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Take a bite at Food for Free this weekend

TAKE your pick from nature's larder on Saturday when the community orchard in Woughton on the Green welcomes visitors of all ages.

Families can enjoy wild fruits and berries among the old English apple trees.

Organised by the Parks Trust, the event introduces youngsters to the benefits of fresh food and allows everyone to get back to nature.

The apples are free for all but take care not to damage the orchard and remember not to climb the trees.

Join the free harvesting from 11am - 1pm.

Celebrate with Calcutta team on anniversary

NOW one of the region's most talked about restaurants, Calcutta Brasserie in Stony Stratford has lots to celebrate as it goes all out to mark its fourth anniversary on Wednesday.

To celebrate their best year ever, Calcutta's team are putting on a 'night to remember' according to proprietor Mo.

On the night, diners will enjoy three courses for £21.95 per person, including a champagne reception from 7.30pm and each guest will leave with a special gift.

To make a booking for Wednesday contact Calcutta Brasserie on 01908 566 577.

Stop off and meet rangers at their pit stop

IF you have ever wondered what park rangers get up to, here is your chance to find out.

The Parks Trust is holding a Community Pit Stop on Sunday at Hazeley Wood.

The day will offer the chance to meet some rangers, ask questions and pick up free goodies.

Park in the car park off Wickstead Avenue, Grange Farm and head on down to the free session between 1pm and 3pm.



Castaway is ready to sweep you along

GRAB a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience a famous poet's work performed in his own house and gardens on Sunday.

Eighteenth Century poet William Cowper will be brought to life by renowned actor and playwright David

Gooderson, pictured left, at the Cowper and Newton Museum, in Olney, during his readings from the play 'The Castaway'.

This one man play about the life of Cowper explores the many facets of this fascinating character - dissolute law student, 'hell-fire' preacher, witty

poet, manic depressive and one of the most renowned literary figures of his time.

Join David Gooderson from 12.30pm until 2pm when he will perform excerpts from his play in the beautiful surroundings of the Cowper and Newton

Museum garden.

This will be followed by a drinks reception in Cowpers own courtyard. Tickets are £10 and include drinks.

Call 01234 711 516 or email cnmhousemanager@btconnect.com or call in to the Museum to book.

Olney dishes up a fun-packed day of produce

FOODIES take note - Olney hosts the fourth annual Big Olney Food Festival on Saturday, **writes Georgina Butler.**

The 'BOFF', as it is affectionately known, is organised by Olney Chamber of Trade alongside sponsor David Coles Architects and will take over the market place from 12 noon until 10pm.

A range of local businesses will each have a stall of tempting food and drink for visitors to choose from - Pastures Farm, The Bull Inn, Beans, Courtyard Brasseries, Much ADO Delicatessen and Hopping Mad Brewery are just some of the names involved.

Food and drink will be available from noon until 9.30pm (last orders 10pm) meaning you can just turn up on the day at a time that suits you.

Plus, everything will be under cover so visitors can sit back, relax and enjoy the tasty treats - whatever the weather. Olney Chamber of Trade Chair Samantha Tomlin is organising the event with

James Lomax from The Bull Inn.

Samantha said: "BOFF is a great event which gives you the chance to sample the wonderful variety of food and drink that is available in the Olney area.

"Each year the event gets bigger and better - more than 200 people came along last year and we hope it'll be even more popular this year!"

James adds: "There'll be lots of things for the children to do - we're delighted that the 'Great Gappo' will be keeping them entertained, as well as a kids area. For the adults there'll be wine and beer tasting and live music, with jazz pianist Alan Houghton, the fabulous Ukulele group MKulele, and a return visit from the brilliant rock band 'Chocolate Badger'."

This year also includes the 'Great Olney Bake Off' baking competition which will see bakers young and old show Olney what they can produce.

For more about the festival, visit www.olneychamberoftrade.co.uk.



Tasty treats in store at Olney

Gallery showcases seminal and new work

AMERICAN artist James Welling brings his first solo exhibition to the UK this autumn and MK Gallery is proudly presenting some of his seminal work.

James Welling: The Mind on Fire (September 14 - November 25, 2012) comprises over 130 works.

