



Mortimer Village Partnership Newsletter

Spring 2011

www.mortimervillage.org.uk

Welcome to MVP's Spring Newsletter. Once again our village has been buzzing with events and activities. Take a look at what is coming up....



Bags2school – Tuesday 15 March

The MVP has once again, joined forces with St John's and St Mary's schools to extend their second hand clothing collection fundraiser. By the 6 March a number of areas of the village will receive bags from us to collect unwanted clothes in good condition. You can also include handbags, belts, shoes, soft toys, bed linen, curtains, sheets and blankets (no bric-a-brac, duvets, pillows or material off cuts please!)

We provide one bag to get you started but you can fill as many as you like – and either leave at the front of your property or deliver them to a central collection point for your road (which will be advised on your bag) **by 9am on Tuesday 15th MARCH**** alternatively you may take your bags directly to St John's School by 9am on Wednesday 16th March

We know that you all get bags through your door on a regular basis but the real advantage of *Bags to school* is that this scheme directly benefits THIS community. All money raised goes in equal parts to the two schools and the MVP for future village projects. So please do have a good clear out for the 15 March!

If you do not receive a bas2school bag by 6th March, then your area is not on our collection route. But you can get together with your neighbours to fill 20 bags then call Rebecca Barker on 9332008 and we will arrange to collect from you.



Spring Clean

We are all proud of our village, so come and give a hand at our annual 'Spring Clean'. Held on Saturday 2nd April, it's a great opportunity to make a difference and meet other families.

Look on the village notice boards and on the web site www.mortimervillage.org.uk for more information nearer the day!



Party Time!

27th March 4.00pm – 6.00pm Methodist Church Hall, West End Road

The MVP is hosting a party to celebrate all this village has to offer. Apart from meeting with friends, this will be an opportunity to tell us what you would like for our community. There will be fun activities to keep the children occupied and refreshments and nibbles for the adults. Come and join us and have your say! See back page for further details.

Mortimer Fun day

Saturday 2nd July 2011



This years' fun day is a joint effort by the MVP, The Burghfield and Sulhamstead Scouts and Together in Mission (TIM). Please keep this date free in your diaries – it is becoming one of the major family events in the village.

If you would like to sponsor part of this event – all donations no matter how small are gratefully received – please contact Danusia Morsley on mvp@morsley.me.uk (0118 933 2620)

If you would like to be part of the event – to have a stall for your group, society or business, or help us run the event (you will appreciate it takes a huge number of volunteers to run the day itself - all help no matter how small is very gratefully received), or indeed if you would like to be part of the group who is organising this event please contact Rebecca Barker on bbarkerdg@sky.com. We are in particular in need of someone to coordinate the children's activities for the event and a second person to assist with the publicity (no experience required – just a willingness to help!)

Website



The MVP website www.mortimervillage.org.uk is still growing and improving. We need your help to keep it vibrant and useful. The website has easy instructions on how to contact us.

- Have you seen the new amazing maps of the village?
- Send us the dates of anything you are organising in the village or nearby to be included in the village calendar - this helps everyone plan and avoids too many things on at the same time, as well as letting more people know about the event.
- We were asked to provide opportunities for people to post things on a message board - items for sale, wanted, to give away or swap, local things to discuss. We added a Forum some time ago but it is not getting used. Use it or tell us what is wrong with it.
- If you've had a great event or know of other news in the village, send it to us and we'll try and put in on the front page. You can be a local reporter!
- Send us your local photos - people love seeing them
- If your society or group is already listed on the website, please remember to send us details when you have changes for example, new contact person. Think about having more information on the website to attract more members or keep your current ones better informed. If you would like to we can show you how to maintain your information yourself in one easy evening!
- Tell us how you would like the website to develop.

Village Partnership scoops top Berkshire prize!

(Newbury Weekly News)

The MVP has won an award for our community. We are joint winners of the top prize in the South East Community Empowerment Awards for Berkshire. This recognises the efforts of all the people who have put so much time and effort into implementing all the projects requested by YOU. The prize money will be used to allow the MVP to continue to progress all the projects for this village. The next round takes members of the MVP up to London to the South East Regional Empowerment Awards



Clubs and Groups

Affiliation. The MVP has appointed an affiliation secretary - Lynn Hannawin (lynn@l-next.co.uk) will be the contact for all groups and societies who wish to affiliate with MVP. For a small annual subscription of £10, groups receive a number of benefits. For example, they are able to have posters and similar items printed and laminated at very low cost. We have also recently acquired a flip chart and will be shortly purchasing table top display boards which can be borrowed by our affiliated members, there are also plans to purchase a cash counting machine – a useful addition to any club!

