



# Mortimer Village Partnership Newsletter – Summer 2010

You may have attended the wonderful Fun Day on 4th July 2009. It was organised by Together in Mission (TIM - a group of local churches working together for the community). The **2010 Family Fun Day** will happen on 3rd July and MVP is working with TIM to make it just as good (even better?)

The **arena events** will include something to interest everyone: a mini rugby tournament, tug of war competition, cheerleading display, falconry flying display, firemen cutting up a car, dog show, tent putting-up competition, gymnastics display and fancy dress parade.

The **children's tent** will have face painting, glitter tattoos, hairbraiding and various crafts to try out. For the **active** there will be inflatable golf target and snag golf games, bouncy castles, an inflatable slide, 4-in-1- bungee trampoline, an assault course, human table football, a climbing wall, archery, skittles, coconut shy and more

**Music** on offer will include harpists, Willink Jazz Band, a folk band, other local bands and a chance to have a go yourself with Guitar Hero!

You won't go hungry with the range of **refreshments** available: burgers, hotdogs, hog roast, jacket potatoes, licensed bar, soft drinks, teas and coffees, sandwiches, ice creams, doughnuts, crepes and cake stall.

To round off the day's activities there will be **Songs of Praise and Worship** in the big marquee at 6 p.m. for about 45 minutes. There will be lively songs for everyone to join in, led by local musicians, & enlivened by a short sketch by young people. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration.

The fun does not stop then as the other big marquee will kick off at 7 pm with a **Summer Hoedown Barn Dance** - music from the Barnstorm Band, Tex-mex dinner included in ticket price (£16), fully licensed bar. Contact 07962 406636 or [www.summerhoedown.co.uk](http://www.summerhoedown.co.uk)

Please put this date in your diary now! The main purpose is for all to have a good time but any profits will be distributed to the **Alexander Divine's Children's' Hospice** project, **The Mortimer Youth Club** and **The Mortimer Lunch Club**.

**COME TO THE MORTIMER  
FUN DAY**  
Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> July MORTIMER FAIRGROUND  
FREE ENTRY

FAMILY FUN  
LOADS OF EVENTS  
SEE YOU THERE!

**ACTIVITIES 11am - 6pm**  
STALLS · FANCY DRESS · BOUNCY CASTLES ·  
CLIMBING WALL · 4-IN-1 BUNGEE TRAMPOLINE ·  
HUMAN TABLE FOOTBALL · ASSAULT COURSE ·  
FALCONRY DISPLAY · CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TENT ·  
TUG OF WAR · LIVE BANDS · MARKET ROW ·  
TRADITIONAL CRAFTS · DOG SHOW ·  
BAR · HOG ROAST AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!

**SERVICE IN THE  
BIG MARQUEE 6pm - 7pm**

**£16**  
per ticket

For tickets please visit:  
[www.summerhoedown.co.uk](http://www.summerhoedown.co.uk)  
or call 07962 406636

**BOOK NOW!**

**SUMMER HOEDOWN**  
7.00pm - 11.00pm  
Live Band and Tex-Mex Supper

Principal Sponsors

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# What's Been Happening?

## MVP Public meeting—Spring 2010

On Saturday April 24th villagers came to St Johns Hall to find out more about Mortimer Village Partnership and recent new initiatives and projects designed to make Mortimer an even better place to live in. Many groups offering social activities displayed posters of who they are, what they offer and how others can join them. These proved a colourful and lively way to begin the event. Illustrations of the various proposals for the new Adventure Playground also drew families keen to see what was on offer.

After coffee and time to talk people were invited to sit at small tables and share their experiences of living in Mortimer. Animated conversation followed and then everyone was encouraged to stand up and find new tables to sit at so as to meet new people. Subsequent discussions were about what was working well in the village and what other new activities and opportunities people would like to see and - crucially - what they themselves could offer to help with.

Some suggestions for new village initiatives were a French Club, a folk music club and salsa or other dancing. If you are interested in helping set up these or other new activities in the village, email [mvp@morsley.me.uk](mailto:mvp@morsley.me.uk) and we will try and put you in touch with other people with similar interests and help you get started.

The morning proved a great success. Over 60 people came to the event and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. So, it was an enjoyable day and provided useful inputs for future MVP activities.

## Mortimer Community Garden

Over the past six weeks a group of enthusiastic villagers have been transforming the land behind the Horse & Groom pub into a community garden. After persuading Craig, the landlord, that thirsty gardeners would be good for business we started digging in mid April. We were given a grant by the Community Council for Berkshire to buy fencing and some materials but most plants, a greenhouse and some tools have been donated. The garden will produce food for the growers, the pub (home-grown food will be a feature in the future) and to distribute to groups in the community. The youth club also have a plot in the garden.

The community garden initiative started as a result of the Parish Plan Questionnaire and nearly 200 people saying that they would like to have an allotment in the village. If you would like to get involved please contact Mark Hillyer – 9331924 or e mail [claremark@supanet.com](mailto:claremark@supanet.com) OR come along on the Fun Day July 3<sup>rd</sup> when we will be having an open day.

