

Mortimer Village Partnership
Newsletter - June 2014



MORTIMER VOLUNTEERS!

YOU ARE THE BEST!



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The MBE for volunteer groups

More inside about the honour our volunteers have brought to Mortimer

**All the details about the biggest-ever
5th July Mortimer Fun Day inside including your
Mortimer Fun Day Pull-Out Programme**

**MORTIMER
FUN DAY**

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

We all know that Mortimer is the best place in the world – it's why many of us feel it is worth doing lots of voluntary work to enhance it further. But it is very special to have that work acknowledged by the outside world, in particular by Her Majesty The Queen.

Last year Mortimer Village Partnership was nominated by West Berkshire Council and the Community Council for Berkshire for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for voluntary groups. As you can imagine we were over the moon to be even nominated. CCB contacted us for some details about our activities for their nomination and they requested letters of support from people and groups who have benefitted from what MVP does. Later we heard that the nomination had been accepted and we were interviewed by two Deputy Lieutenants of Berkshire representing the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire. They wrote further reports on what we do and this was sent in to a national review. We knew that 22 groups in Berkshire had nominations accepted and received a certificate from the Lord Lieutenant at a ceremony congratulating us on this in March. It was not expected that more than a small handful of those nominated would receive the award.

And then very recently we learned that we have been awarded this honour. By the time you read this two of our members will have attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace which is one of the results of the award. We will later receive our actual award (a certificate signed by The Queen and a special engraved crystal like this one); we are now entitled to use the logo in all our publications.



I need to say that this award has been given as a result of the work of all those who have volunteered for any of the activities that MVP organise: yes, all the committee who work with me, many giving a great deal of time to the village, but also those who serve at the Lunch Club, pick up litter at the Spring Clean, sell refreshments at the pantomime, put up tents and clean toilets at the Fun Day, deliver newsletters, administer our Facebook page, collect Bag2School bags from pavements, organise the Sports Weekend, maintain our website, local businesses that offer sponsorship and practical help, and many, many more. It was the range and number of volunteers, all in different ways serving the good of the village, which impressed the very serious judging panel that decided the award. We all do this because it is good for our community but it is wonderful to have that recognised; we all enjoy praise:

Danusia Morsley - MVP Chairman

Thank you people of Mortimer – keep volunteering!

It's Fun Day Time Again!

MVP volunteers are hard at work putting together what we think will be the best Fun Day yet!

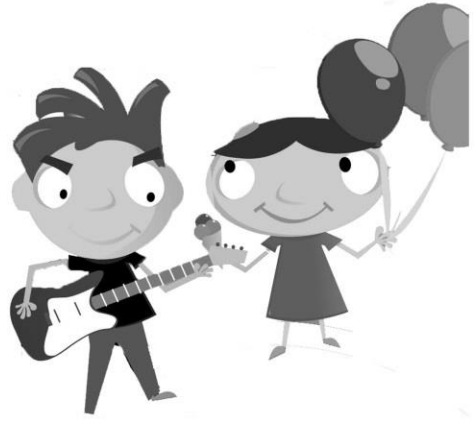
Put the date in your diary

Saturday 5th July

10:30 – 5:30

And one of the unique things about Mortimer Fun Day?....

It's free to enter!!!



The MVPs main aim for this event is for everyone to just come along and have a good time, from families to grandparents and teenagers too, without worrying about costs. The generosity of all our sponsors makes this event something very special where we keep the prices of everything organised by MVP, from refreshments to bouncy castles, as low as we possibly can.

As this event is also about community, we invite all the local groups and societies in the Mortimer area to come and have a stall and show you all that our community has to offer.

Mortimer Fun Day truly is a celebration of our whole community!

And on into the evening with MORTIMERMUSIC live.

Planet Abba with local artiste Nicolette Street

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Mortimer Music Live event that will be in the Main Marquee from 7.30pm-11pm. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained from Dads Shop, Budgens, The Fruit Shop, Triangle Travel and online. There will be a Licensed bar and food. More details can be obtained from www.mortimermusiclive.co.uk



The Fun Day Needs...

