

# Milton Keynes Irish Centre

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## August 2010 Newsletter

The Irish Cultural Festival was a great success with two one-act Plays, Music Session, Irish Language class and an afternoon of music, poetry, dance display and children's entertainment. All were well received.

Once again the crowds and the sun turned out for our annual Music and Sports Day – a great time was had by all. Many thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to make these events a great success.

### CELBR8 MK

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August 12pm – 2pm**

Along with other organisations and communities in Milton Keynes, the Irish Centre will be taking part in this exciting event.

Join with us in the Parade to celebrate the Irish culture and help project an Irish theme into this important day celebrating the unity and diversity of our city.

Have a fun family day out and enjoy a picnic.

Assemble at 11.00 in Campbell Park (near the city centre)

The Parade starts at 12.00 noon

Returning to Campbell Park to picnic about 2.00 – remember to bring your own picnic!

Banners and county flags available on the day

For more information please ring: Tom Bolton on 07883 401552

### MILTON KEYNES IRISH WELFARE SUPPORT GROUP

The lunch club proves to be as popular as ever. We were host to 50 guests from Northampton Irish Centre and we will be visiting them in September. Our own members enjoyed a day out to Stratford on Avon which included a trip on the River Avon and the day was rounded off with a carvery dinner in the evening. The lunch club will be closed on 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August and reopening on 25<sup>th</sup> August for an annual holiday.

The Welfare Group successfully applied for funding from the Community Foundation. This money was used to purchase a cooker. A further grant from Concertina was given for future entertainment at the lunch club.

We are pleased to announce Paula Cusack is our new Outreach Worker. She can offer free confidential advice on:

UK Benefits, Irish Pensions, Disability Benefits, Housing, Irish Passports  
Paula can be contacted on: 01908 376606 or [mkiwsg@hotmail.com](mailto:mkiwsg@hotmail.com)

#### **Aged 66 and over?**

Travel around Ireland for FREE with the Golden Trekker – for more information and how to book please see Paula or call her on 01908 376606.

## Forthcoming Regular Events

### August

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chrish Brennan (Tall Leprechauns)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Eamons Country Sounds
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Coverstory
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mick Connelly

### September

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Danny & Belinda
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jim O'Leary
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Gerry Byrne Roadshow
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Carter

### October

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mel Paul & Mary Lacey
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kick the Can
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Brendan Mac
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Eamons Country Sounds
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Party with B & S Disco Fancy dress optional!

## Charity Presentation

Our nominated charity for last was Willen Hospice for which we raised £3,206!! What an achievement - well done to all who helped reached this fantastic total. There will be a presentation evening to Willen on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. This year's nominated charity is Keech Cottage Childrens Hospice.

## Childrens Halloween Disco with B & S Disco

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm – 9.00pm

£2 per child

## Manor Fields football ground renovation

In conjunction with Irish Centre MK, Manor Fields renovation group have been fundraising to return to Manor fields a local football team, Bletchley Town F.C., who have not played at the ground for some years. There is a 6-year plan costing in excess of £2.2 million to improve the facilities at the ground and eventually have an indoor training ground that would be available for hire to local clubs. There are also plans to have a flood light arena with a seating capacity of 2000. We hope to have summer musical festivals at the venue but this will not be until a later date within the project.

Bletchley Towns F.C. first 4 fixtures are away, but first home fixtures of the season is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August playing against Caddington F.C. and then 30<sup>th</sup> August playing Bucks Student Union F.C. - Kick Off time 15:00.

For further fixtures details go to [www.bletchleytownfc.co.uk](http://www.bletchleytownfc.co.uk) website and for the league site [www.ssmfl.org](http://www.ssmfl.org). There will also be a Sunday Junior side and Sunday Senior side, both starting at 10:00 am.