Mortimer Village Partnership Newsletter



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The Oueen's Award for Voluntary Service

It's a Great Village Life

I hope that when you read this newsletter, you will agree with me, that this is a fantastic place to live. So many are doing so much to enhance Mortimer life...

They are providing support for the older and less physically able members of our community - Handybus, Volunteer Bureau, TiM Friends, Mobility Aids Service, MVP Lunch Club...

They are making sure we all have local access to music and drama – Belle Canto, South Berks Concert Band, Mortimer Music Live, Hurst Singers, Mortimer Life, Mortimer Dramatic Society, MVP Theatre Trips and Travelling Theatre...

They are giving our children all kinds of local opportunities – Mortimer Brownies and Guides, Mortimer BP Scout Group, Burghfield Scout Group, Scarecrow Trail, Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt, St Mary's Junior School PTA events, School Pastors, Mortimer Toddlers, Willink PTA, MVP Pantomime...

They are providing things which mean we have no grounds to ever be bored: Mortimer Film Club, Mortimer Gardening Club, Mortimer Local History Group, Friday Afternoon Club, Mortimer 2012 WI, MWE Produce Show, Bellringers...

They give us the opportunity for all kinds of sport – Mortimer Football Club, Mortimer Tennis Club, Mortimer Netball Club, and to look after our health - First Responders, Walking 4Health, Mortimer Surgery Patient Participation Group...

And I have left out many, many more good things going on in the village, made possible by people giving their time for others. Thank you to all of you.

Next month we have the Fun Day on 7th July with something for everyone to enjoy -I look forward to seeing you there!

Danusia Morsley MVP Chairman

MVP Affiliate News

Mortimer West End Village Hall (www.facebook.com/mwevillagehall)

Woodland Walk & BBQ

Sunday 15th July. Start your walk any time between 11:00 & 13:00

Starting and ending at the village hall, the walk offers adults, children and furry friends an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful woodland in our area. On the way round you can collect



treasure and treats, and solve puzzles. There are prizes to be won and you can relax afterwards with a drink and a burger or two. If you don't fancy a walk, you could just come for the BBQ! Entry £6 per team.

Mortimer West End Produce Show

August Bank Holiday Saturday 25th August. Viewing from 14:30 - 16:00



Show off your skills at art, photography, baking, crafts or vegetable or flower growing and keep your children occupied during the summer holidays making their own handicrafts for the show, or just come along and enjoy the skills of others. Schedules available nearer the time from most Mortimer shops.

Quiz Night Saturday 6th October 19:30

With a trophy at stake, pit your wits against the best in the village at the annual quiz night. Put together your own unbeatable team or come on your own and make some new friends! Tickets £8.50 including a ploughman's supper. Please book your place in advance for catering purposes but bring your own drinks and snacks.

Pilates Classes Mondays 09:30 and 10:45

Please contact Wendy Gill on 07961 102535 or email wendygill44@yahoo.co.uk if you would like further information, or if you would like to book a place.

Indoor Cycling Classes Mondays 19:30

Please contact Craig Smith 07842 833526 or craigsmithindoorcyclink@outlook.com if you would like further information or if you would like to book a place. Check out "Craig Smith Indoor Cycling" on Facebook.

Calleva WI 2nd Tuesday of the month 19:30 - 22:00

Please contact Carole Wood 0118 9700714 or carolewood@live.co.uk for details.

Parties, Events and Meetings

The hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates. For further information about the hall, or if you would like to be added to our list of "friends" and receive updates about Mortimer West End events, please contact mwevh@outlook.com or 0118 970 0001.

Belle Canto Ladies Trio & Cantemus

Belle Canto is delighted to be affiliated to MVP. If you haven't heard of us, Belle Canto is a local ladies vocal trio consisting of Gabi McKeown, Heather Sims and Jane Greenshields, together with our pianist, Andy Baldwin. We would love to create a concert to raise funds for your favourite charity. With our repertoire of songs of all genres and from all ages, from grand opera to music hall, we can create a tailored programme to suit. Our *Flowers in Spring* programme is a lovely finale for a church flower festival. *Journey to Sunny Italy* programme will complement any pizza and pasta

meal. Relive the 1940s with our *Forties Favourites*. Put the icing on your Christmas with *Christmas Icing*. Endless possibilities.

This year we have already helped to raise funds for Shinfield Church, and later in the year we will be raising funds for two more local churches. By the time you read this we will have performed our "Floral Delights" concert at Beech Hill Church, including "Tiptoe through the Tulips" and "Don't Sit under the Apple Tree".