...You

As you can image it takes a large number of people to help out on the day itself. If you can spare us an hour or two of your time the day before the event to help set up, on the day itself to man a stall, or on the Sunday morning to help clear up, the Fun Day team would be very grateful. Please either call Lynn Hannawin on 9332577 or email lynn@i-next.co.uk

...Your bits and pieces

MVP needs items for the tombola and raffle that help make the money for us to be able to run the Fun Day the way we do. Please donate:



- Unwanted gifts
- Knick knacks in good condition.
- Toiletries - single items or sets.
- Tins, jars or bottles of food, Alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks with use-by-date after 5th July 2014, please.
- As-new games and puzzles.

- Jewellery items and accessories
- Unused address and birthday books or little memo books.
- Anything else that you feel maybe suitable.

Any donation, no matter how big or small, is always much appreciated. To arrange delivery or collection please call Rachel James on 933 1495 or email rachel_james34@yahoo.com

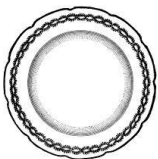
Your money...



The proceeds from the raffle are one of the things that help MVP to run the Fun Day with no entrance fee, so watch out for volunteers selling raffle tickets outside Budgens and McColls in the weeks leading up to our event and please buy generously. There will be a number of luxury gift boxes plus many lovely prizes donated by the Market Row stall holders and local businesses. The draw will be announced at the end of the Fun Day.

...Your cakes

Please call Bev French on 07748686615 / 9836568 or email bevrench6@gmail.com if you could make a cake for the Fun Day tea and cake stall.



...Your crockery

Any plates, cups, vases, etc. - no glass please - that you do not want, please donate to our 'smashing stall'. Call Gill Salter on 01344 761152 or email gill@salterfamily.me.uk

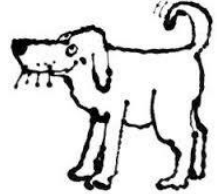
Bring Your Dog to the Fun Day

PETS IN PRACTISE
Pet Problems Solved
& Dog Training Offered



Pets in Practise are once again very kindly running a dog show at the Fun Day. Register on the day at the Pets in Practise stall (no later than ten minutes before your chosen event) to put your dog in any of six fun categories. This year we are looking for:

- ♥Best Puppy (under 12 months) – 2pm
- ♥Best Child Handler (16 years and under) – 2:30pm
- ♥Waggiest Tail – 3pm
- ♥Prettiest Female Dog – 3:30pm
- ♥Most Handsome Male Dog – 4pm
- ♥Best Veteran (8 years and over) – 4:30pm



Entries cost just £2 and all proceeds will go to Stokenchurch Dog Rescue. If you have any other queries then please contact Pets in Practise on 9836470 or 07843 559441 Alternatively email info@petsinpractise.co.uk

What Happens to the Money from the Fun Day?

The main aim of the Fun Day is to provide an affordable event for all the family and MVP strives wherever possible, with the help of our sponsors, to keep the costs of activities low and the entrance is always free. The Fun Day costs a great deal to put on but, if it makes more money than is needed to get next year's event underway, MVP will be donating to local causes.

Thank You in Advance

The Mortimer Village Partnership Fun Day team would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who is taking part in the Fun Day.

*In particular an advance thank you to all our **volunteers** – expect a call from the team in the coming weeks!!*



MVP thanks **Andrew and Sue Port of Mortimer Physiotherapy Practice** for providing the first aid cover for our event

MVP extends a special thank you to **Stewart Stanley** who puts together all the electrics needed for our event.



MVP thanks **Greenham Common Trust** for their continuing support for the work of MVP.

MVP thanks **Mould's** for yet again providing a skip for all the rubbish we generate.

J. Mould (Reading)

MVP thanks the many churches, schools and other organisations who lend us tables, chairs and other equipment

MVP thanks Nick Collins for the loan of his van for the logistics team to move all the many pieces of equipment for the Fun Day.

MVP thanks Mortimer BP Scout Group for their assistance including car parking.



Our Sponsors

The involvement in the Fun Day of local businesses as sponsors makes it possible for MVP to create the Fun Day as you know it – an affordable family event!