His abstract language and experimentation with photographic effects made him an important figure in the 'Pictures Generation', a loosely-knit but influential group of artists working

in New York in the 1970s and 1980s.

Welling became famous for his pioneering use of photography and the gradual integration of the medium into the mainstream of contemporary art.

Seeking to free photography from its subject and focus on how we see not what we see, Welling invites visitors to use his work to explore how the eye and mind organise what we see and interpret his images as they see fit.

Discover your personal perception of his work at MK Gallery from today until 25 November.

> AN emotional relationship with her native country inspires recent University of Bedfordshire graduate Karolina Lebek's exhibition Landscapes of Poland.

Her photography, video and sound works - exploring memory and emotional loss - are at Showcase 2012 in MK Gallery this week.

Flaming good show for photographers

REMEMBER the Disabled Photographers Society exhibition being held in the upstairs gallery area of the central library that we gave you the heads up about the other week?

Well, we've got hold of a picture of the "Best Portrait" image that this year was won by Adrian Davies - a colourful but sympathetic portrait of the internationally published model "Holly - Ivory Flame".

Good - eh?

The Disabled Photographers Society is a

registered national charity founded in 1968 which promotes photography for people with disabilities, their carers, disability groups or anyone with an interest in helping the disabled.

All the images displayed at the exhibition have been taken and processed by people with varying abilities and cover most photographic genres - so something for everyone!

The exhibition continues until September 30, and in our mind it's well worth a visit.



Fundraising fete fun for the good of HULA

THOSE lovely people at HULA Animal Rescue are opening the doors for their annual Fete and Companion Dog Show on Sunday.

Enjoy a traditional fete experience from 12 noon until 4.30pm at Glebe Farm, complete with charity bazaar and book store, children's fun and games and tasty refreshments.

Of course, a visit to HULA would not be complete without meeting some of the rescued pets and farm animals.

Plus, the fun dog show means that your own pooch could even scoop a prize.

The Greyhound Friends group will also have a stall at the event where they will be selling lots of their quirky knitted hound wear, modelled by their own (very!) patient greyhounds.

All proceeds from the event go to the care and welfare of HULA's rescued animals so have fun and do your bit.

All shook up in Stony Stratford

THE King of Rock 'n' Roll will be doing things his way tonight at The Cock Hotel in Stony.

Ultimate Elvis tribute artist Alvin Printwhistle has been a fan of the Jailhouse Rock superstar since he was 12 years old and after 25 years in the business this showman knows how to entertain.

Tickets are £25 for a two course supper - a veggie option is available - and the Alvin the Ultimate Elvis Tribute' experience, from 7.30pm 'til late.

It's now or never - book any remaining tickets on 01296 619 700 between 9am and 5.30pm or online at www.premevents.co.uk.

Chortles galore at It's Comedy

ANOTHER heavy-weight set of comics are lined up to appear at the Sno!Bar tonight from 7pm as 'It's Comedy' returns to Xscape.

Top TV comedians will perform for laughs - with the stars of 'Russell Howard's Good News', 'Skins' and '8 Out of 10 Cats' all fighting it out for comedy gold.

Tickets are £10 - a bargain for some much-needed belly-laughs. To book your tickets visit www.its-comedy.co.uk.

Go!Compiled by **Sammy Jones** - text gig and event information to **MKGO** at 81800 or email sammy.jones@jpress.co.uk**city nights**

September sessions at The Craufurd Arms

FRESH, exciting and young – The Craufurd Sessions are back this week promoting the very best bands and artists the new city has to offer.

Race To Save Vegas will bring their modern rock to the Wolverton venue on Saturday and show why there is a real buzz about them and their forthcoming debut album.

Time Well Spent (originally formed under the name of Switch back in September 2007) have won competitions, participated in photoshoots and played gigs so

they are ready for a lifetime of the fame and the fortune that talent can pave the way to.

Ollie Charles, Alex and Oscar will showcase their performance skills with covers and originals when they play the Craufurd Sessions.

Finally, As Daylight Dies will play - the band members hail from Dunstable and Studham and confess that playing shows is their very favourite game.

**Right: Race to Save Vegas:
Left: As Daylight Dies**



Mutiny on the Bounty conspire for top night



Ring in the change with Lupine Bell

SNOBar welcomes Roses & Pirates tomorrow night and MK's very own Lupine Bell will be the support.

