

● **What's On**

# Chain reaction is falling for autumn

**BAZAAR**

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**Pop-up initiative The Chain Reaction is a one-stop shop for austerity chic and this week the monthly pedlar's bazaar with a difference is celebrating the start of autumn.**

The thrifty street market offers affordable, locally produced wares (including products that are hand-crafted, up-cycled, recycled, locally grown and original one-off pieces).

All the goods are sold from pimped-up tricycles and bicycles in Milton Keynes Theatre District (opposite Zizzi's and Bella Italia).

The regular Chain Reaction pop-up events are usually held on the middle Sunday of the month and have become a real social occasion.

Prepare to reap and gather on Sunday at the 'Harvest Feast', between 11am and 4pm.

The event will be the perfect opportunity to stock up on all those chutneys and home knits that will come in handy



**BIG SMILES ALL ROUND:** The pedlar's bazaar returns on Sunday

as the temperatures start to drop.

Don't forget to pick up one of the home baked cakes served from the kitchen bike – a welcome tea-time treat any time of the year.

With workshops and activities

for the children and some surprise wheelbarrow antics – in addition to the usual street entertainment and live music – the autumn equinox has never had such a great vibe.

The Street Market has grown in numbers and now has an

online street where pedlars can manage their internet sales.

Visit [www.thechainreaction.co/](http://www.thechainreaction.co/) or follow @MKChainReaction for more information and to join the 'start-up' shopping network.

# Duo return to The Song Loft

**MUSIC**

The refreshingly different folk sounds of Landermaison make a welcome return to The Song Loft tomorrow. Fiona Lander and Paul Mason (collectively known as Landermaison, get it?) have been writing, recording and performing together for 10 years.

Multi-instrumentalist Fiona (vocals, piano, whistles, saxes, clarinet and the recorder!) and Paul (guitars and vocals), right, have developed and honed a unique sound which perfectly showcases their undeniable talents.

The duo combine both traditional and contemporary folk with jazz and other styles in their beautiful eclectic arrangements.

Their live sound is impressive, full of variety and involves plenty of audience interaction.

Based in the North East, Landermaison are equally at home entertaining audiences in folk and acoustic music clubs, theatres, festivals, village halls and pubs and have performed at some of the UK's best known live music venues.

They regularly tour around the UK and also in Europe and their gig at The Song Loft



is much-anticipated.

As talented singers and songwriters, Landermaison have recorded and produced 4 CDs to date, on their own label, LAMA Records.

Tracks from these albums have been featured on BBC1, BBC Radio 2, 3 and 4 and on other radio shows

They have just completed their 5th studio album 'Me, Him and The Can Crusher' which is available from [www.landermaison.com](http://www.landermaison.com).

This could well be a sell-out at The Cock Hotel in Stony Stratford – get tickets as soon as possible by emailing [songloft@googlemail.com](mailto:songloft@googlemail.com) or by visiting [www.thesongloft.co.uk](http://www.thesongloft.co.uk) and clicking on 'Book tickets'.

The evening's entertainment will begin at 8.15pm - enjoy!

# A chance-I to check St Guthlacs

**OPEN DAY**

St Guthlacs Church in Passenham is holding an Open Day on Saturday.

Visitors will be able to discover the Chancel wall paintings, stained glass windows and choir stalls, which date back to the early 17th Century.

These paintings were commissioned by the then Lord of Passenham Manor, Sir Robert Banastre, a much-hated landlord whose ghost is said to haunt Passenham to this day. After being under a layer of whitewash for more than 200 years, they were discovered and restored in the 1960s and are the main reason the church is a Grade I listed building.

The building also contains highly unusual Jacobean box pews and an intricately carved gallery screen depicting some rather surprising activities (for a church!). Entry is free but buy some re-



**'A REMARKABLE EXAMPLE':** St Guthlacs Church in Passenham

freshments as The Friends of St Guthlacs are trying to raise enough money to ensure this remarkable example of Anglo-Catholic church heritage is preserved.

Take a look between 11am and 4pm.

> MK Museum is cover-

ing the history of the Wolverton engineering works this month. Behind the Big Wall – 175 Years of Wolverton Works gives a unique and in-depth insight into the world's first railway town.

Visit [www.mkmuseum.org.uk](http://www.mkmuseum.org.uk) for details.

# Turn over a new leaf this week with walks and music

**EVENTS ROUND-UP**

Get back to nature and make the most of the city's woodland with a Ranger Ramble organised by The Park's Trust this evening.

Escape to Shenley Wood for a post-work stroll – meet in the car park on Merlewood Drive, off V2 Tattenhoe Street at 6pm, £1 per person.

> You don't have to be a yummy mummy to garner an invitation to Pushchairs in the Park – all you need is some sturdy shoes and plenty of enthusiasm.

Meet other parents and tots at 10am on Wednesday for a free guided walk and activities in Ouse Valley Park until 11.30am.

Park in Wolverton Mill car park, Watermill Lane, Stratford Road.

> Keep your walking boots on and join the Milton Keynes Ramblers on Sunday for a circular trek around Ashridge Estate Visitor Centre.

Meet at 9am at the Bridgewater Monument and prepare for the 16 mile walk by bringing your own refreshments. Be warned that there will be some steep hills and it may be muddy – but there will be a tea room stop at the end of the walk!

> Are you a talented bassist who is familiar with hits from the 60s?

Keen to turn over a new leaf this autumn and get stuck in to a new venture?

Perhaps you have always wanted to join a band?

Well, if you are interested, and prepared to rehearse once a week, 60s pop group The CW Band wants to hear

from you.

The band plays pubs and private functions about once a month and their current bassist has just given notice. Andy Gilbert and the rest of the band have four months to find someone new and rehearse with them.

Interested? Email Andy at [a.gilbert999@btinternet.com](mailto:a.gilbert999@btinternet.com) or call MK 660483.

> Channel Mary Berry and let loose your inner cupcake critic as Oxjam host The Great MK Bake Off on Sunday at the Stony Stratford Cricket Club.

The event promises to be a great day out for all the family, with the baked goods competition itself, cupcake decorating, an end of summer sports day, tombola and more. all from 1-4pm.