De Vere Venues, Wokefield Park, our local mansion house hotel with excellent leisure facilities and a US PGA-standard 7,000-yard championship golf course, have had a long tradition in supporting MVP in our activities within our community. This year they are subsidising the cost of the spectacular BUNGEE



TRAMPOLINE. The resident golf pro from Wokefield Park will also be on hand to provide help and advice. We are also pleased to advise that you will be able to enjoy a spa taster session – look for the De Vere stall in the Market Row area and the Golf Pro next to the main arena.

www.deverevenues.co.uk , 0871 222 4828 or

wokefield@deverevenues.co.uk for more information

Unique Outdoors (a trading name for Graham Robb Associates), are based at Wokefield Park and use the outdoors for training and development. They provide a range of activities including archery, woodland laser combat, climbing and survival skills and an amazing high ropes course for parties or corporate events. What a brilliant idea for a party with a difference for your teenager not to mention terrific team building ideas for your businesses. They are sponsoring one of our LARGE INFLATABLES to allow us to bring it to you at a more affordable price and they are also bringing their laser guns again. Go along to their area, right next to the main arena, to try



your hand! For more information about parties, activities or corporate events go to www.uniqueoutdoors.co.uk , 9331806 or uniqueoutdoors@gra.uk.com Keep a look out on their website for the much anticipated arrival of Unique Outdoors very own Zorbs!



Budgens MVP is delighted to welcome Budgens back to our list of sponsors after a one year break when they were concentrating on building their spacious new shop. I am sure that everyone in our community is delighted by the extensive range of local products and exciting new ranges that our new store has to offer. Do remember that with our new shop that Budgens are opening hours have changed to: 7am to 9pm Monday to Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday. Budgens will have taster sessions of many of their new lines at the Fun Day so pop over to their stand and give your tastebuds a treat. This year Budgens are sponsors to our GAMEGOER headline arena event

Budgens

Spratleys, our local Vauxhall Authorised Repairer, and supplier of quality nearly new and used cars have been running a garage here in Mortimer for five generations. They have been supporting our event for a number of years and this year have kindly agreed to sponsor hiring of the MAIN MARQUEE where the majority of our market row stalls are based. Look for the Spratley car outside the main marquee.



Village Eye A Fun Day would be no 'fun' without people and Village Eye have for the past four years very kindly donated the centre pages of their July issue to ADVERTISE our event in the RG7 area and also as a programme for the day. In addition, all the artwork for the colourful posters and banners for the Fun Day are created by them. Visit www.villageeye.co.uk to learn more about Village Eye.



Dara Portraits Dianne and Richard will be around throughout the Fun Day taking photos of your happy moments at our event. Please stop them if you would like them to take a picture or to find out more what they offer at their studio especially their bespoke framing service. They are, near Spratleys 9332098, 07799133355 or daraportraits@xlnmail.com Dara Portraits are sponsoring the READING SCOTTISH PIPE BAND.



Triangle Travel has supported our event every year and once again will be taking a stall in the main marquee.

TRIANGLE TRAVEL

This year Triangle Travel will be sponsoring the MAGICIAN/ENTERTAINER in the Children's area. Rob and his team are pleased to see you at their shop on West End Road at any time to talk about your holiday needs or call on 0844 854 6674 or visit www.triangletravel.co.uk



Rachel Loubser, now in her second year of running **Mortimer Post Office** will be in Market Row selling a selection of gifts, cards and travel products. Please do support your local post office it's a valuable asset to our community. Rachel is sponsoring the SHINFIELD SHAMBLERS.

Digifocus. A new sponsor this year – MVP is delighted that Jack Chen from Digifocus is keen to take an active part in our community. Jack is an award-winning photographer for both commercial and consumer clients. He will be delighted to welcome you to his stall in Market Row or to his shop above the old Budgens. For more details of Jack's work go to www.digifocus.co.uk or 933 3151. Digifocus is sponsoring the PUPPET SHOW in the children's area.

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Mortimer Pet Shop & Burghfield Dog Grooming

MVP is delighted to welcome new sponsors Hilary and Tony Morris to the Fun Day. They have been running the successful Burghfield Dog Grooming for many years and late last year opened a pet shop at the end of King Street here in Mortimer. Do go and see the wide variety of stock both for domesticated pets and wildlife they hold in their shop including their extensive Natures Menu range. Mortimer Pet Shop are sponsoring the BERKSHIRE SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS. Pop by their stall or visit them in their shop. For more details about their service go to www.burghfielddoggrooming.co.uk or telephone 07799073913

Davis Tate have been in Burghfield since 1998. Their experienced team, some of who will be at the Fun Day, will be delighted to speak to you about all your housing needs: sales, lettings, new homes, mortgages and conveyancing. Victoria and her team would also be pleased to see you in their offices on the Reading Road in Burghfield.



