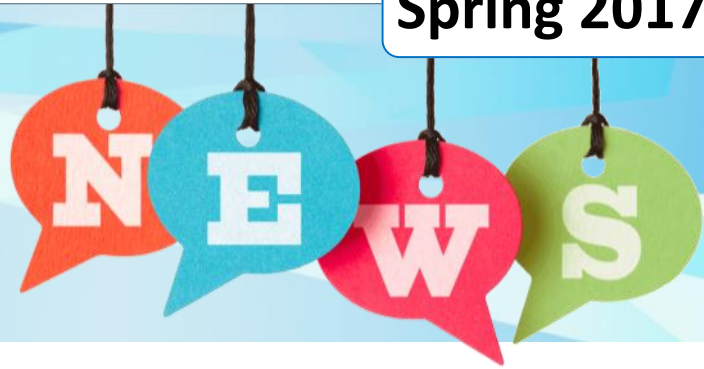




Spring 2017



## The official newsletter of MK Snap

# The MK Snap Marathon Heroes



Left to right: Lynn, Bethan, Helena, Freddie, Kaye, Adrian

On the 23rd of April local charity MK Snap will be represented by six special people in this years London Marathon. They have all be in training for 6 months and are so excited to not only be running such a prestigious event, but also supporting a local charity in the process. As one of the runners Bethan explains "Its been a dream of mine to run London since I was very little and I'm honoured to be running for the amazing charity MK Snap". Two directors from The Red Thread partnership will also be running and as Adrian says "What struck us most when we first walked into MK Snap was the sense of joy that it radiates. It truly is an inspirational place that helps its learners safely challenge themselves and grow". So far our runners have raised almost £10,000 for MK Snap. Please support them by visiting [mksnap.org](http://mksnap.org)

## MK Chamber Membership reaps rewards

From April 2016 to March 2017 MK Snap was the MK Chamber of Commerce Charity of the year. Chamber membership has raised our profile beyond our expectations. As a small local charity we need to engage local support from businesses as well as raise money to support the work we do in what could be described as challenging times for the charity sector. We thank the welcoming and supportive Chamber staff for choosing us as their charity partner for the year and look forward to our continued membership



Choose between 10 & 2.5 mile routes Sat 13th May 2017—Walnut Tree



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## Thank you to the Green fingered Argos Volunteers



Over a few days in March/April we were very lucky to be joined by a lovely group of volunteers from Argos. The sun shone on an absolutely gorgeous day and they did a grand job, tidying up the borders, building a raised bed and even moving the shed! Big thank you to them for all their hard work as it will make such a big difference to our gardening team in the future. If you or your business are interested in volunteering and supporting the work we do please email [volunteer@mksnap.org](mailto:volunteer@mksnap.org)

## Emily named Apprentice of the Year



We are delighted to announce that our apprentice Emily scooped the award for Apprentice of the Year at Aprils SME Buckinghamshire Business Awards. Everyone at Snap sends Emily their huge congratulations! We are all incredibly proud of her and all the work she does here at Snap to support our learners in their sessions whilst continuing her own training and education through her Health and Social Care Apprenticeship.

## Learner Stories

We had a couple of lovely trips to the Parks Trust Farm recently which gave the learners a chance to see and hold newly born lambs!



We had a trip to MetroBank last month which gave our learners an insight into how the bank works. They even got to see inside the vault!



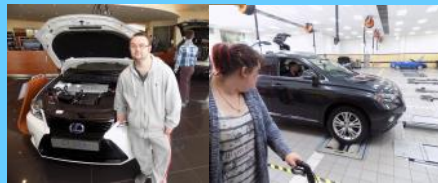
Our work prep group have been learning all about fire safety this term and passed with flying colours



Our cafés popularity continues to grow in the local area. Open every Thursday from 10-12.30




Did you know that our learners do work for the MK Food Bank? They split things such as rice into smaller packages that are passed on to those who need it in the community



We went to the local Lexus dealership this month and loved sitting in the expensive cars & seeing behind the scenes



Our biggest bird box order to date! Over the past few weeks the enterprise team have been busy making, sanding and painting 30 bird boxes and 5 owl boxes for a customer. The learners worked so hard and we're so proud of the finished products 

### Jack joins new restaurant team



We are delighted to announce that long time MK Snap learner Jack has started a new job at local restaurant The Binn (Buckingham Inn). Jack's new job allows him to use many of the skills he has developed here at MK Snap and we wish him every success in his new venture. We are very pleased to hear that he has become a popular member of the supportive team and is really enjoying the opportunity to develop further. As his mum explains "Since coming to MK Snap Jack has grown in skills and confidence and always came home with a smile on his face and has tales to tell. We thank MK Snap for their hard work and dedication over many years"



# THANK YOU!

Neath Hill Co-op for raising £1,157.24 as their charity of the year ..... Carlton Packaging for their donation of £217 ..... Staff member Alice raised £817 for MK Snap by taking part in the Red Bull Neptune Steps ..... MK Community Foundation for supporting our 25th Anniversary project ..... Tesco Bletchley for their donation of snacks & water for our walk



# EVENTS

**25th Anniversary**  
**MK SNAP**

**- 2.5 Mile -  
Anniversary Walk**

**DATE AND TIME:** Sat 13th May 2017  
**Time:** Start between 10am and 2pm

**WALK DESCRIPTION:** A short self guided circular walk celebrating the 25th anniversary of MK Snap starting in Walnut Tree before walking around Courteen Hill lake

**MEETING POINT:** MK Snap, Bourton Low, Walnut Tree, MK7 7DE

**LENGTH:** 2.5 miles  
**COST:** £2.50

**BOOKING INFORMATION:**  
Please visit: [www.mksnap.org](http://www.mksnap.org)

We want everyone who joins us on our walk and to have a wonderful time and enjoy the beautiful landscapes of Milton Keynes. Please note all walkers take part at their own risk. Come prepared for the great British weather - please ensure you wear proper clothing and footwear, and carry adequate refreshments.

Thank you for your support

An evening of...

## WINE TASTING

**FRIDAY 21st APRIL 2017**  
**@ MK Snap, Walnut Tree, MK7**

Join us for a night of wine tasting to celebrate MK Snap's 25th anniversary  
Cheese & Biscuits provided  
Contact us today to register your interest

**25th Anniversary**  
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**25th Anniversary**  
**MK SNAP**

**The Parks Trust  
MILTON KEYNES**

**Walk No. 12  
ANNIVERSARY WALK**

**DATE AND TIME:** Sat 13th May 2017  
**Time:** 9am

**WALK DESCRIPTION:** A self guided walk celebrating the 25th anniversary of MK Snap from Kilo Farm to Walnut Tree. A Shuttle bus will be provided to starting point. Dogs welcome

**MEETING POINT:** MK Snap, Bourton Low, Walnut Tree, MK7 7DE

**LENGTH:** 10 miles  
**COST:** £10

**BOOKING INFORMATION:**  
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**Exhibition**

**1992** **2017**

**May 8-13th**

**25th Anniversary**  
**MK SNAP**

**YOU'RE INVITED**

## MK SNAP Cafe

**Opens every  
Thursday  
10-12.30**

**MK Snap, 20 Bourton Low,  
Walnut Tree, Milton Keynes, MK 7 7DE**

**Garden Opening**

**May 10th**

**25th Anniversary**  
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## QUIZ NIGHT

**April 28th 2017**  
**MK Snap @ 7pm**

**Can your team lift the trophy?**

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