



Milton Keynes Celebrates!

MK's Fireworks Spectacular

Keith Emmett's Spectacular Fireworks and Fair



'The looks on their faces – that's what's worthwhile. That's what makes me keep doing it... You should see them, the blind children, with their heads tilted to one side, smiling.'

Keith Emmett, born on Christmas Day 1934 and who still works for his family fairground business, organised Central Milton Keynes' first-ever Fireworks Display in 1978 along with international stunt star and fellow citizen Tod Cody.

This iconic event was first witnessed over 30 years ago by over 10,000 new citizens on what became the Food Centre site. As development progressed, so the event shifted to other future sites – the Central Police Station, Xscape, and along Midsummer Boulevard. Its current long-term home is Campbell Park.

Keith's company – Keith Emmett & Sons – contributes to the city's annual Christmas Displays by providing free Helter-Skelter and Carousel rides for special needs and disadvantaged children.

'An old lady of 94 in a wheelchair wanted a ride on the carousel, so we lifted her chariot onto the carousel, strapped her in. God Bless her... I'll never forget her face – she was so happy.'