For more details visit www.davistate.com or telephone 9831201. Davis Tate are sponsoring the PROGRAMME FOR THE CHILDRENS EVENTS and also running a Lego competition for your enjoyment

Reading Calor Centre. Another new sponsor to the Fun Day, Andrew and his team will be at the Fun Day

in charge of the Welly Wanging so do go along to their stall and have a go. Calor has a depot and showroom behind Mortimer Station; pop in to view their range of gas products from gas cookers to barbecues (one such barbecue has been kindly donated as a raffle prize!) For more details on all that Calor has to offer please go to www.calor.co.uk or call 9332363. Calor are sponsoring, together with CTS, the purchase of the BAR MARQUEE, a permanent asset for MVP events.



CTS Group Nick Collins has supported the Fun Day for a number of years but for the first time is a sponsor, providing, with Calor, the funds required for MVP to purchase our own BAR MARQUEE. CTS provide a complete global point-to-point logistics package for customers both here and abroad. For more information about what Nick and his team have to offer visit www.ctsgb.ltd.uk or telephone 9700179



Mortimer Fun Day Programme

5th July

10:30 a.m. – 17:30 p.m.

FREE ENTRY



Welcome to the fifth MVP Fun Day and one that promises to be better than ever. Our band of volunteers have been scouring the county and beyond for new and exciting events and activities to share with you. MVP hopes that every member of your family will have an enjoyable and fun packed day. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather this year!

***Doug Overett**
Fun Day Project Manager
Mortimer Village Partnership*



This year – for the very first time Mortimer Village Partnership is having a STALL at the Fun Day! Usually our team of volunteers are too busy making the Fun Day as good as it possibly can be for YOU that we do not take time to BLOW OUR OWN TRUMPET! But not this year! Head for the very colourful LIME GREEN MVP GAZEBO at the Fun Day and let us surprise you!

What's on in the Arena This Year?

Sponsored by TA Fisher

10:30	TPAI Dance Group
11:00	Shinfield Shambles (sponsored by Mortimer PO)
11:30	Gamegoer (sponsored by Budgens)
12:00	Shinfield Shambles
12:30	Berkshire Search & Rescue Dogs (sponsored by Mortimer Pet Shop)
13:00	TPAI Dance Group
13:30	All Star Dance
14:00	G Street Dance Company
14:30	Gamegoer
15:00	G Street Dance Cmpany
15:30	IHS Reading Scottish Pipe Band (sponsored by Dara Portraits)
16:00	MVP Sports Weekend Awards
16:15	Raffle Prize winners announcements
16:30	South Berkshire Concert Band

TPAI is a performing arts institute based at the Reading Lake Hotel in Pingewood. Long-time supporters of the Fun Day, they will be showcasing street dance routines.

Shinfield Shambles is a morris side dancing in the Welsh border style. They practise weekly in Shinfield Parish Hall. Visit www.shinfieldshambles.com for more details

Gamegoer first came to the Fun Day a couple of years ago and we are thrilled to have them back with their amazing displays of dogs, harris hawks & ferrets working together

Berkshire Search and Rescue Dogs will be demonstrating the vital service they perform in locating lost or missing vulnerable people within the Berkshire area. They are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to assist Search & Rescue Teams, the Police and Emergency Services. They are entirely reliant on sponsorship and donations

All Stars Theatre Academy is based in Mortimer and many of the surrounding villages. Professional tuition from first fun steps at 2½ to specialised, intensive training ready for Dance College; classes in Ballet, Tap, Modern, Gymnastics, street dance and much more!

GStreet Dance is a Reading based group now providing sessions in Mortimer. They specialise in street dance for 3 - 18 year olds and street fitness for adults.

IHS Reading Scottish Pipe Band has a long history of entertaining crowds including the 2012 London Olympics. We welcome them to Mortimer for the first time.

South Berkshire Concert Band is our most local community woodwind, brass and percussion band, currently rehearsing here in Mortimer and appearing for the first time at the Fun Day.

Our Sponsors

MVP couldn't hold this event without the support of our sponsors who enable us to create an affordable family event with prices for activities kept as low as possible and of course we are unique in the area in bringing you such a large event that costs absolutely nothing to come and enjoy!



Budgens

TRIANGLE
TRAVEL



DARA Portraits

Photo Studio and Picture Frames



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Attractions include: **tombolas, raffles, games & competitions, giant inflatables, classic cars, 50+market row and local club stalls.**

MVP is excited to announce that this year we will be having a **classic car display** with a selection of cars from days gone by. Traditional crafts will be intermingled with market row stalls, look out for traditional **woodland crafts and pottery** demonstrations. Englefield Estate will be in attendance showcasing the work they do in woodland areas.

