

## ● What's On

# Time to laugh at top comedy venue

## BIRTHDAY BASH

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Newport Pagnell's first and only comedy club has a very special reason to celebrate on Monday.

That Time Of The Month Comedy Club turns five on the fifth day of the fifth month – so, while we catch our breath at this astonishing news (just where have those five years gone?) let's have a look at the line-up for their birthday bash.

To mark the occasion, organisers at The Cannon have put together something of a Best of TTOTM night, bringing us a selection of what they consider to be some of the best acts seen over the years.

As five is the magic number, there will be five acts (and entry is just £5 in advance or £7 on the door).

Simon Feilder is an old favourite of TTOTM.

He is wickedly funny and as lively as they come – which makes him the ideal person to celebrate with.



**TIME OF THE MONTH:** The 'quirky and beautiful' Andrea Hubert, left, and bearded Scandinavian Olaf Falafal, right, are two of the acts in Newport Pagnell on Monday

Another regular is the quirky and beautiful Andrea Hubert.

She was a huge hit the first time she visited and has been back lots of times since.

Perfect timing to get this particular comic back then.

Sy Thomas is likeable, fresh and quick-witted so definitely worth a comedy turn then.

Fourth on the list is Olaf Falafal.

The Scandinavian began his career at TTOTM so it on-



ly seems fitting for him to wish the club many happy returns.

Last – but by no means least – regular host Paul Revill will keep the laughter flowing.

The laughs begin at 7pm. Visit [www.ttotm.co.uk](http://www.ttotm.co.uk) to book tickets.

# Marathon set to run and run

## OUT AND ABOUT

Start off your Bank Holiday weekend (yes – another one!) with plenty of fun for all the family at the annual Parks Trust May Day Festival on Saturday.

Head to Campbell Park Canalside to enjoy Morris Dancers, children's entertainment, stalls and fair rides – plus the obligatory May Pole dancing.

Let's hope the sun shines for the free event – from 12pm to 5pm.

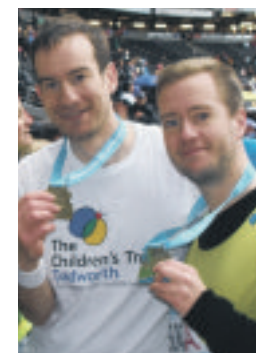
Stay out in the open air and see in Sunday morning with the Dawn Chorus at 5.30am in Howe Park Wood, £5 per person.

Still taking advantage of the good Bank Holiday weather (we always think positively here at GO!) meet in the car park on V11 Tongwell Street for Park and Run at Willen Lake North from 10am on Sunday.

Now you've got your running shoes on – the Milton Keynes Marathon and Half Marathon takes place on Bank Holiday Monday.

The marathon starts at 10am on Saxon Street, follows a scenic route taking in the city's tree-lined boulevards, before finishing inside stadium:mk.

Go to [www.mkmarathon.co.uk](http://www.mkmarathon.co.uk) to enter and find out



**MK MARATHON**

more information.

> If just the thought of running a marathon has got you feeling nervous, shake off that anxiety with the Milton Keynes Acoustic Music Centre.

It offers a variety of classes to suit everyone from beginners and up.

Learn to play the fiddle, mandolin, whistle, guitar, flute, bodhran and other instruments.

You can then work on your performance and even join a band.

Classes start on Sunday at 7.30pm and are completely free (although donations are gratefully received to keep the service going).

Visit <http://mkamc.johntimpany.co.uk>.

# 'Psychic medium' at golf club

## THINGS TO DO

Hairdresser-turned-psychic Steve Holbrook is taking his performance on the road with a 2014 nationwide tour.

One of the venues to benefit from his demonstrations of clairvoyance will be Tilsworth Golf Club, on Monday, May 19.

He says his ability started from behind the salon chair in Leeds, hearing voices of loved ones who have passed away.

He now visits theatres and hotels around the country, and as far as the Caribbean, demonstrating what he says is his "unique ability to act as a telephone exchange between this world and the spirit world."

He says he was always aware from being a child that life existed beyond the grave, when he awoke to find five soldiers marching through his bedroom, but could only see the top half of them floating through the room.



**STEVE HOLBROOK**

"This was a very un-nerving experience but it was to give me an early glimpse of what was to come, and now it's as natural as breathing to me," he said.

Jane MacDonald, singer and co-presenter on ITV's Loose Women, counts Steve as

her inspiration. She dedicated her auto-biography to him.

Steve is also an author with three books and has raised tens of thousands of pounds for charity.

> Tickets priced £17 are available on 01536 506123. Doors open 7pm.

# Bank holiday weekend fun includes canal knowledge

## FUN THINGS TO DO

Independent arts and education charity Milton Keynes Arts Centre is offering a free hands-on workshop on Saturday.

As part of the Centre's current Rising Stars exhibition – a touring showcase of the new craft and design talent in the UK – families are being encouraged to get creative.

Artist Shelly Atton will cater for all abilities in a fun and inspiring session from 10.30am until 12.20pm.

Shelley is an experienced workshop leader who will assist participants (young and old) in making sea creature puppets out of a range of materials – including recycled plastics and everyday objects.

The workshops is suitable for children aged five and up

and their older family members.

If Sunday is too short notice, there will be another family workshop on Saturday May 10, also at 10.30am until 12.20pm.

These workshops are free but places are limited and booking is essential.

Call MK 608 108 to book.

