

People & the Park

 SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER



SPORT RELIEF 5K RAISED NEARLY £4,000!

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the Milton Park Sport Relief 5k, in total we've raised £3935.50!

With over 200 running or walking around the park it was a sight to be seen, especially those in fancy dress.

A special thank you to Achilles who have re-donated their team prize to Sport Relief.

Prize winners were:

Fastest Man – Fred Marlin of Evotec

Fastest Woman – Emma Haley of Tangoe Europe

Best fancy dress (individual) – our very own Wonder Woman – Matt Walton of Omprompt

Best fancy dress (group)

– all the animals – Halliburton

Company who raised the most money

– Achilles

Well done to everyone who completed the course, it was a great achievement, we hope you all enjoyed your goodie bags.

Our Milton Park photographer was onsite to capture everything, head over to the Milton Park facebook page for a gallery of images. There are some great photos of the fancy dress participants in all their glory, our race winners, the warm-up and much more.

Of all the money raised by the public through Sport Relief, 50 per cent is used to make a difference right here in the UK, and the other 50 per cent goes towards transforming lives across the world's poorest communities.

Thank you again!

Welcome!

The Winter months are nearly over and we can start to enjoy a bit more sunshine and warmth. We hope the start of 2016 has been a good one for everyone.

Some highlights so far have been:

- The introduction of the Wandering Feast - bringing you more food variety on selected lunchtimes
- The Sport Relief 5k raising nearly £4,000
- Oxitec and Oxford BioTrans have seen success (please see articles ahead)
- We've introduced CCF to the fold too

As always, please feel free to comment on anything you see in the newsletter by contacting **Nancy Leadley** on nleadley@mepc.com



Oxitec mosquitoes helping to fight Zika virus

A solution advanced by Milton Park's Oxitec is helping to fight the Zika virus in Brazil.

Oxitec will release millions of genetically-engineered male mosquitoes into the native population. When the mosquitoes breed, the females will produce offspring which die before adulthood, reducing the population by up to 90%.

The project has been running in the Brazilian city of Piracicaba for more than a year and has been trying to wipe out the Aedes Aegypti mosquito. A recent letter of intent has been signed with city authorities in Piracicaba to expand the project to 60,000 people.

Oxitec's CEO, Hadyn Parry said: "We are delighted Piracicaba is encouraged by our strong results and expanding the program. Our new facility will support the roll out of our groundbreaking vector-control across the heart of the city and beyond.

"As the principal source for the fastest growing vector-borne infection in the world in Dengue Fever, as well as the increasingly challenging Zika virus, controlling the Aedes Aegypti population provides the best defense against these serious diseases for which there are no cures."



i For more information on Oxitec and how they are helping to fight the Zika virus, please visit their website: www.oxitec.com

Oxford BioTrans official opening

On Friday 11th March, Oxford BioTrans officially opened its new office and laboratory on Milton Park at 127 Olympic Avenue. The ceremony was led by Nicola Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, and Chair of the Commons All Party Science and Technology Select Committee. It was attended by senior representatives of the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Institute of Chemical Engineers, the Chemical Industries Association, the Society for the Chemical Industry, of key suppliers and business partners, and of the University of Oxford, local media, local councils and local politicians.

Oxford BioTrans are an Oxford University spin out supported by over 20 years of research by Dr Luet Lok Wong from the Department of Chemistry. The company will develop and commercialise enzymatic process technologies that yield high-value chemical compounds. Their new offices and labs at Milton Park will help the Oxford BioTrans team progress their product and target it to the Flavour & Fragrance market.

An official welcome to Oxford BioTrans from the Milton Park team!



Welcome to CCF

Welcome to one of Milton Park's newest occupiers!

Travis Perkins company, CCF have taken 124 Olympic Avenue, which has been recently fully refurbished. It will be used as CCF Ltd's regional depot for its competitively-priced product range, including insulation, drywall, flooring, ceiling, partitioning and fire protection, all of which are supplied from stock and delivered nationwide from more than 30 branches.



i For full product range information and opening hours, please visit their dedicated depot website: www.ccfld.co.uk/store/4746

CTS are celebrating 30 Years!

Did you know in 1992, CTS were the first company in the UK to offer a colour laptop? They were also the first to have an internet café in Oxfordshire. Now, in 2016 they turn 30!

To celebrate, starting on Monday, CTS launched a variety of competitions and events. You could be the lucky winner of some great prizes including: free IT support, chocolates, meeting rooms, a laptop, an iPad, cupcakes, champagne, vouchers and much more. To be in with a chance of winning, all you have to do is follow them on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and visit their website.

Keep an eye on CTS over the next 30 weeks to see if you're a winner!

 www.linkedin.com/company/9414512?

 www.facebook.com/ctsgroup30/

 twitter.com/CTSGroupLtd

 www.cts-group.co.uk/




Training club started at Innovation Centre



Adhere training club now run training courses at the Milton Park Innovation Centre, making it even easier for companies across the park to educate their staff. These affordable workshops are great for any business looking to improve skills throughout their workforce.

Usually Adhere training club runs on a membership basis, if you sign up to a yearly membership you can attend any training course throughout the year at no extra cost. Non-members can book courses for a fee of £295.

However! As a Milton Park occupier you can book any course of your choice throughout 2016 for just £50! This gives you the opportunity to try out the club at a minimum cost.

 For more information on how to sign up and take advantage, please visit: adheretraining.co.uk



Thank you!