There will be an all **new children's area** for the younger members of your family. For a small entrance fee your child has unlimited access during the day to enjoy such activities as **flower pot ping pong, puppet shows, crafts, story-telling and bubble making** to name but a few. There will be an area just designed for your toddler to enjoy. Also look out for **face painting** and, just for little people, a small **Bouncy Castle**.

For older children (and adults too) there will be the ever popular **large inflatables** and **bungee trampoline**, plus a **coconut shy, welly wanging, lasers** and **football and netball** shoot outs.

Our uniformed services support us: come along and chat to the **Mortimer Fire Brigade**, our local **PCSOs**, and **Mortimer & Burghfield First Responders**

There are plenty of food outlets: sausage and burgers, pork carvery, Mexican and Indian food, ice cream and coffee vans and even an old-fashioned sweet stall. Traditional tea and coffee will be served in the refreshment marquee together with cakes and Cafe B coffee. The Fun Day team will be running the bar this year; it will carry on right through to the MML evening event. There is no reason to leave at all!

Finally **MVP would like to say thank you to everyone** who helps on the day, (and on the many days leading up to it), from the people running stalls to those behind the scenes people emptying bins and putting up gazebos; we really could not put on this event without you. And most of all, to each and every one of you who comes and supports this event whatever the weather.

MVP and the Fun Day team hope you have a very enjoyable day



Costco Wholesale Corporation operates an international chain of membership warehouses which carry quality, brand name merchandise at substantially lower prices than are typically found at conventional wholesale or retail outlets. Costco is sponsor of Refreshment Tent Supplies for the Fun Day. Staff from Costco will also be at the Fun Day so drop by and see what savings you too can make by becoming a member.

IF YOU CONTACT ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE DO TELL THEM WHERE YOU SAW THEIR DETAILS!

Recent MVP events:

MVP Sports Week

This year we had a huge variety of sports on offer and were able to provide something for most ages and abilities. The Tennis, Woodland Laser Combat, Survival Skills, Kwik Cricket, Sailing and Outdoor fitness sessions were very well attended with good interest in the Cheerleading Masterclass and Road Bike Skills too. Around 200 passports were sold. The medal presentation will be at the Mortimer Fun Day on 5th July.

Thank you to all the teams, clubs and organisations who volunteered their time and energy to make the Sports Week such a success, and to Budgens, Dad's Shop, Mortimer Post Office and the Willink Leisure Centre for selling the passports.



"Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising the Sports Weekend. My boys have all had a fantastic time trying loads of sports and activities and meeting lots of new people as well as bumping into their friends. They are already asking if it's happening again next year!" (Claire Moor, Facebook)

"Great to see so many local kids (>50) joining in yesterday morning in the football sessions on the APM field in Mortimer as part of the Mortimer Sports Weekend" (Mortimer Football Club, Facebook)

"Thanks to Rachel Hill for organising the cycling event as part of the sports weekend, cycling this morning was fun in the sun with 26 miles covered in 1:45. Lovely roads around Mortimer and would be good to go out again on another Sunday morning if others are up for it. Bit sadistic of Rachel to stop us all outside Bramley bakery with its cake aromas mid ride however." (Ben Hiscock, Facebook)

"Woodland Laser Combat is epic. I definitely want to do that for my birthday!" (from activities at Unique Outdoors)

"Playing a cricket match at the end was cool and I scored loads of sixes!" (from Kwik Cricket at Mortimer Cricket Club)

MVP May Ball

The opportunity to dress up was all that ninety local people needed to celebrate at DeVeres lovely venue, Wokefield Park on Saturday 10 May. We were serenaded on arrival by local musicians Steve Grant and Tim Gilson and after a three course meal were able to dance the night away with DJ Alec Burrell's choice of 80s and 90s music. Richard Coles saved the day by donating his time and musical equipment to make the evening proceed smoothly. Comments received to date are all positive and there have been a number of requests to add this to Mortimer's event list.

