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# Darren and Lia celebrate 5yrs on MK Breakfast Show

...I know, we can't believe it either! Darren and Lia have been waking up Milton Keynes every weekday morning for the last five years (when Michael Blades isn't covering for them).

**MKFM** 's troublesome twosome have all the latest news, weather, and travel for Milton Keynes in addition to the best music to start your day from 7am. As well as the latest information for the local area, Darren and Lia get that grey matter working first thing with regular features and competitions including Call My Bluff, Mrs. D What's for Tea, and most recently Darren and Lia's Treasure Chest.

Speaking of her time hosting the MK Breakfast Show Lia says, "We've been through a hell of a lot over the last five years together and it's always such an honour to share that time with our loyal listeners. Whether we're unpicking the news of the day, discussing local issues, or having a bit of banter, being a small part of somebody's morning routine will forever be the best part of our day."

Darren adds, "Breakfast is the show we said we would never do and after agreeing to do it for a few months, 5 years have already passed. We didn't think for one minute that we would have ended up being the longest serving Breakfast presenters in Milton Keynes. Every dog has it's day, we had ours about 4 years and 11 months ago."

#### **Call My Bluff**

Darren tries his best to outwit Lia with a daily stat that has three possible answers, one is correct, two are totally made up. They play daily at 7:45am and you can help Lia by contacting the studio which always winds Darren up.





#### Mrs. D

Wondering what to have for your tea? Have no fear as Mrs D is here daily at 8:30am with food inspiration for what to cook. As well as some handy suggestions for parents, her catchy song will have the kids singing in the car on their way to school. "Mrs. D, what's for tea?"

#### **Darren and Lia's Treasure Chest**

Throughout June, Darren and Lia have given listeners the opportunity to win prizes from their trove of treasure every weekday morning. Listeners have been tuned in to hear the daily code to unlock Darren and Lia's Treasure Chest for their chance to steal some booty or gamble their prize by walking the plank for a chance to win a star prize of their choice. From smart televisions to family day trips out, MKFM has given you a reason to say "Ooh Arrr"!

Listen to the MK Breakfast Show with Darren and Lia weekday mornings, 7am – 10am. Tune in on 95.0FM, 102.1FM, 106.3FM, DAB Digital Radio, online, on your mobile and smart speaker.

### For the latest local news visit MKFM.com



# Cash incentive for longer tenancies in Milton Keynes

Landlords in Milton Keynes can now have their rent 100% guaranteed and receive up to £2,670 as a cash incentive for offering longer tenancies to families in need.

**MK** Council first launched its cash incentive scheme for landlords last year, offering the incentive to landlords able to offer a tenancy for up to two years and a minimum of at least six months, to support families made homeless by the private rented sector.

Now, the Council has added a rent guarantee that will last for the duration of the tenancy. The new rent guarantee gives landlords an added layer of reassurance so they don't need to worry that a tenant might fall into arrears and leave them out of pocket.

As well as guaranteed rent and a cash incentive, the scheme also offers landlords help from the council to find tenants, the opportunity to receive benefit payments directly and free inspections to ensure a property meets Housing Health and Safety Rating System Standards. If the property fails, landlords will be supported in bringing it up to the required standard

Milton Keynes Council has also launched a brandnew accreditation scheme for landlords to help them



improve standards and deliver better homes for tenants. Landlords signing up to scheme will receive 12 months free membership of the National Residential Landlord Association.

Cabinet Member for Adults, Housing and Healthy Communities, Cllr Emily Darlington said: "Everyone in MK deserves a decent home where they feel safe and secure. We want to work together alongside good landlords to get the best deals for tenants while ensuring we help people with properties to let get the most out of these homes. It's a great deal for everyone involved and I'd encourage landlords to get in touch if they're able to help."

To find out more or register, head to MKFM.com/ landlord

### UEFA Women's EURO 2022 heading to MK

Milton Keynes will be front and centre of the biggest women's European sport event in history after being hand-picked as one of nine host cities for the hotly anticipated UEFA Women's EURO 2022.

tadium MK, home to MK Dons, is guaranteed to host four matches, including an all-important Semi-Final game when the UEFA Women's EUROS 2022 kicks off this month.

