

30 years of thecentre:mk

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

The Opening of thecentre:mk



'I took my whole family and gave them £5 each because I thought we'd be the only people there. It scared me stiff – I thought we had bitten off more than we could chew.'

'Of course, the place was so crowded on the day of its opening. I was absolutely wrong about that!'

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Campbell of Eskan, 1912 – 1994,
Chairman of Milton Keynes Development Corporation
1967 – 1987

'The opening ceremony was in Middleton Hall, filled with people who'd worked on it, but Margaret (Thatcher, Prime Minister) was taking on the Unions, and Public Sector workers came in with all their banners, shouting.'

'Jock (Lord) Campbell – a Labour guy but all credit to him being the gentleman – was saying, Come on chaps, let's be nice to the lady, let her speak!'

'No-one took any notice. The roar was like a football ground!'

'She didn't throw her handbag around but it was there on her arm and she just bellowed at them. She stood there and out-shouted the lot of them. She won the day hands down.'

Syd Green, MKDC Team Project Manager for CMK 1973-79

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