This band met by playing in the same venues and areas - but on different projects - and then realising they would gel well through mutual friends.

All three members (Matt, Cameron and Jack) share a commitment to music and formed as Lupine Bell in the summer of 2011 - strongly holding onto the belief that pop music can provide space for expansion and the incorporation of their varying artistic influences.

The trio are currently looking forward to feedback from their recording debut.

IT'S time to get excited as Luxembourg's Mutiny On The Bounty return to the city to promote their second album, *Trials*, this week, writes **Georgina Butler**.

Mutiny On The Bounty are Cedric Czaika on bass, Clement Delporte on guitar, Nicolas Przeor on guitar and Sacha Schmitz on drums and vocals.

The foursome have made a record that they claim is so invigorating you will feel you can sprint a marathon (post-Olympic buzz, anyone?).

Since 2004 the band has certainly not taken it easy – they have played 10 tours with over 400 concerts, supporting the likes of Franz Ferdinand and Kings of Leon - with highlights along the way including an appearance at annual music festival SXSW in Austin, Texas.

Currently enjoying acclaim across

Europe for their intense summer festival appearances, Mutiny On The Bounty released *Trials* on September 3.

Drummer/vocalist Sacha Schmitz said: "It feels good to finally let go after nearly two years of composing, rehearsing it and recording."

"But what's good is that this time we've jammed the songs all together in our rehearsal room, so we know that these songs are great to play live."

He added: "I guess that the more we're doing, the more fun we do have."

The band will create mutiny at the Craufurd Arms, Wolverton, on Friday with their cerebral yet danceable sound.

Doors open at 7.30pm, entry is £5 and the gig is for those aged 14 and up.

Fades enter the Watershed

THIS month sees Fades releasing their first proper full length album and also stopping off in the new city to show why they do anything but blend in.

The Fades began life as a college garage band called Petrol Bomb when guitarist and singer Dave Lightfoot started bashing out punked up versions of Doors and Stones numbers with friends sometime in 2000.

Briefly calling themselves Molotov Cocktail when Dave's brother James joined on bass, the band became The Fades when guitarist Jonny Barnard joined in

early 2002.

Now very much established, the guys have a stellar fan base.

The Fades stand out in every way – enjoying a very successful and very messy tour of New York and continuing to inspire and be inspired themselves.

Catch them at the Watershed MK tomorrow night.

Doors open at 7.30pm.

Tickets are a steal at £4 before 9pm, £5 after.

Check them out at <https://www.facebook.com/TheFadesBand>.

Soak up the best that local talent has to offer in a beautiful setting

AN afternoon of the best bands and live music in the new city is on offer on Saturday.

The first ever Peartree Convention will bring together the best acts from the area, between 1 and 8pm at The Old Rectory in Peartree Bridge.

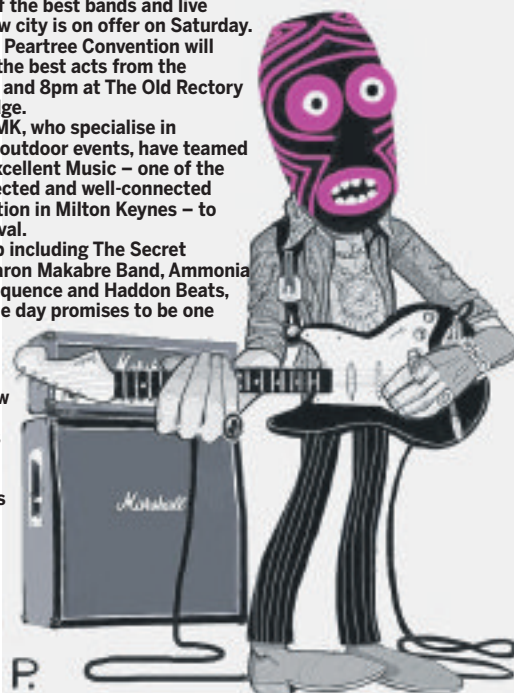
Inter-Action MK, who specialise in fantastic, large outdoor events, have teamed up with Most Excellent Music – one of the most well-respected and well-connected music organisations in Milton Keynes – to create the festival.