The event is shaping up to be one of the biggest events in women's footballing history as 16 nations compete to be crowned European champions.

Celebrations won't just be taking place at Stadium MK either. On all local match days, a carnival-like Fan Party will be held at Station Square in Central Milton Keynes, which will be fully decorated in tournament colours.

This will be where thousands of supporters arriving by train and car will join local families, groups, and other fans to soak up the atmosphere and enjoy music, films and other entertainment, a family fun zone, refreshments, and football-themed exhibitions. From Station Square, fans will be able to make their way to Stadium MK via dedicated shuttle buses.



The UEFA Women's EURO will be making its way to Stadium MK on: July 8th: Spain vs Finland, July 12th: Denmark vs Finland, July 16th: Finland vs Germany July 27th: Semi Final - TBC vs TBC.

You can find out more or purchase tickets at mkfm.com/euros

### Buy tickets for the Women's Euro 2022 at MKFM.com/EUROS



# Midnight Moo returns to Milton Keynes

illen Hospice's biggest fundraising event of the year is back for its 13th year this July. On Friday 15th July, the Midnight Moo is returning to Milton Keynes. Fundraisers will be taking part in a 5 or 10 mile walk around Milton Keynes at night, leaving Midsummer Place at 10pm.

As well as a midnight walk, the event also offers a great party atmosphere with a warm up and 'moo dance' before the walkers head off. This year, the theme for the fundraiser is 'Summer of Moo' – walkers are invited to dress up in fancy dress including sunglasses, flowers, festival outfits and fairy lights.

The event is £20 per person, with discount for group

bookings. Included in the price is a Moo t-shirt and Moo Medal.

Walkers are also encouraged to fundraise for Willen Hospice.

Peta Wilkinson, Willen Hospice CEO, said "The Moo has become one of Milton Keynes' most popular fundraising events and we are looking forward to it being even bigger and better this year! We are still feeling the financial impact caused by COVID-19, so our fundraising goal for this year's Summer of Moo is £125,000 – and knowing our amazing community, I am confident we can reach this target. **You can find out more at MKFM.com** 



### Hunt to find MK's Best Chippy 2022

There's nothing like fish and chips from a proper chippy and now, MKFM's search is back on to find the very best in Milton Keynes.

Rising energy bills and increased costs of cooking oil, potatoes and fish due to the war in Ukraine has meant the price of Fish and Chips is rising. To support struggling fish and chip shops in Milton Keynes, MKFM has relaunched their search to find the very best chippy in the local area. Over 5,000 Milton Keynes residents cast their vote in 2020, crowning Moores Fish and Chips as the best in MK. Will they continue to reign victorious this year?

Do you know somewhere that serves a musthave cod, chips and sides like mushy peas and curry sauce? Public nominations are open until 31st July 2022 and the top 10 locations which receive the most nominations before the deadline will then be reviewed by our panel of cod judges!

The final winner will be crowned on Monday 8th August 2022, and will win an awesome prize package which includes a MK's Best Chippy 2022 certificate, an article on our website which will be shared on our social media pages and one month's FREE radio advertising and promotion on MKFM - worth over £500!

Nominations can be made over on our website at MKFM.com/chippy



### **Desperate** need for **foster carers** in **Milton Keynes**

**MKFM** has been speaking with Milton Wilton Wigent need for foster carers in Milton Keynes. Recent data from Ofsted suggests that the number of foster carers in England has only increased by 4% since 2014. However, the number of children in foster care has gone up by around 11%.

Currently in Milton Keynes, 354 children are being looked after by the local authority and during an in-depth conversation with the Head of Corporate Parenting Service at Milton Keynes Council, MKFM heard that there are currently 77 'mainstream carers' within the city, but there is a desperate need for more.

Currently, if a suitable provision is not available locally, children may have to be placed in an external placement. These placements could be outside of the Milton Keynes area, taking them away from their schools, friends and local communities.

You can listen to our interview with Sharon Godfrey from Milton Keynes Council about the desperate need for foster carers in the city at MKFM.com/fostering



### For further details of events in MK, visit MKFM.com



# MKFM Programme Highlights

t MKFM we believe in proper local radio. That's why day in, day out we broadcast the latest news, weather, and travel for Milton Keynes plus the biggest competitions and MK's Biggest Hits from our studios at Stadium MK.

