



Milton Keynes Celebrates!

Wolverton Lantern Festival

'Two thousand people walk with lanterns through Wolverton's streets!'



Photos courtesy Boyd & Evans



As part of Wolverton's 150th anniversary celebrations in 1988, Inter-Action organised lantern-making workshops with residents in Wolverton and New Bradwell creating their own tissue and waxy lanterns lit by candles that were paraded to Wolverton Park.

Local Wolverton residents loved the event so much that a year later they held the first of their own annual lantern festivals in December. The tradition continues – the largest parade in the city with over 2000 people in 2007 – and is emulated by other Milton Keynes communities, most notably in Stony Stratford, where a lantern procession now forms part of their annual Christmas Lights Switch-On event.

'The Square in Wolverton is alive with Live Music, Street Performers, Market Stalls... This is the hottest party in the coldest month!'



Above: The Wolverton Lantern Festival

Left: The Stony Stratford Lantern Festival

'It has a really good vibe – the sort of thing that brings all ages together, and has folk coming out their front doors to cheer the procession on as it winds through the town.'

Further information: www.wolverton.co.uk/calendar,
miltonkeynes.openguides.org,
www.btinternet.com/~wolverton.heritage/news