...to everyone who took part in the Milton Park customer survey at the end of 2015. We had nearly 1500 people tell us what they thought and it's great to hear from so many of you. It helps us to continue to improve the park.

Some of the key themes that have emerged, and we are now working hard to improve and update are:

Transport

Various transport questions were raised, including speed limit, parking and the A34. We have lots of ideas to roll out throughout the year to address these. We hope you all attended the Travel Day on 6th April, we were joined by Liftshare, Thames Travel and Mountain Mania - they were providing important information on different methods of transport. For more information, please check the People and the Park website.

Communication & Newsletter


Many of you asked to be better informed about the exciting things happening in our Park. The best way to keep up-to-date is to sign up to the monthly email newsletter. Currently we have 2,000 subscribers, we want more! As an incentive, we are offering a bottle of champagne to each 100th person to sign up from now on up to 3,000. So ten bottles are up for grabs. To sign up, please visit: www.miltonpark.co.uk/newsletter-signup

Food

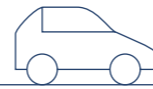
Everyone likes a bit more variety from time to time when it comes to food at lunchtimes. This Spring has seen the introduction of the Wandering Feast. They set up at 182 Park Drive, near the outdoor gym, to bring you some excellent gourmet food, from steak frites to empanadas - it's a must try. Every other Thursday until May and then every Thursday throughout the Summer.

**The Wandering Feast**



 For more information, please visit: peopleandthepark.miltonpark.co.uk/news/welcome-to-the-wandering-feast

Thank you again to everyone who took part in the customer survey for 2015. Watch this space for more exciting things to come in 2016!



Backhill Lane tunnel to re-open

Oxfordshire County Council announced they will be starting work to open the Backhill Lane tunnel this summer - a tunnel from Milton Park to a footpath on the A4130.

The Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership is providing £1.4m of Growing Places Fund money to create the sustainable transport link between Milton Park and existing and future residential areas of Didcot. The tunnel has been closed for many years to the general public.

As well as re-opening the tunnel, the funding will also contribute towards improvements on the A4130, including a new road crossing. The work is expected to take around four months and will include:

- Building a foot and cycle path from Milton Park to the north side of A4130
- Lighting and CCTV installation in tunnel
- Improved fencing, preventing access to the rail line

County Councillor David Nimmo Smith, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: "This is really good news for anyone who lives or works in the area as it will provide convenient, attractive and direct pedestrian and cycle dedicated access to Milton Park from the western side of Didcot.

"Science Vale is a world class centre for science and innovation, and transport accessibility is well known to be a key to enabling business activity and attracting new investment.



"Major growth is planned across the area with 16,000 additional homes and 20,000 jobs by 2031. 8,500 of these jobs will be provided at Harwell Oxford and Milton Park as part of the Enterprise Zone.

"The final product will encourage greater use of sustainable transport, helping to reduce the number of vehicles on our road network and improve the health of our population. The scheme will play a part in encouraging economic development in the area."

i For more information on the scheme, please click here: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/news/2016/feb/backhill-tunnel-scheme-start-summer

Milton Interchange



Oxfordshire County Council's work on the Milton interchange is nearly complete. Since January the final concrete beams for the new bridge have been installed, the walls underneath the bridge are being completed with brick cladding and resurfacing of the road above the bridge is underway. You will have also noticed new traffic signals and the continuing construction of the new road which will join the A4130 and A34 northbound carriageway.

Overnight closures continue to ensure minimal disruption. As always, thank you for your continued patience throughout this work – the end is in sight!



Progress on Developments

155 Brook Drive

The Pre-Let to DC Payments is almost complete! The 18,000 sq ft building will be handed over to DC Payments soon and their teams will start moving to the park at the beginning of the Summer.



55 Western Avenue

Work on 60 Jubilee Avenue is progressing well, you may have noticed the external cladding going up on this 44,000 sq ft office building. Whilst this goes up, the cranes will be coming down! Completion for this is set for early 2017.



102 Park Drive

Ipsen are busy working on their office and laboratory fit out, work is due to complete at the end of Summer 2016 with our new neighbours moving in from August.



60 Jubilee Avenue

Adaptimmune's 67,000 sq ft new office and laboratory building is well underway, you will start to see the removal of the cranes over the next few months. Completion is still set for the end of 2016.



We'd like to take this time to thank you for your continued patience and support whilst these developments have been progressed.

Have a go...

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- LIFTSHARE
- TRAVELDAY
- WANDERINGFEAST
- SUMMERPARTY
- SPRING
- ACHILLES
- ADAPTIMMUNE
- DCPAYMENTS
- IPSEN
- OXITEC
- THANKYOU
- FEEDBACK
- NEWSLETTER
- CTS
- EVENTS
- SPORTRELIEF

There is a champagne prize for the first person who completes and submits their completed word search to **Nancy Leadley!** Just scan the completed copy to **nleadley@mepc.com**

Dates for the diary...

Tuesday 17th May - Mingle at Milton Park (company showcase)

8am – 9:30am, Innovation Centre

Friday 10th June - Summer Party

12 – 2pm, Park Centre

First Wednesday of every month - Bike Dr

10am – 2pm, Park Centre

Every other Thursday - Wandering Feast

182 Park Drive (next to the outdoor gym)

From 5th May, it will be a weekly event



For more information on these events or to advertise your own event, please contact **Nancy Leadley** on **nleadley@mepc.com** or **01235 824121**