

# Mortimer Village Partnership Newsletter

## Spring 2010

Welcome to the first real MVP newsletter (a newsheet was delivered in October/November). You can read about what has been happening and about what is coming up. There are plenty of things to join in and take part in. There is a public meeting coming up when you can tell us your views and our website has just been launched. Anyone who would like to get involved in MVP is very welcome to contact any of the committee listed on the back page. Help us make this a true community led organisation.



### New Website

A group of volunteers has been working on putting together a website for the community as requested by so many people in last year's parish plan questionnaire. The first version has now been launched and we hope you will visit it on

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



The amount of local information there will increase rapidly and we intend to add a range of other facilities such as message boards etc. Do look at it and let us have information about your society or business that we can add.

## **! Competition !**

### **Mortimer Village Partnership Needs a Logo**

This competition is open to you whoever you are— child, adult, student, professional graphics designer ... as long as you live or work in Mortimer or near by.

Is there an image that makes you think of Mortimer and its people? We're hoping for ideas of working together, connecting people in one image. You can look at the Mortimer Village Partnership website [www.mortimervillage.org.uk](http://www.mortimervillage.org.uk) to see some of the things we are doing.

There will be three categories:

- **Aged under 13** with a prize of £20 voucher to spend at the Mortimer Fun Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- **Aged under 21** with a prize of £20 travel voucher donated by Reading Buses
- **Adult** with a prize of 4 guest tickets to Mortimer Film Club (value £20)

The overall winning entry (which will be chosen from the 3 category winners) will be used on the MVP website, in publicity, at events and associated clubs and groups to represent the idea of the people of Mortimer working together. We hope it will become a symbol of our stronger community that everyone will recognise.

Here are some guidelines:

- The logo needs to be smart, simple and easy to see whether on a small page or on a big banner.
- The logo can include the initial letters, the full title and/or your own images.
- You can make your entry any format and any size up to A4. If you produce it on a computer we would prefer JPG format at 640 pixels.
- You can use as little or as much colour as you like. You can use any colours you like, but bear in mind that we will need to also create and use black and white versions of it for some purposes.

All the entries will be displayed at the Mortimer Village Partnership Public Meeting at St. John's Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> April between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and the prizes will be presented then.

Send your entry to:

[mvp@morsley.me.uk](mailto:mvp@morsley.me.uk)

for electronic entries

**Logo Competition**

**11 St. Mary's Rd., Mortimer, RG7 3UE**

for paper entries

Don't forget to include your name, address, telephone number and/or email address and age if under 21.

Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010

## What has been happening?

**Sunday 29th November** - About 80 children and their parents made Christmas Tree decorations in the Community Centre. The decorations were taken across the road to the Christmas Tree in the garden of the Horse and Groom Public House (many thanks to Craig Lawson, the landlord). The tree was arranged by Together in Mission, the tree donated by Englefield Estate and the lights by John Lewis Partnership. The decorations were placed on the tree and the winners of the fancy dress competition (Emily and Daisy Hodgson) turned on the lights.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - A large crowd sang carols round the tree, accompanied by local musicians. Although very cold, true community spirit prevailed and this preparation for Christmas left all ready for the coming festival.

**Saturday 2nd January** - the first Family Walk attracted about 30 people who enjoyed their tramp in the cold before finishing at the Community Centre with refreshments and a quiz about the Fairground.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - MVP had its first lunch club for older people at the Community Centre on the 4th February. Delicious soup was provided by De Vere Hotels (Wokefield Park) and there was lots of opportunity to make new friends and renew old ones.

## What's coming up?

### MVP Public Meeting St John's Hall Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10 am – 12 All welcome!

Come along to hear how your ideas for making Mortimer a great place to live are being developed, how you can get more involved and what else you think could happen.

This event will be designed for everyone to have their say in a friendly welcoming atmosphere, with refreshments and conversations around small tables - cafe-style.

### MVP Great Spring Event

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April** will be the day for everyone to come and help make the village more beautiful while also having a great time.

Gather at the Community Centre from 9:30 am. During the morning there will litter-picking around the Fairground and village (equipment provided), bulb-planting and pond-dipping. Bring your picnic for the great village picnic at about 12:30 on the Fairground (hot drinks etc available in the Community Centre). At 2 pm there will be a Family Walk with leaders. Look out for posters with more details nearer the date.

### Fun Day – 2010 - run by Together in Mission (TIM) in association with MVP

This year Mortimer Fun Day is on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** from 11 am to 5 pm on the Fairground. There will be attractions and entertainment to give families and visitors of all ages and tastes fun and excitement all day. These will include competitions and challenges, arena events, children's and youth activities including a bungee trampoline, live music and bands, hawks and animal displays, a market row featuring local crafts and produce, food all day with a bar, and with lots of local organisations and schools represented. And much, much, more! So come along and enjoy Mortimer's biggest event of the year. You will also be supporting a local hospice and other local charities where any profits will be donated.

Last year over 4000 people came to the Fun Day. If you are involved in a local business, you could benefit by **sponsoring the event or a particular activity, having a stall or taking out an advert in the programme.** Contact Marianne on [Marianne@needhams1834.com](mailto:Marianne@needhams1834.com) for more information.

The success of the Fun Day depends on the help of lots of **volunteers**. Could you give a few hours to, for example, set up gazebos, sell programmes, man a bouncy castle or work behind the bar? The teams of volunteers will be very well-briefed and organised and also have lots of fun. Contact Danusia on [mvp@morsley.me.uk](mailto:mvp@morsley.me.uk) for more information.