The Mortimer Community Garden and the Mortimer Green Group are part of Mortimer Village Partnership (see [www.mortimervillage.org.uk](http://www.mortimervillage.org.uk) )



## Clubs and Groups

### M.Y.C. MORTIMER YOUTH CLUB

The Mortimer Youth Club (MYC) club opened for business in February 2010 and to date has been a great success. MYC caters for young people from year 7 upwards and meets every Thursday at Mortimer Community Centre from 7 until 9. So far upwards of 100 young people have attended with a core group of between 30 and 40. The MYC has its own tuck shop (often with cakes as well) and offers a whole range of indoor activities including table tennis, pool, jenga, table football, cooking and just chilling out, plus outdoor activities in the lighter evenings such as football and cricket, rounders and other activities - they also have a reserved space in the community garden to develop their own produce. The MYC is planning many more events going forward, including organised trips, and would welcome anyone wishing to volunteer their time. The volunteer base have been tremendous in making the MYC work and together with the support from West Berkshire Council, Berkshire Association for Community Youth Projects (BAYCP) and the generosity of the local community and church groups with funding, looks forward to a bright future. Anyone who wishes to volunteer their time or join should contact Cheryl West (Youth Club Leader) on 0118 9331005.

### MORTIMER GARDENING CLUB

The MGC meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month in the Community Centre at 1930. For a list of guest speakers and forthcoming events please contact the Chair – Peter Marsh on 9332219 or the Secretary Ele Chapman 9332914

### Royal National Lifeboat Institution - Mortimer & District Branch

**Books wanted for our book sale to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am to 4.00pm Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am to 2.00pm at St. John's Hall.** We shall be grateful for any **good, saleable quality** hardback and paperback books, DVDs & children's books To enable us to sort your donations we must have them as soon as possible and **by 10<sup>th</sup> September at the latest** If you have books etc that you wish to donate or require more information please telephone one of the following numbers

**:01189 833101 01189 883425 01189 333741 01256 881182**

It would be appreciated if you were able to deliver to us.  
Last year's sale raised £3,100 for the RNLI Thank You for supporting the Lifeboats

### MORTIMER FILM CLUB

The MFC meets on the fourth Monday of every month in the hall at St John's Infants School. Two more screenings are planned for this season; next season's programme is being finalised with inputs from MFC members. More details from MFC Secretary Ali Sherlock 9332369 or Chair Pete Blagden on 332546.

**Mortimer Village Theatre Trips.** Are you interested in joining the mailing list to get advance notice of the forthcoming trips? We have had six very successful trip to date ranging from local theatre to the NEC! Future plans include: London Theatreland to see 'Dirty Dancing', 'Wicked' and 'Love Never Dies', Carol Singing at the Royal Albert Hall and local dinner/theatre trips. All suggestions will be considered and if enough people are interested the trip will run! Please contact Rebecca Barker, (preferably by email) [rbarkerdg@sky.com](mailto:rbarkerdg@sky.com) or telephone 9332008 if you are interested in joining in. The new programme of trips will be available from the beginning of September.

**Mortimer Village Lunch Club.** The lunch club goes from strength to strength. Currently we meet once a month for a delicious soup kindly provided by De Vere Hotels Wokefield Park. It is a chance to meet old friends and make new ones. The highlight of the club is the children of St John's School who come to visit and play board games with our guests. If you are interested in joining the club, or know of someone you think might benefit, please contact Cindy Kimber on 9331767 to join our waiting list. We are also always looking out for volunteers to help – it is an event that guests and volunteers alike really enjoy – if you can help please call Rebecca Barker on 9332008

## BOOK CLUB

The Book club meets at members' houses on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month and discusses a wide variety of interesting books chosen by members. Numbers have reduced a little of late and there is room for a few more. Contact Sue Pearce [sue.pearce14@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sue.pearce14@yahoo.co.uk) . Don't worry if you are not able to host the meetings.

## MORE MORTIMER INFORMATION

Details from many Mortimer organisations and much else besides is always available on the MVP web site

[www.mortimervillage.org.uk](http://www.mortimervillage.org.uk)

**Contributions are welcome from any local group at any time for the MVP website or for our next newsletter (contact [mvp@morsley.me.uk](mailto:mvp@morsley.me.uk) or through the website)**

## Community Matters



### Mobile phones - Urgent

Do you have any old unwanted mobile phones? St John's school have been collecting phones to raise funds for the school – *they need another 100 phones*. Can YOU help? All will be gratefully received - just drop them into the school office.



### Stop Press – Bags2School

MVP is proposing to join the very successful Bags2School textile collection currently undertaken by St John's and St Mary's schools. All good clothing, sheets, blankets, curtains, soft toys, collected and reused. Money raised from and to MVP for use for MORTIMER village out two collections a year – first one to be in the village website and posters throughout the village nearer the time.



quality second hand adults and children's shoes, belts and handbags are to be these collections would go to both schools events. It is proposed that we would carry October. Look out for more details on the

### **Working with other village organisations**

MVP will shortly be approaching other organisations in the village with the idea of affiliation. The benefits would be include having better contacts and knowledge in the village, for example, in sharing facilities or skills and in avoiding clashing dates when organising events. MVP has recently bought an A3 colour printer and laminator (thanks to a grant from Greenham Common Trust) and use of these would be available to affiliated groups.

If you think your organisation would be interested in learning more, please contact Danusia Morsley [mvp@morsley.me.uk](mailto:mvp@morsley.me.uk) or 9332620

### **MVP Committee**

The MVP Committee is a group of people who have got together to make the community actions in the Parish Plan happen. We would welcome more people to join us. Please contact any of us for more information:

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