News from MVP Affiliates:

Willink School PTA – our latest affiliate

This year we have a new team of motivated and dedicated parents with some great ideas including a clothes and accessories fashion show on Thursday 19th June in the Willink School Hall, from 7pm. We are very excited to be having Dragonfly clothing which offers brand-new surf brands, designer wear and great quality High Street names at a fraction of the prices paid in shops. In fact the vast majority of the collection is priced at 50%-75% of the RRP. This is a fund raising event so there will be a small charge of £3 per adult and £2 per child; tickets can be bought in advance from school or on the door. There will be refreshments and a raffle too, so please do come and join us for a fun evening as well as the chance to buy some bargain clothing and lovely accessories!



If you would like more information on this event or other PTA activities or you wish to join this merry band of parents, do drop us an email
PTA@willink.w-berks.sch.uk

1st Mortimer Cubs

Have you seen strange signs around Mortimer on Tuesday evenings? Have you heard strange noises coming from wooded areas? Don't worry! You have probably just chanced upon the 1st Mortimer Cubs starting their annual programme of tracking.

We use the summer months for our favourite outdoor activities such as learning woodcraft signs and using them in the woods. We will also be having a go at the Athlete's badge - putting Jessica Ennis and Mo Farah to shame with our feats of athleticism.



Alongside this we will be continuing our normal programme of activities with children working towards their first and second stars with the newest recruits learning about cubbing through their Tenderfoot badge. We have two camps arranged: at the end of May and at the end of August. Some of our cubs will achieve more badges and maybe even some seconder or sixer stripes then.

The 1st Mortimer Cubs meet on Tuesday evenings in term time from 7.00 until 8.15 at the Scout Hut in Birch Lane (behind the Turners Arms); we have boys and girls from the ages of 7 to 11. We have spaces available at the moment and welcome anyone to come along for a visit to see what happens. If you would like any more details about 1st Mortimer Cubs then please contact Chris Morsley (Bagheera) on 9332620.

MORTIMERMUSIC^{live.}

.....is pleased to join MVP's **Fun Day 2014** and presents an evening of entertainment for the whole family:

Who: **Planet Abba** one of the UK's top tribute bands with support by **Nicolette Street**, who performed to wide acclaim at our 2013 inaugural music festival.

Where: **The Marquee, Mortimer Fairground**

When: **Fun Day Saturday 5th July from 7.30pm**

Tickets: £10 from Dad's Shop, Budgens, Triangle Travel, The Fruit Shop and www.mortimermusiclive.co.uk.

Licensed bar and food stalls. Book early to avoid disappointment.



"you'll pay for a seat but probably never use it."

And we're pleased to announce the return of **Mortimer's Classical Guitarists** Steve Grant, Sammy Millard and Amy Jewell together with Tim Gilson performing a varied repertoire from Bach to Beatles at Spratley's of Mortimer on 6th September. Last year's event was a sell-out so check ticket news on www.mortimermusiclive.co.uk or www.facebook.com/mortimermusiclive or just call 07446 239239.

Mortimer Music Live is a not for profit MVP Affiliated Group.



Brownies

We are celebrating the Brownies centenary year (known as the Big Brownie Birthday) throughout the year along with other local groups in our District.

In January Brownies from the whole of Berkshire went to the Pantomime at the Hexagon. Last month our district had our own Birthday Party with 55 Brownies and their leaders at St Mary's School, Burghfield. Activities included; card making, cake decorating, hat making, cocktail making, party games, dancing and a huge birthday cake. We all passed round a special torch that is working its way to all Brownie groups in Berkshire. We are looking forward to June when another huge event with over one thousand Brownies from Berkshire is taking place. A lot of the activities are a secret for the girls to

find out about when they get there! Needless to say a lot of fun will be had by all.

We are also continuing with fun events and challenges within our own units. The girls will receive commemorative badges for the various activities which they will be proud to treasure for years to come.

Our local groups in the Waresnes Wood District are;
2nd Burghfield Brownies,
3rd Burghfield Brownies,
1st Mortimer Brownies
1st Aldermaston Brownies.



For more information on Girlguiding and joining locally both for youngsters or as a volunteer go to www.girlguiding.org.uk

Mortimer Netball Club

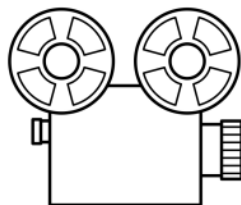


We welcome players of any ability of 18+ years. We are in our third season as a club and currently have 3 teams in the Reading and District Netball league, in Divisions 2,3 & 4. We play friendlies and local tournaments throughout the season and are actively seeking new players for next season 2014/15

We train every Monday night from 7.45-9.15 at the Madejski Academy courts, Northumberland Avenue. You can pay as you go for £5 a session and the first session is a taster session and free of charge.