MVP Theatre Trips

Events on offer since our last newsletter have included: London shows for *Dirty Dancing*, *Ghost* and *Warhorse* plus *Relatively Speaking* at the Watermill. At time of going to press the following trips were still on offer - **13 July *Marriage of Figaro*** (tickets available until



30 May), Watermill Newbury, **12 October *Dreamboats and Petticoats***, London (tickets available until 28 March). If you would like to join these trips or go on the mailing list for future events please email Rebecca Barker on bbarkerdg@sky.com or 9332008 alternatively please look at the MVP Theatre section on the village website.

Book Club Mortimer Book Club meets monthly in each other's houses. We have sadly had to turn down requests from people wishing to join as it is not practicable to accommodate more than 12 people. But we would like to spread the pleasure of a book club to more people and would be very willing to help another, similar group start up. If you would like to be in a book club that meets to discuss a book each month in a friendly way, please contact danusia@morsley.me.uk or 9332620. We will arrange a meeting of all such interested people with a few from the current group to tell you how we work and help you start another group.

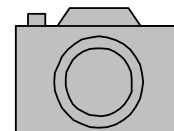


MVP Lunch Club



The MVP lunch club for the elderly had a wonderful Christmas party hosted by our sponsors De Vere Venues, Wokefield Park on the 17 December. Thirty two of us sat down to a wonderful lunch with lots of fun and laughter thrown in for good measure. This lunch club has been such a wonderful success that the MVP is looking to start another club which *Dolce* have very kindly agreed to sponsor. If you are interested in joining this club or know someone else who is in good health but would benefit greatly from a bit of company once a month please call Cindy Kimber on 9331767. To run this second club we very much rely on increasing our number of volunteers. Please do consider helping once a month I can honestly say that the volunteers get as much enjoyment out of these lunches as the guests! Please call Rebecca Barker bbarkerdg@sky.com 0118 9332008

Burghfield Camera Club is very pleased to have recently become affiliated to MVP. We have over 40 members covering a broad range of photographic experience from beginners to members who have been taking photographs for many years. Most of our members now use digital cameras and, whilst most shoot stills, a few members shoot video. We welcome visitors to the club meetings, details of dates and event can be found on our website at www.burghfieldcameraclub.co.uk. You will be seeing more of us in Mortimer as we will be visiting the village summer shows and we hope to stage an exhibition of our members' work at Mortimer library.



Mortimer Tennis Club begins its summer season on 1st April . The Club has sole use of both the courts on the Fairground for social tennis from 6 PM on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and on Sunday mornings from 10 AM to 1 PM. The Club also fields men's, women's and mixed teams in the Basingstoke league for inter-village matches. If you are interested in playing social tennis or in the leagues or both (the Club's policy is to offer as many people as possible an opportunity to play light-hearted competitive tennis), and would like to enquire about joining the Club, contact John Crisp on (07912) 039511, e-mail mortimertennis@gmail.com.

The Club will be involved in a number of tennis-related events over the season. However, the first date for your diary is 8th May when there will be a picnic and tennis knockabout on the Fairground starting at 12:30 PM. EVERYBODY is welcome just to come along, eat, drink, play a bit of tennis and meet club members.

Singing , Music Making, in Mortimer – Let's get started!



Pill near Bristol has a sea shanty group, a large community choir, a ukelele band, two small ladies ensembles, a mixed ability orchestra and a thriving youth musical scene.

We know Mortimer is full of music lovers. Would it be fun to have a variety of music making in our village? We could go for a grant to put on a series of workshops with a wide range of singing to start with. We could try out recommended leaders and see who we'd like to hire. We could enjoy singing with our neighbours not worrying about reading music and be involved in choosing what we sing. We need a group of interested people to make this happen. Please ring **Chreanne** on **933 2703** evenings or weekends (murray@montgomery-smith.org) to help organise a sociable planning session. Bring a song suggestion or two or more! Let's dispel gloom!! Let's spread zing and zest!