The Fun Day organisers would also be very grateful for **items for raffle or tombola prizes** so please keep us in mind over the coming months if you have any suitable items to donate and contact Rebecca on [bbarkerdg@sky.com](mailto:bbarkerdg@sky.com)



# Clubs and Groups Page

## MORTIMER FILM CLUB

Mortimer Film Club showed its first film *Slumdog Millionaire* to an appreciative audience on a wet, windy December evening. We started the New Year, somewhat delayed by the weather, on February 22nd with *Smoke*, a film directed by Wayne Wang from a novel by award winning author Paul Auster.

Films are shown on the fourth Monday of each month at St. John's Infants School Hall

March *The Lives of Others*  
June *Moon*

April *The Band's Visit*  
July *All about My Mother*

May *An Inconvenient Truth*



Membership £10 Film £3 Members' Guests £5

Everyone over 16 welcome. Doors open 7.30pm. Film starts 8pm. Refreshments available.

Membership contact: [ali@dsherlock.net](mailto:ali@dsherlock.net)

Publicity contact: [gillsrigby@googlemail.com](mailto:gillsrigby@googlemail.com)

## MVP Lunch Club



**The second lunch club for older people will be on Thursday March 11. If you would like to come please call Cindy Kimber (9331767); places are limited and will be allocated on a rota basis but we will do our very best to see that as many people as possible get to attend either this lunch or a future one.**



## MVP Theatre Trips

Since our last newsletter the Mortimer Village Partnership has organised trips to two London Theatres to see *Oliver and Jersey Boys* and one local theatre trip to see *Heroes*. There was a lot of interest for these events and places were snapped up very quickly. The following trips are now on offer – *Legally Blonde*, the musical (Savoy Theatre, London) on the 12 May 2010, *Good Food Show and Gardeners World Live* (NEC Birmingham) on the 19 June 2010. For more details and a booking form please contact Rebecca Barker on [rbarkerdrg@sky.com](mailto:rbarkerdrg@sky.com) or 9332008. Offer closes 20 March 2010.

## M.Y.C - Mortimer Youth Club

Q. **WHERE** does it happen?

A. Mortimer Community Centre.

Q. **WHEN** is it?

A. Thursday evenings from 7pm - 9pm, starting Thursday 18th February 2010.



Q. **WHO** can attend?

A. Young people aged between 11 and 16, from the surrounding areas.

Q. **WHY** should I come?

A. You'd be mad to miss out on all the fun!

Q. **HOW** do I find out more information about MYC?

A. Please contact Cheryl West on 9331005.

## MORTIMER GARDENING CLUB



Since the Club started the last year we have been going from strength to strength. New members have been joining at every meeting. These meetings are generally held on the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY** of the month in the Community Centre at 7.30pm. The village notice boards will have a poster for each meeting posted approx 10 days before to give information on the next meeting. We have had some excellent speakers so far with more to come this year. This Club is open to all no matter of their gardening ability, everyone is very friendly and only too willing to help and pass on their expertise.

Membership is only £7.50 (Family) or £5 (Single people) each year with a £1 on the door entry. If you haven't been and wish to find out more please come and see us or contact Peter Marsh 9332219.

## MVP and Other Groups

MVP is very keen to develop good relationships with other local organisations. As you have read on page 2, we are working on the next Mortimer Fun Day. Burghfield Residents Association was very helpful last year (and will be this year) in lending equipment for the Fun Day, so we are pleased to be able to advertise their next big event:

**Sunday 9 May 2010**

**10:30am to 4pm**

The event will be held on the "Hatch" the triangular green in the centre of Burghfield Village. The green is bounded by Reading Rd., Theale Rd. and Sulhampstead Rd.

Barn Dance  
Saturday 8 May  
7:30—11:30pm  
See web site for details

BURGHFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### Burghfield May Fayre

The May Fayre is a major event in the entertainment calendar of Burghfield. This year will certainly be no exception with entertainment to suit all family members and all ages. Once again our friends from the RAF have kindly agreed to come along to display their 'Chinook' helicopter. Our major arena event, The Fun Dog Show, comes very highly recommended as are all of our activities. Proceeds from the weekends activities will be given to the various charitable organisations within the Burghfield area. <http://www.burghfieldresident.org.uk>

- Helicopter
- Dog Show
- Tombola
- Displays
- Amusements
- Fancy Dress
- Beer Tent
- Prize Raffle
- Refreshments
- Live Music
- Hog Roast
- Birds of Prey
- Egg Throwing
- Tug of War
- Plus much more!



MVP is very grateful to Greenham Common Trust for the photocopying of this newsletter.

### 2010 - Opera for All - 'The Magic Flute'

Greenham Common Trust will stage the 2010 Opera for All performance, Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, on Saturday 26th June outside the grandstand at Newbury Racecourse. The opera, which will be available at the incredibly subsidised price of £5 for advanced tickets (£10 on the gate and free for under 16s), will be performed by professional touring opera company [Opera Brava](http://www.opera-brava.com).



**The plot:** A tale of magic and mysticism, Mozart's last opera is set in ancient Egypt. The Queen of the Night is furious with the High Priest of Isis, Sarastro, because he has taken away her daughter, Pamina, in order to bring her up away from temptation. Tamino, a young Prince in search of adventure, is saved from a monster by the attendants of the Queen of the Night who, in return, sends him on a mission to rescue her daughter from the hands of the High Priest. Tamino is joined on his quest by a merry bird-catcher, Papageno, and given a magic golden flute to ward off danger. 'The Magic Flute' is Mozart's masterpiece, as he links both tragedy and comedy together through two young lovers' journey in search of truth.

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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