the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87454/37390) to a new route from the west of no.12, the Green, Woughton-on-the-Green to the point marked ‘C’ on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87375/37477) the footpath then travels in a generally north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 400 metres to the point marked ‘E’ on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87512/37348) the footpath then travels in a generally south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 150 metres to the point marked ‘B’ on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87526/37428) the footpath then travels in a generally south-easterly direction for a distance of approximately 90 metres to the point marked ‘B’ on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87389/37477). Throughout its length the footpath has a width of 1.5 metres.

The public footpath will be diverted from the east of no.12, the Green, Woughton-on-the-Green to the point marked ‘D’ on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87833/37443) the footpath then travels in a generally south-north direction for a distance of approximately 280 metres to pointing post F on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference SP87934/37494) the footpath then travels over an existing timber bridge 2 metres wide, with a timber deck surfacing, lamp posts and parapets on either side of 1.2 metres in height, for a distance of approximately 4 metres. The footpath then continues on a hard surfaced path in a generally north-south direction for a distance of 17 metres where it meets Woughton Footpath 8 at the point marked ‘F’ on the Order Map (OS Grid Reference KH14479709). The introduction of a residents permit parking area within Cumbria Close, Bletchley from a point in line with the south-eastern boundary line of number 13 Cumbria Close, and continuing in a south-western direction to the highway boundary of number 18 Cumbria Close, which will introduce permit parking for holders of a valid resident’s permit, visitor’s permit or carer’s permit operational the whole 24 hours of every day. There will be no charge for the issue of the resident’s permits, visitor’s permits and carer’s permits.

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DANIEL Ricciardo made it a second win in a row for himself and Tilbrook’s Red Bull Racing as Formula One returned from its summer break in Belgium.

It leaves Ricciardo in third, 64 points behind leader Nico Rosberg and 35 points adrift of Lewis Hamilton with seven races to go, although the final Grand Prix at Abu Dhabi this year is double points.

Ricciardo, who started the race in fifth, said: “There’s been a lot of good things about the win, obviously the last two came from a more aggressive style of race, but today was more calculated and it was nice to win under different circumstances.”

Red Bull’s world champion Sebastian Vettel finished third.

Mixed fortune for GB stars

THERE were mixed fortunes for England’s city based badminton stars in the Li-Ning BWF World Championships in Copenhagen’s Ballerup Super Arena.

Chris and Gabby Adcock roared back from a slow start to beat Malaysia’s Tan Aik Quan and Lai Pei Jing 21-16 21-9.

Today they will take on China’s 14th seeds Liu Cheng and Bao Yixin, who they beat to win in Hong Kong in November.

But silver medallists Chris Langridge and Heather Olver went down 21-15 21-14 against Singapore’s ninth seeds Danny Chrisnanta and Yu Yan Vanessa Neo.

Sarah Walker was forced to withdraw from her second-round clash with Korean fifth seed Sung Ji Hyun because of an abdominal injury.

In last night’s evening session Rajiv Ouseph was looking to avenge last year’s first round defeat by Malaysian Chong Wei Feng.

North Crawley stroll to win

STONY Stratford lost to Oundle Town by 81 runs in the Northants Premier League. Oundle declared on 245-1, with Stony all out for 145 in reply.

Wolverton Town beat Thame Town in the Cherwell League Division One by six wickets, with Butt claiming a five-wicket haul and Ramanadampulle 3-18.

Great Brickhill drew with Twyford, while in Division Three, Bletchley Town lost to Buckingham Town Seconds by nine wickets.

In the Four Counties League, North Crawley’s Alex Walker scored 125 as they beat Olney Town by 265 runs. North Crawley declared on 243-8, while Olney were bowled out for a pitiful 38.

New City beat Figginton Foresters by nine wickets, while Milton Keynes defeated Elstow by 66 runs.

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Crowd: A young fan can’t contain his delight

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INCREDBLY, fantastic, amazing. All words that could describe this game and yet somehow none of them seemed enough as MK Dons pulled off one of football’s great fairytale results against Manchester United.

The under pressure Red Devils arrived on the back of a defeat and a draw in the Premier League, but pre-match, nobody expected Dons to be able to live up to the might of Louis van Gaal’s men.

But not only did they match the 20 times Premier League champions, they completely outplayed them, and the unreal 4-0 scoreline could have been more. It was a result that didn’t just shock Dons, but rocked the whole football nation to the core.

Some will point to a weakened Man Utd line-up but nothing should be taken away from Karl Robinson’s League One men who were fantastic almost from start to finish – pulling off one of the biggest upsets in recent memory in English football on the greatest night in the history of the club.

Fans will talk about this result and performance for years as one of the biggest clubs in the world were not simply beaten at a sold out stadium on a Wednesday evening – they were thrashed, humiliated and humiliated.

“I am a little bit shocked,” said Dons boss Robinson after the match. “It’s what dreams are made of. These players have put on a performance that they can tell their grandchildren about for ever and a day.”

The result was a huge embarrassment for new United boss Louis who must now be certain of the size of task he faces.

He said: “I think Milton Keynes played very well and aggressively and they had a little bit of luck with the goals I think.”

United seemed to settle the quicker of the two sides, with Javier Hernandez having a golden chance after a cross by England international Danny Welbeck, but the Mexican slipped to the delight of the home faithful.

Nick Powell was next to curl an effort from the edge of the box wide within the first five minutes, while Shingi Kagawa threaded a lovely through-ball for Welbeck, but the returning David Martin raced out of his goal to collect.

Darren Potter volleyed over the top for Dons in the 11th minute in what was the home side’s first half chance of the game, and after the opening 10 minutes, Robinson’s men looked to be finding their feet.

Potter and Dele Alli began to run the show in midfield as the hosts came into the match, but nobody was prepared for what was to come in the 26th minute.

Ben Reeves intercepted Jonny Evans’ slack pass on the right hand side, and after drawing the keeper from his goal on the byline with the United defence at sixes and sevens, he slid the ball into the path of Will Grigg.

Up against a Premier League team they may be, but there was no mistaking Grigg’s quality as he slotted the ball into the empty net to put Dons in dreamland and give them a 1-0 lead.

Bowditch wasn’t far from latching on to Alli’s ball over the top on the half hour as Dons incredibly looked to extend their advantage, while Samir Carruthers executed an excellent half-volley in the 32nd minute which was collected easily enough by David de Gea.

Powell went close again a minute later with another shot, but United’s early threat looked to have potted out, Dons were looking comfortable on the ball as they saw off the first half, and they went into the interval fully deserving of their amazing half-time lead.

Robinson’s men began the second half as well as they ended the first, with a handball shout in the box against Evans in the 49th minute that should have been given after Bowditch’s shot.

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