With a line-up including The Secret Screens, The Baron Makabre Band, Ammonia Lisa, The Consequence and Haddon Beats, the festival-style day promises to be one

of the biggest musical celebrations of established, new and emerging local talent this autumn.

Tickets are £5 (concessions £4) and under-16s are free.

For more information and to book, visit www.interactionmk.org.uk or call 01908 678 514.



Psychic Sally is dusting off her crystal ball

SEEING is believing and Sally Morgan sees all.

The star of SKY LIVING's Psychic Sally On The Road returns to MK Theatre on Sunday as part of another phenomenal

nationalwide tour.

Often referred to as the 'Psychic to the Stars', Sally has read for many celebrities over the years including George Michael, Uma Thurman and more recently Strictly

star Alesha Dixon.

See what Sally sees for you – contact the Box Office on 0844 871 7652 or visit www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes.

77-year-old legend has a brand new hit to play

SEPTUAGENARIAN US folk music legend **Peggy Seeger** once again defies her advancing years to play her genre-defying hits at The Stables on Tuesday, writes *Georgina Butler*.

The 77-year-old has made 22 solo recordings and participated in over a hundred recordings with other artists and now she is set to deliver in her usual style with a ground-breaking new single that is already being featured on radio shows from Janice Long's Radio 2 slot to Dave Gorman's Absolute Radio Show and Radio 3's In Tune.

Folk grande dame Peggy, pictured here, is Pete Seeger's half sister and Ruth Crawford Seeger's daughter and her first partner (with whom she has three children) was English songwriter Ewan MacColl, who penned First Time I Ever Saw Your Face for her.

With her family well-known in folk and classical music circles, it is no surprise that Margaret "Peggy" Seeger is an accomplished performer.

She is known for her excellent renditions of Anglo-American folksongs and for her activist songwriting, especially in the field of feminism, and while her collaboration with British experimental dance music producer Broadcaster may be highly improbable, they have pulled off a captivating album full of delights.

Broadcaster - who has never been afraid to break musical boundaries or cross genres - works his studio magic on Peggy's heart-rending vocals and lays them against dub, groove and techno beats.

With the added poignancy of a woman in her later years remembering a lost love, the results are stunning.

Peggy's best known pieces are Gonna Be An Engineer and The Ballad of Springhill and she tours extensively in the UK as a solo artist, singing and giving workshops.

Whether you are an old fan or a new listener keen to see what has drawn the remarkable Broadcaster to work with Peggy - you will not be disappointed when she performs live.

> Other multi-talented personalities at The Stables this week include **Cedric Watson** - fiddler, vocalist, accordionist and songwriter.

Spearheading the emerging generation of Cajun and Creole musicians, Cedric is an enormous talent - all three of his albums have been nominated for Grammy awards.



He moves with ease between fiddle and accordion and injects a healthy dose of his own personality and ingenuity for a unique take on traditional Creole music.

Cedric's creative style and obvious joy in playing makes him an engaging, exciting performer.

> **Barb Jungr** wows audiences with her astonishingly powerful reinterpretations of Bob Dylan, one of the greatest musical icons of the twentieth century, and she brings her impressive performance to The Stables stage on Saturday.

Barb drops by as she tours her album *The Man In The Long Black Coat*, featuring 13 Dylan songs she has recorded over the last 8 years.

Often described as the definitive performer of Dylan hits, Barb was introduced by Billy Bragg at a celebratory concert at the Barbican in 2005 as 'possibly our best interpreter of Dylan's songs'.

> Calling all Carpenters fans for **Voice Of The Heart - Karen Carpenter** on Sunday at 8pm.

All the hits you adore - from Yesterday Once More, Goodbye To Love and Close To You to Only Yesterday - plus great medleys put together from album tracks, songs from The Beatles and a superb Bacharach and David medley will feature in this sparkling night to remember.

Superb vocals from Carole Gordon blend seamlessly with the outstanding talent from the brilliant Blue Jeans band and singers for an evening of class entertainment.

> Changing pace, Wednesday sees the return of **Andrew Roachford** at 8pm, as he presents tracks from his stunning new album *Addictive*.

Ever since bulldozing his way onto the scene with unforgettable tracks like *Cuddly Toy* and *Family Man* in the late 80s, Andrew's maverick take on music has spread far and wide.