> Those with an interest in the city's waterways should bob along to MK Marina's fifth open day from 10am to 4pm on Bank Holiday Monday, May 5.

Events and attractions at Peartree Bridge (MK6 3BX) will include home made cakes with money raised going to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

There will be a Dragon Boat Display Team, with all

the drums! and steamboat Beatrice will be on display in and out of the water. There will also be canal trips.

The free-to-enter day is supported by IWA, Canal & River Trust, and Bedford & MK Waterway Trust, who will provide information about enjoying the waterways through Milton Keynes and their plans for the future.

> Future Federers and wannabe Williamsses can attend a free open tennis morning at Stantonbury Campus Leisure Centre on Monday, May 5.

The event is being run by Lauren Rose whose coaching there is really taking off.

For more details on the event and coaching email: [rosentennis@gmail.com](mailto:rosentennis@gmail.com) or phone 07986 931792.

# Strictly's Vincent and Flavia tango into town

**ENTERTAINMENT**

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**Tantalising tango team Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace return to the city theatre with their passionate routines from Monday.**

They stole our hearts with breathtaking performances – complete with razor-sharp footwork – on Strictly but fans will have missed their partnership on the last series of the BBC show.

Both dancers abstained from competing because – among other things – they were working on their new stage show, Dance 'Til Dawn.

Their first ever foray into theatrical performance was in 2010, with the sensational Midnight Tango.

The show thrilled more than half a million people across the UK, both on tour (enjoying multiple runs at Milton Keynes Theatre) and in London's West End.

Dance 'Til Dawn promises to be just as spectacular.

Set in 1940s Los Angeles, the story follows the emerging romance between a starlet

**Dance 'Til Dawn will transport you to a time of elegance...**

and her handsome lover.

Recreating the Golden Age of Hollywood (think Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers) Dance 'Til Dawn will transport you to a time of elegance.

Dance 'Til Dawn runs until Saturday May 10.

> Share in the friendships, the secrets, the laughs and the tears of four ordinary women – and the one token man – living extraordinary lives – on Sunday at MK Theatre.

Hot Flush! starring Lesley Joseph is billed as being more fun than joining a gym and cheaper than botox – heck, it might even leave you feeling young again!

Looking ahead ballet lovers can look forward to Northern Ballet's A Midsummer Night's Dream. This dazzling production, at MK Theatre from May 20-24, sees the romantic antics of a touring dance company played out on one magival night as the company travels

by sleeper train from London to Edinburgh.

Call the Box Office on 0844 871 7652 or visit [www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes](http://www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes) to book.

> Another busy week lies ahead at the Stables.

The Grumpy Old Women return tonight but – just to add to your reasons to grumble – the show is sold out.

Singer Scott Matthews is ready to make your evening though, over on Stage 2.

Get your fill of melodic, progressive rock tomorrow with Lifesigns – or immerse yourself in the sounds of Boo Hewerdine on Stage 2.

British multi-instrumentalists Blackheart defy categorisation – enjoy their unique blend of intelligent contemporary pop on Saturday.

On Sunday, Artur Pizarro plays Rachmaninov, while father and daughter folk duo Martin and Eliza Carthy unite.

Tuesday will see Irish music legends The Fureys & Davy Arthur put on a night to remember.

Alternatively, enjoy a mix of jazz and swing courtesy of the Adrian Cox Quartet.

Wednesday welcomes Dutch pop-rock band Focus and quirky husband and wife duo Haddo.



**TANTALISING TANGO:** Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace get to grips with their dance routine



**SUBLIME ELEGANCE:** Vincent and Flavia are bound to carry out some complex moves

## Pardon me but check this out

**CHRYSALIS THEATRE**

The hilarious comedy Pardon Me, Prime Minister brings laughter to the Chrysalis Theatre on Wednesday.

Longueville Little Theatre Company are back with their latest production – which is actually their first for two years.

The theatrical troupe has been a 'resting' company for the last two years during which the actors enjoyed a

well deserved breather.

Now back and feeling bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, members can't wait to get back onstage.

Pardon Me, Prime Minister is a farce for four men and five women.

The Prime Minister and Chancellor are preparing an over-the-top Budget, taxing anything vaguely amusing.

Their puritanical ambitions are soon cut short by a series of hectic developments

and a totally unexpected family bombshell...

The show runs from Wednesday until Saturday 10 May. Call 07959 3454769 to book.

**MK CITY ORCHESTRA**

Vintage classics are the orchestra's offering on May 22, from 7.30pm at The Venue, Walton High. Pieces by Mozart, Mendelssohn and Beethoven will feature.

## Black comedy as a dark and secretive past comes to light

**STANTONBURY THEATRE**

The enigmatic Mr Sloane puts in an appearance at Stantonbury Theatre tomorrow.

London Classic Theatre's Entertaining Mr Sloane is sure to have audiences transfixed when the curtain goes up at 7.30pm.

The unique blend of farce and black comedy in the play

beautifully captures the suppressed desires of the 1960s.

Mr Sloane is a good-looking young man looking for a place to board, who happens upon the home of Kath, a middle-aged landlady who home is on the outskirts of a rubbish dump.

Kath takes him in as a tenant, gets to know him and

spills some secrets – but unbeknownst to her Sloane is something of a psychopath.

Seduction, blackmail and murder lie waiting in the wings in this black comedy.

Directed by Michael Cabot and designed by Simon Kenny, this is a revival of the company's 2003 production.

Prepare to be entertained!