Youth Club



Youth Club nights have changed from every Thursday night to Tuesday night (7pm to 9pm) and the venue has changed from the Community Centre to St Johns Hall until further notice. The club is open to all year 7's and up to and including year 11's. Details of our planned activities are as follows, normal youth club activities will take place on the other youth club dates not detailed below :-

15th February - SPLAT coming to do Cartoon Art and other activities

22nd February - Bowling at Reading Bowl (subject to enough volunteers)

1st March - Games / Quiz night

15th March - Circuit training

29th March - SPLAT coming to do Mothers day cards and other activities

5th April - **Chocolate**, chocolate, chocolate night with Adrian Smith of Mortimer Chocolate Company

12th April - (school holidays) – Disco

We are also looking to support young children through the Duke of Edinburgh award and preparation for this is currently in its' early stages. If you would like to volunteer to help at the youth club as an adult or youth volunteer please contact Iain McBean at mcbean@go-plus.net

Community Crafty Fingers

A number of people have been thinking about an afternoon in which we can get together to work on individual craft items, hobbies etc. No tuition involved but a meeting place in the village instead of sitting home alone doing whatever! Men included for model making etc. If you are interested email danusia@morsley.me.uk or phone 9332620 and we will get those interested together to see how to proceed.

Further details of all the above events and indeed many more can be found on the village website www.mortimervillage.org.uk

MVP Action Group

The MVP Action Group is a group of people who have got together to make the community actions in the Parish Plan happen. We would really like new people to come any join us to take forward all the new projects for our community. Please contact any of us for more information:

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Rebecca	Barker	bbakerdg@sky.com	Belinda	Hopkins	transformingbelinda@yahoo.co.uk
Pete	Blagden	pete.blagden@btinternet.com	Mollie	Lock	mlock@westberks.gov.uk
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Delivering newsletters

Your Newsletter was delivered today by a volunteer. You will appreciate that this is a mammoth task. If you would be willing to deliver to the houses in your area please contact

Julie Carter (juliecarter396@btinternet.com or 9832586)

Your help would be very much appreciated.

Affiliated Groups

The following groups have affiliated to MVP. For a very small annual subscription they are able to share equipment we have and to benefit from publicity through our newsletter, website etc. You can find out more about them on our website but here are their contact details.

Burghfield Camera Club	graham.crawford@burghfieldcameraclub.co.uk
Mortimer Book Club	danusia@morsley.me.uk
Mortimer & District Flower Circle	9333929
1 st Mortimer Brownies	firstmortimerbrownies@hotmail.co.uk
Mortimer Toddlers	diane_leighton@yahoo.co.uk
1 st Mortimer BP Scout Group	933 2147
Mortimer Mums Netball Club	llwilliams@mortimermumsnetball.co.uk
St. Oswald's Church	971 5350
Mortimer Film Club	pete.blagden@btinternet.com
Mortimer Gardening Club	wireman.jc@tiscali.co.uk
Mortimer Youth Club	email@mcbean.go-plus.net
Mortimer Local History Group	cojackdaw@aol.com
Mortimer Tennis Club	john_crisp@btconnect.com

For information for other groups wishing to affiliate, contact Lynn Hannawin lynn@l-next.co.uk

Once again Mortimer Village Partnership sends grateful thanks to Greenham Common Trust for printing this newsletter



Party Time and AGM! 27th March 4.00pm – 6.00pm – Methodist Church Hall



Apart from celebrating what we have done, we want you (adults and children) to tell us what more you want for our community. There will be a display of what has been going on and we hope as many as possible of the affiliated groups will be there showing off their activities too.

We will also be seeking election of MVP management group – if you would like to join us, please see the nomination form below. You can be a committee member, Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer or Secretary – or a volunteer helper.

We are always looking for people to turn ideas into reality –So come along and make a difference to our village, **fill in the form** and take it to **Mortimer Library**, or call Danusia Morsley on 9332620 email..danusia@morsley.me.uk

Nomination for election to the MVP Management Group

1. Nominees should reside or work in the village of Mortimer or its surrounds.
2. Nominees need to be contactable both by telephone and email.

I, (please print name) wish to stand for the position of Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary/Treasurer (please delete as appropriate) on the Mortimer Village Partnership Management Group. (Please also provide your contact details below)

I would like to stand for this position as (please give brief reasons – these will be made public at the MVP party on the Sunday 27th March to allow members of the public to vote for the candidates they feel should carry on the work of the MVP)

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Additionally we are always seeking people to join the action group – this group takes the ideas and turns them into reality! Activities such as the Spring Clean, Advent activities, the Scarecrow tTail even the Fun Day were ideas that a small group of people made into such successes. If you have spare time and would like to help we would very much like to hear from you. Please just fill out your details below and we will be in touch.

My Contact Details are as follows:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

