

# MORTIMER VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP

Working together for a strong and vibrant community

The following clubs and groups have been formed so far through the help of Mortimer Village Partnership.

## The Youth of Today!!!

### How do they spend their time?

Mortimer Village Partnership and a group of local parents are keen to set up a youth club in Mortimer.

To keep our children engaged and busy in lots of good stuff we need some help!

- Firstly we need their ideas on what they want to do.
- Then we need volunteers to commit to helping at the youth club every other week or once a month
- Funding - every little helps.

If this interests you in any way please contact Jon or Beth Davies on: 0118 9740208, 07723 009318 or at [daviesw617@aol.com](mailto:daviesw617@aol.com)

## Mortimer Book Club

The Book Club had its first meeting on the 6th October and from this a group of a dozen interested people will be meeting on a monthly basis to discuss the books they enjoy and get ideas of other authors to read. For the moment they are meeting in each others houses and books to be discussed are being chosen from the Times Best Seller List on the first Sunday of the month. Plans to open the group to more people means a move to one of the village halls and perhaps a wider selection of reading matter. There are also plans to have visiting authors. Membership will be by small subscription to cover the cost of hall hire and refreshments. If you are interested in joining this group please send an email to the Membership Secretary – Sue Pearce - [sue.pearce14@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sue.pearce14@yahoo.co.uk)

## Mortimer Village Partnership Website

The website group are progressing well and are aiming for a Christmas launch for the new Mortimer Village website [www.mortimervillage.org.uk](http://www.mortimervillage.org.uk) It will aim to serve our residents, local businesses and those interested in finding out more about the area and we hope that it will be both informative and attractive. Christmas will see the first phase of the site – getting the basics right – then, over the subsequent weeks, we'll be busily adding items to it. Do get in touch if you would like something to be included on the site. [mail@mortimervillage.co.uk](mailto:mail@mortimervillage.co.uk)

## Mortimer Film Club

MFC was formed just last month and has had a couple of meetings to try to understand what parishioners may want from a film club in the village. MFC has looked at several local venues and has been encouraged by the facilities and the warm welcome we received from St John's and St Mary's schools; the schools have some very good digital equipment and the club is about to suggest some test viewings in the schools. MFC is compiling a list of films that could interest the people of Mortimer and would like to discuss peoples' preferences at our 'taster viewing' towards the end of November – watch the notice boards!

If you enjoy films and would like to know more about joining Mortimer Film Club please call Pete Blagden 9332546.

## **Mortimer Theatre Club**

*The Theatre Club has formed an initial committee to come up with ideas and suggestions of events to visit. There are proposals for visits to local theatres in Newbury, Basingstoke and Reading and also more ambitious trips to London and Southampton, for example. The first meeting of this group will be on Monday 30 November in St John's Hall at 7.30pm. Come along and tell us what sort of events would interest you.*

## **Mortimer Green Group**

Mortimer Green Group is looking at ways the village can reduce its carbon footprint. We have two ongoing projects. The first is to find land for people interested in growing food. We have two potential plots – the first at the Chapel along Welshman's Road, the second behind the Horse & Groom garden. Nearly 200 people expressed interest in allotment/growing space in the Parish Plan questionnaire so we do need more land. Our other project is producing a database of people who have installed solar heating, photovoltaic panels or have similar energy producing/saving projects. We hope that this information will be available to share and support other people in the village who are considering whether to put renewable energy devices in their homes. The group is very new and would welcome more project ideas. If you are interested in finding out more or in contributing to the group please contact Mark Hillyer on 9331924 or [claremark@supanet.com](mailto:claremark@supanet.com)

## **Mortimer Lunch Club**

Volunteers are required to help set up and run a once a month social event for the older people of the village. The idea is to lay on a small meal (such as soup/roll), and allow time for a chat. If you are interested to help set up this group or could give some of your time once a month to help run it, please email Rebecca Barker - [bbarkerdq@sky.com](mailto:bbarkerdq@sky.com)

## **Mortimer Gardening Club**

By the time you have read this we would have had our inaugural meeting but it is certainly not too late to become involved and join. Our aim is to get together gardeners, both new and experienced, to learn and pass on ideas and tips etc. We would envisage outings, talks, plant swaps, questions and answers and hopefully a great deal of fun. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at the Community Centre, opposite The Horse and Groom, at 7.30pm. Please do come and support this new Club- we look forward to seeing you.

Contact Peter Marsh on 0118 9332219 for any more details.

For information about any of the above or to get involved in the other initiatives MVP is working on, please contact us:

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