On Saturday 8th September we will be performing our "Magic of the Movies" concert at Swallowfield Church, where you could enjoy the tranquillity of "Moon River" or perhaps you'd prefer to be a "Dancing Queen"! You can find details about us and our concerts at www.bellecanto.uk and www.facebook.com/bellecantotrio or contact us at info@bellecanto.uk or 0118 970 0001

Concert "Cries of London" by Cantemus

We've something for all tastes in our "Cries of London" concert. As well as Gibbons' and Chilcott's arrangements of songs and cries of London town, we will be performing a great selection of works both sacred and secular, from the beautiful works of Tudor times through to the popular works of the 1930s by some of the great composers of the day. There will also be exciting solos by a young talented guitarist.

Director - Ian Westley Accompanists - Mary Westley & Liz Collins Guitar - Ravi Nathwani

Find out more about Cantemus at www.cantemus-newbury.org.uk and www.facebook.com/ cantemusnewbury

Sat 21 Apr 2018 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm Tickets £10 (children free) (to include a glass of wine or soft drink) available from Ralph Atton (0118 970 0825) or Richard Fletcher (0118 970 0633) or on the door Proceeds to Church Fabric Fund. St Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, Silchester, Hampshire, Hampshire RG7 2HH

Burghfield Camera Club (www.burghfieldcameraclub.co.uk)

Burghfield Camera Club has now finished successfully its 2017/18 Programme, with several new members joining and participating in all aspects. We are still looking for new members; the Fun Day on the 7th July will give you an opportunity to meet members and see some of their images in our stand.

will be welcoming The Bryan Adams Experience and Spice Girlz.



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Full details of our Programme can be found at www.burghfieldcameraclub.co.uk

Mortimer Music Live

The Bryan Adam's Experience and Spice Girlz

Mortimer Music Live are beyond excited to announce not one but two tributes taking to the Mortimer stage this summer. On Saturday 30th June, the week before Fun Day, we

Tickets are available for £20 from Baobab, Budgens, Dad's Shop and Wellers. As always the sell-out event is under cover, will have a licensed bar and an even wider selection of food. We're making our outside compound bigger too! Tickets are also available at www.mortimermusiclive.co.uk

Covering a range of musical tastes these two iconic names offer something for all the family. And, this year we've moved dates, to allow each and every one of you to enjoy yourselves for that little bit longer, creating a double weekend of events for Mortimer – in partnership with MVP.

South Berks Concert Band



In February we were back in the recording studios at the University of Surrey, enabling the Tonmeister students of this year to have the opportunity to record a 50-piece wind band, and in early April we attended the NCBF Finals in Manchester, where we were awarded a very commendable Gold award. The band then put on their Spring concert at St Mary's Church, Burghfield, to a very appreciative

audience. Our first event in Mortimer for 2018 is when we join you at the Fun Day, where once again we will be giving all visitors the opportunity to try out different brass, woodwind and percussion instruments. The following day, **July 8th commencing at 4.00pm**, the band will be performing a varied programme, the theme of which will be based on music "From Stage and Screen", in the Marquee on the Fairground. As with each of our summer concerts we like to include another group from the community, and this year we are pleased to announce that Kickshins will be performing. Do watch out for more information on our website and posters, along with the leaflets which will be coming your way soon. So do put these dates in your diary, tell friends, family and work colleagues, and we look forward to seeing you all at one of these events.

LIVE MUSIC - NOTHING BETTER

Tickets for our July concert will be available locally from several village outlets very soon; you can also book by email at SBCB_Music@yahoo.com, and check out: Our website www.southberksmusic.org.uk

Or follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/southberksconcertband Or Twitter @SBCBMusic

Burghfield & Mortimer Handybus

Thanks to the financial support from all our local Parish Councils, West Berkshire Council, other charitable institutes and the commitment from our volunteers we now have our new minibus. We took delivery of the new minibus earlier this



year and once some extras were added, our friends at Oliver Signs, Burghfield very generously painted our new livery, and our drivers had a few familiarisation trips the minibus went into full operation during March 2018

We are now operating to the full five day schedule with the new minibus; as well as all our usual shopping trips we are managing various social outings.

WBC has now formally passed the old red minibus on to us and we are looking at ways we can utilise this vehicle. We have drawn up a list of possible destinations we could consider making day trips to in this minibus – Museums, Cinemas, Gardens, Country Houses, Garden Centres, and Craft Centres. Our volunteers will shortly be sharing this list with our current passengers to ascertain interest. We would also welcome any suggestions of other places of interest we could visit. We are also planning the usual seaside trips for when the weather improves.

We now have a new website. Please spread the word to family and friends to have a look at this website www.thehandybus.org to help us contact more prospective users, and possible volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS: We need you!