Mortimer Film Club...

Invite everyone to the last screening of this season on 18th June at 7:30pm *The Impossible* (2012) (Spain) Drama/history/thriller Director: J.A.Bayona The story of a tourist family in Thailand caught in the destruction and chaotic aftermath of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.



Mortimer West End Village Hall ...

has a number of exciting events planned. Come along and join us for:

Family Treasure Trail - Woodland Walk

Sunday 20th July 10.30 am – 1.00 pm

Follow the clues... solve the puzzles... find the treasure...! Prizes to be won! £5 per entry for a team of up to 4 people (and any accompanying pets). Start and end point Mortimer West End Village Hall, Church Road, Mortimer West End, RG7 2HZ Car park plus tea, coffee and cakes available.

Quiz Night

Saturday 11th October 7.30 pm Can your team beat last year's winners "The Usual Suspects"? Tickets £8.50 including a ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

Village Supper

Saturday 24th January 2015 7.30 pm Beat those winter blues with a delicious home-cooked three-course meal. Tickets £10.

For further information or to reserve tickets please contact:

Heather Sims – hsims@olivers.cix.co.uk

Virginia Bray - virginia.bray@gmail.com

St Mary's Junior School says...



the Summer Fayre is back! This year, the Fayre will take place on 14th June from 12-3pm. Come along for food and fun including, craft and homemade produce stalls, inflatables, golf games, football games, crockery smashing, face painting, days out lucky dips, classic cars, chocolate games and guess the weight of the cake! The fayre is one of the major fundraising events for the school and this year will help support several projects at the school including the interactive wildlife garden, and a whole school trip to Reading's Madjeski Stadium to coincide with the World Cup.

Mortimer Toddler Group ...

is on every Tuesday morning 9.30-11.30 (including some school holidays), in the Community centre opposite the Horse and Groom pub .

We always welcome new families, mums, dads , grandparents, childminders, nannies and anyone else with children under 5 years. There is a baby area with playmats and bouncy chairs etc to keep the little ones amused. We try and organise an Art /Craft activity every week as well as a variety of toys. Mid-morning we have a snack and drink for the children and there is tea and coffee available for the adults all morning. Come along any week, first session is free, £2 after that.

Mortimer Lunch Club

MVP hold a LUNCH CLUB twice a month for the older people of our village that would like the company of others. A simple soup and a roll (and the occasional ice cream or mince pie too!) kindly donated by DeVere Venues, Wokefield Park and ISS, the school caterers. It's an opportunity to get out and meet people. We have outings and raffles and visits from the children of Mortimer St John's school. If you would like to know more, please call Cindy Kimber on 9882676

Our lunch club is run entirely by volunteers and we would welcome more people who would like to join us. It's certainly not all hard work, we have fun too! If you help call Rebecca Barker on 9332008 or email bbarkerdg@sky.com

Mortimer Theatre Trips

About July time every year is when we start Christmas in the MVP Theatre Group as this is the time when we snap up the ever popular tickets to go to the **Royal Choral Society Christmas Carol Concert** at the **Royal Albert Hall**. Typically it is on a weekday night in the second or third week in December and we have excellent seats practically within arms' reach of the conductor and choir! It's a brilliant way to start your Christmas celebrations – come and join us. If you are interested please call Rebecca Barker on 9332008 or even better still email bbarkerdg@sky.com so that I can advise you as soon as the tickets are released. We also organise events throughout the year so even if this is not your cup of tea but you would be interested in an easy, relaxed and much cheaper way of seeing top London shows then ask to be put on the mailing list.

Other Local News:

Thrive Summer Events at Beech Hill

Open Gardens Sunday June 8 and Saturday July 12 from 1pm to 4.30pm Victorian walled garden - potager ~ disability show gardens ~ Japanese garden ~ secret garden - allotments ~ metre growing plots - cottage garden Entrance by donation of £3.50 per person and £1 for children over 5.



Music Night - Friday July 11 from 6.30pm to 10pm A relaxed evening of music featuring The Bacuma Boys playing blues, jazz, western swing and folk. Real ale on sale. Ticket price of £15 includes light supper of soup and crusty bread, cheeses and fruit.