#### Our typical weekday schedule looks like this:

#### **MKFM Breakfast Show**

Darren and Lia wake up Milton Keynes every weekday morning from 7am with the latest local news, weather, travel and the best music to start your day. Our troublesome twosome keep you entertained with fun features for the school run, commute to work or while you're at home. Plus, there's loads of great competitions!

#### **Afternoons with Trev**



Local radio in Milton Keynes wouldn't be the same without Trevor Marshall. At the ripe old age of 102, Trev is on MKFM each weekday afternoon from 1pm. Not only will you hear what's going on in MK, Trev will also take you back in the day with Old Skool Anthems at 3pm during the School Run.

**MKFM Drive Time** When not covering Breakfast, Michael Blades heads up Drivetime from 4pm packed with all the latest travel news and local information to get you home from work and school. There's daily guests including local businesses, charities and from time-to-time celebrities!

Weekends on MKFM are jam-packed with the biggest songs on the radio, plus there's sports updates, the UK Hot 40 and MK's Biggest Hits in the mix!

#### Our weekend highlights include:

#### Wes and Ros at the Weekend

Former Horizon Radio presenters, Wes & Ros, will be back on our airwaves across MK with a brand new show on MKFM.

It's the perfect way to start your weekend with details of everything that's happening over the weekend and loads of fun.

#### The UK Hot 40

Every Sunday afternoon at 4pm, Chris Brooks counts down The UK's biggest hits that have been played on radio stations across the UK.



#### **MKFM in the Mix**

Each Friday and Saturday night from 7pm, local legend DJ Hurley grabs the MKFM playlist, 11 herbs and spices and gets in the mix. DJ Hurley played the biggest clubs in MK including The Point and was a DMC semi-finalist. There's no better way to party across the weekend in Milton Keynes.

## How to listen to **MKFM**

There are so many ways to listen to MKFM across Milton Keynes and beyond.

On FM Radio, you can find us on 106.3FM across the Borough of Milton Keynes.



We are also on 95.0FM in the Wolverton and Stony Stratford area and on 102.1FM in the Bletchley area



You can also find us on DAB Digital Radio across Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.



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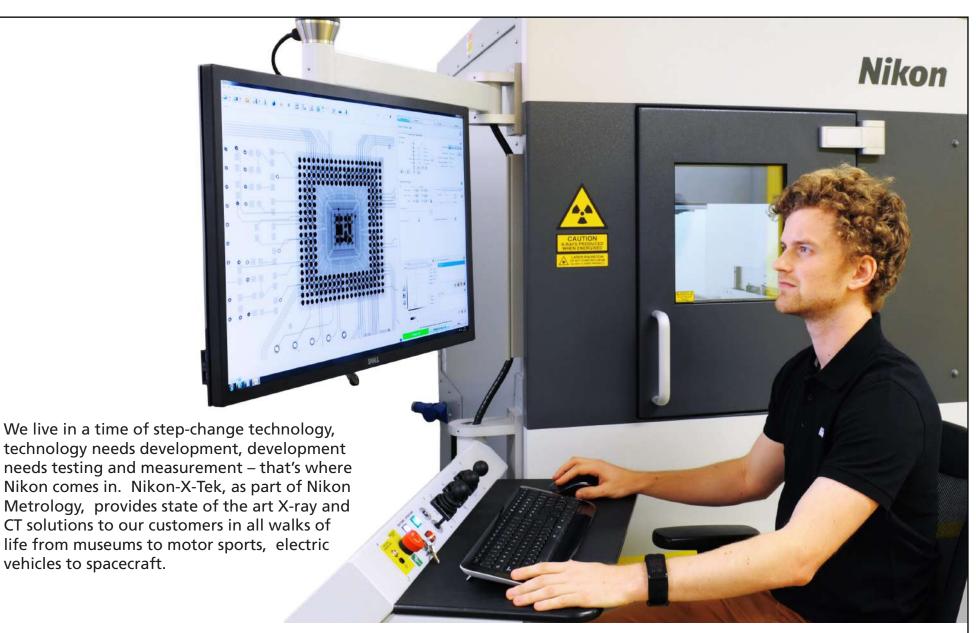
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