

The Making of Milton Keynes

DIVERSITY AND ACHIEVEMENT

Channel 40

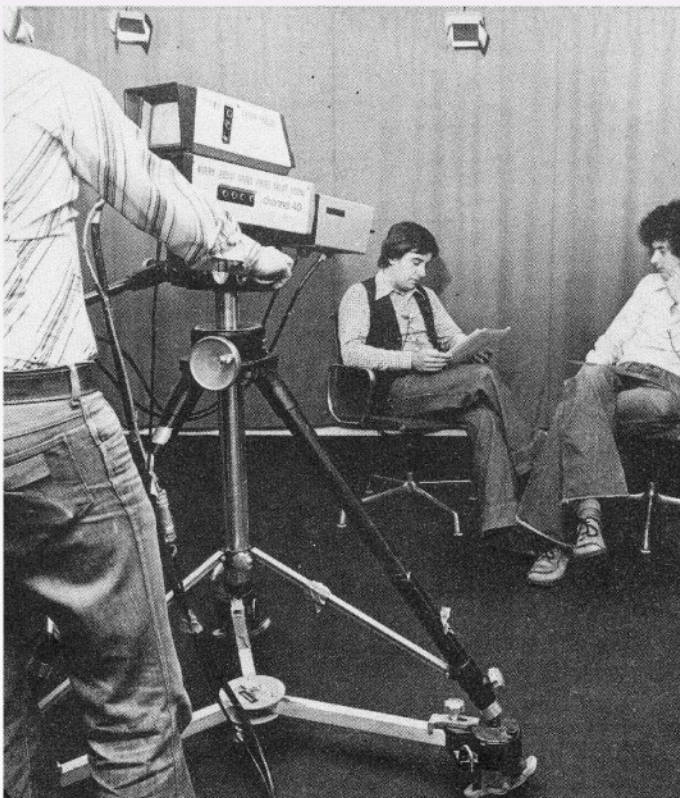
A unique experiment in community cable television

Channel 40 was a unique project – the first time in the UK that an experiment in community use of cable television had been set up on an entirely independent and non-commercial basis.

Based at a corner block on Fishermead Boulevard it began broadcasting in October 1976, with the last programme being broadcast on July 31st 1979. Three hours of original programming was produced each week, with local people being encouraged to make programmes not only in the Fishermead studios, but also with the aid of black and white portable reel-to-reel video recorders.

The programmes were transmitted to all new city homes using the Post Office cabling system.

The most popular programme was the 'Hot Stuff' cookery show, presented by ex-naval chef Derek Williams and produced by Colin Barrett. It was recorded in Derek's kitchen in his Beanhill home but he would often refer to the 'studio audience' tasting his creations!



make your own programme



say it – on channel 40

When you've got something to say we'll help you make your own programme. You can learn to use our portable video cameras which can be borrowed free of charge, or you can drop in and have your say in the studio.

see it – on channel 40

Everyone living in a new city to home on the cable can watch Channel 40 programme for ideas and information about Milton Keynes. Check the local papers for programme times, and for any special offers to channel number forty.

show it – on channel 40

When you're organising a match, a concert or a show you can book the Channel 40 mobile unit to record it, and let people about your event or performance in advance for play back later for those who cannot attend.

community access cable television

Channel 40 is a unique project – Britain's first entirely independent and non-commercial community television service on cable. Its aim is to provide a means of 'community colour' and access to information for people living in Milton Keynes.

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