Edwardian Garden Party - Sunday July 20 from 2.30pm to 5.30pm An elegant afternoon with fizz, cream tea, sumptuous cakes and an hour of Edwardian music hall songs by singer Fiona Harrison. Come and sing along and why not dress up and wear a fabulous hat! Ticket price of £35

Tickets from 988 5688 or online www.thrive.org.uk .Thrive is a registered charity: 277570.

Need a Friend? Want to volunteer?

Do you need a friend? Someone to visit on a day and time that suits you in your home or who perhaps takes you out for a coffee! Our volunteers are fully trained and police checked. Could you spare as little as an hour of your time a week to befriend someone? We would love to hear from you! Contact Bev French or Sian Laflin (Co-ordinators)
For Burghfield area - 07778911183 For Mortimer area - 07778911184
Email bev french6@googlemail.com sian@togetherinmission.org.uk
This service is free. Donations welcome

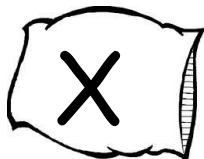


Forthcoming MVP Activities

Bag2 School is Coming to Your House on June 23rd



You may already have your next Bag2School blue bag – if not it will arrive by June 16th! So get clearing out your wardrobes now... and our collectors will be driving round the village at **9am on Monday 23rd June** collecting all your filled bags. Help us to make this year even more successful than last; dig out those old items that have been sat in the back of your wardrobe for years, put them in your next Bag2School bag and help your local community. The more we collect, the more we raise! Please note Bag2School no longer collect: duvets, bedding, household linen, pillows, rugs, curtains, towels, school uniform, corporate clothing, textile offcuts but we welcome the following items for Re-use: Clothing, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags - **NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE!**



We raised £950 from the March collection – all put back into the village

One more 2014 Bag2School date: - Monday 20th October

If you can help either delivering bags or driving around helping with the roadside collection please email bag2school@annalytics.co

Captain Kirk meets the Cheshire Cat

With a weird title like that it must be time, once again, to mention the Scarecrow Trail! The theme for Mortimer's 5th Annual Scarecrow Trail is **Science Fiction and Fantasy!** So whether you are a Harry Potter fan, a Jedi, a Lost Boy or even love to make up characters in your own stories then this is the Scarecrow Trail just for you.



As in previous years, the Scarecrow Trail will take place over the autumn half term holiday (25th Oct – 2nd Nov) and once again there will be the chance to win one of three £75 prizes. Although the final date for entries isn't until Tuesday 30th September, we thought that we would let you know about it now in case you needed a project for the summer!



Don't be concerned that scarecrows need to be works of art – they don't - it is just all about having fun. Feedback from trail followers from previous years is that they just thoroughly enjoyed walking around the village and looking at all the scarecrows and the variety that entails.

Duplicate characters are not allowed but your chosen scarecrow can be reserved by completing an entry form and paying the £10 entry fee. Entry forms will be available from the Fun Day on the 5th July – you will need to locate two of the 'stars' from last year's trail – or online from the 14th July from the Mortimer Village Partnership website – www.mortimervillage.org.uk . For further information call 7

Go on, Build a Scarecrow and Join in the Fun!

Future Dates for your Diary

Mon 23rd Jun – Bag2School Collection

Sat 25th Oct - Sun 2nd Nov – MVP Scarecrow Trail

Sat 1st – Sun 2nd Nov - Mortimer Art Show

10am – 4pm St Johns Hall. In aid of the Duchess of Kent Hospice and The Royal Berkshire Hospital Cardiac Fund

Saturday 13th Dec – MVP Santa's Grotto & Xmas Market

Santa is planning for Christmas, and we have managed to make sure he fits us in his busy schedule again this year. More information in our next newsletter.

Saturday 20th Dec – MVP Pantomime

MVP has rubbed the Genies' magic lamp and been granted 3 wishes.....

- Pyramid Productions Panto are coming back to the village by popular demand to bring us ALADDIN
- They have increased the performances to two; 1pm and 3.30pm in St Johns Hall
- He's given us a SPECIAL EARLY BIRD PROMOTION;

book in October for a prize freeze at 2013 prices (Adult £9, Child £6). From November, the price will be; Adult £10.50, Child £7.50. Watch out on Facebook, website and next newsletter for details of how to buy tickets



Volunteers to help with MVP newsletter delivery always needed – please contact Pete Blagden 9332546. Volunteers to deliver in Wokefield, Mortimer West End, and Beech Hill most welcome as well as Mortimer itself.

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