The past five years have seen him writing and singing on everything from top-five selling international dance tracks to co-writing and touring with Mike and the Mechanics.

Addictive boasts an emotive power which brilliantly showcases his unique songwriting style and is described as his edgiest sound to date.

Songbirds are needed in tuneful chorus

WHY not turn over a new leaf as autumn approaches?

Perhaps you could get out of your comfort zone and put yourself centre-stage?

Discover your hidden talents and make some new friends by popping along to one of the area's leading choirs, the Danesborough Chorus.

The Danesborough Chorus now has a few vacancies for new members in all sections: soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Singing gives your

creative side a real boost while simultaneously improving breathing – giving the lungs a good workout!

Danesborough rehearsals are held on Wednesdays, in Aspley Guise Village Hall.

The singing starts promptly at 7.45pm.

Fancy joining in? Contact membership secretary Chris Crispus Jones on 07850 044812

Alternatively contact Chris via www.danesborough.org.uk.



ALAN DEE'S GUIDE TO THE CINEMA

Hope springs in classy rom-com

A CLASSY cast is a guarantee of a good time in romantic comedy **Hope Springs**, in which evergreen Meryl Streep tries to rekindle the spark in her misfiring marriage to Tommy Lee Jones with the help of therapist Steve Carell.

Her gruff and sharp-tongued hubby isn't too keen on a week of intensive sessions, and when Tommy Lee Jones gets a chance to do roughly the results are usually something to cherish.

Calling the shots is David Frankel, who also helmed earlier Meryl movie hit *The Devil Wears Prada*, and the finished product shows that there are decent roles for Hollywood's more mature men and women, as long as they're good enough. It might not be an Oscar-worthy effort like *The Iron Lady*, but it's still well worth a look

> Cycling is the trendy mode of transport de jour, thanks to the Tour de France and Olympics heroics of supercool Bradley Wiggins and golden medal glory for Chris Hoy and the crew.

So the team behind **Premium Rush** must have been rubbing their hands with glee when they scheduled their movie for release in the wake of the medal rush.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt is a bike messenger is pursued across New York City by a dirty cop in this thriller, and if you've ever wondered how cyclists managed to stay alive on the streets of London you ain't seen nothing yet.

> Also out this week is **To Rome With Love**, the latest from film director turned European tourist Woody Allen. Stars involved this time around include Alex Baldwin, Roberto Benigni, Penélope Cruz and Jesse Eisenberg. It's billed as a multi-stranded comedy about the search for love on the romantic streets of Rome, and it features Woody's first front of camera appearance for some years.

Not laugh out loud funny, but there are some flashes of class.



Feeling fruity: Meryl Streep is trying to get her marriage back on track in **Hope Springs**

Curtain up on new musical

THE world premiere of the musical *Finding Neverland* comes to Leicester later this month, thanks to a legendary film producer.

The stage version of the 2004 Johnny Depp movie runs at the futuristic Curve Theatre from September 22 to October 13, before it goes to London's West End.

It has cost a mammoth £7 million to create the world of pirate ships sailing across the stage, mermaids dancing and magical gardens.

A production of that scope needs a strong hand at the helm – and this show has one of the strongest.

Hollywood giant Harvey Weinstein is the man behind Miramax, the multiple Oscar winning company responsible for films such as *The Artist*, *Shakespeare in Love*, *Good Will Hunting*, and many more.

He has teamed up with Olivier and Tony Award winning director/

choreographer Rob Ashford (Guys and Dolls, Anna Christie) to bring the show to the multi-million pound venue. The show is described as the feel-good musical for families and grown-ups who haven't fully grown up!

The story begins the day after James Barrie's new play *The Wedding Guest* has flopped.

Walking with his dog Porthos in Kensington Gardens he meets beautiful widow Sylvia Llewellyn Davies, and her four boys Jack, George, Michael and Peter.

Inspired by their hilarious and fun-filled misadventures he creates the magical and beloved world of Peter Pan.

Rising stars Julian Ovenden (BBC Proms and Foyle's War) and Rosalie Craig (*Ragtime* – Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park) lead the cast.

Tickets are £14.50 to £34.50 (discounts available), available on 0116 242 3595 or www.curveonline.co.uk.