This valuable community service is dependent on volunteers, both drivers and escorts, and we are always in need of more volunteers to meet the growing demand. Volunteers need no special skills, just a friendly caring outlook with a little time to spare. Training, if required, can be arranged for new volunteer drivers. If anyone has a few hours to spare (per week, per fortnight or even per month) and would like to join a small friendly group, we would like to hear from you. Contact details as above. Come on one our regular trips to give it a try. You might be surprised how enjoyable it can be.

We have booked a space at the Mortimer Fun Day on 7th July where we are going to show off our new minibus and promote the Handybus Service we provide. Hopefully we will find some more passengers and who knows maybe a new volunteer or two.

Mortimer Surgery Patient Participation Group

Healthy Heart Event

Wednesday 27th June 7–9 pm St John's Hall, West End Rd, Mortimer RG7 3TF

A range of expert speakers delivering advice and education for those with and those who want to prevent heart disease. Led by Dr Will Orr, Consultant Cardiologist FRCP, R.B.H. and Clinical Director of Thames Valley Cardiac Network.

- Self Help
- Exercise
- Medical Care
- Diet

Supported by NWR CCG and Mortimer Surgery

Willink PTA

<u>QuizFest 2018</u> - June 22nd 7:30pm The Willink School

Can't make Glastonbury or Reading this year? Join Willink PTA for QuizFest– a festival-themed quiz and BBQ taking place on June 22nd at the school.



Willink students, families and friends all welcome.

Tickets are £10 each – including a burger and jacket potato and there will be a licensed cash bar selling wine, beer soft drinks and snacks.

Bring your friends and family for a fun family-friendly evening – and support the PTA in raising funds for a canopy to provide much-needed usable all weather outdoor space.

Email PTA@willink.w-berks.sch.uk or book your tickets through with school finance office

Mortimer Tennis Club

Despite the cold conditions a hardy lot of 10 braved the weather for our beginning of season picnic and tournament on Sunday 29th April. The scores were close but well done to our two winners Gillian Butler and Nick Harris



We've had a lot of interest and enquiries from families wanting to find tennis coaching for their children in the area. I'm pleased to announce that Tony Williams from CTC-tennis is working towards some after school tennis activities on a Tuesday evening on the Fairground tennis courts. Please get in touch with him directly to find out what's going on and when activities will begin. tony@ctc-tennis.co.uk

Mortimer Tennis Club needs more members willing to play in league matches. These matches take place over the weekend or on an evening in the week. The area covered is quite wide, stretching as far as Winchester but many matches are played at our Mortimer courts. Perhaps you belong to a bigger club and don't often get a chance to play matches. Well if you are looking for a challenge why not join us. Membership for an adult is only £40 for the year and that also lets you play on the courts for social tennis Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6pm and on a Sunday from 4pm.

Thinking about playing tennis? Come along and say hello any Tuesday or Thursday evening. Your first two sessions are free so you can try before you buy!!

Jean Thomas (Club Secretary)

Burghfield & Mortimer Volunteer Bureau

The Burghfield & Mortimer Volunteer Bureau was set up to assist elderly local people in getting to Hospital, Dentist, Doctors, Physio appointments.

The volunteer drivers in the last financial year did 1,383 journeys, collecting, taking and waiting to return clients back to their home. There are "suggested contributions" for the most regular journeys, £12 to and from the Royal Berkshire Hospital, and £5 to the Mortimer Surgery and back.

The drivers get a standard fuel allowance, based on the length of journey from their home, transporting their passenger to and from their appointment and finally returning to their own home. We have a number of excellent and helpful drivers, but if we had a few more, it would reduce the load for our current volunteers.

The office volunteers phone volunteer drivers to ask if they are available for a specific day and time, and the driver has the choice of accepting the drive or not. The volunteer driver has a log sheet to record journeys, time taken, mileage, and who was taken and to where. These are handed into the office and payment is then made by the Treasurer, for miles travelled.

We are fortunate to get a subsidy allowance from West Berkshire Authority, to enable the service to be offered at such good value. To find out more please phone. Derek Seward 0118 9833341 OR Monica Clark 0118 9332907

WOULD YOU CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING? REMEMBER, YOU HAVE THE CHOICE OF ACCEPTING OR NOT ACCEPTING EACH DRIVE.

Hurst Singers



Save the date!

Hurst Singers will be performing their summer concert at 7pm on **Saturday 21st July** (venue to be confirmed). We will again be joined by the a capella group 'Generations', and by some local schoolchildren. Entry will be FREE but there will be a collection in aid of our chosen charity: 'Our Harry's Smile'. It should be a fun evening!

Plastic Free Mortimer

This newly-formed community group has joined the national Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free campaign with the aim of reducing local reliance on single use plastics. The group meet regularly to organise projects within Mortimer Parish that will



raise public awareness of the problem and work with local businesses to reduce the use of throw-away plastics. Visit our stall at the Mortimer Fun Day on the 7th July for suggestions on how households can reduce their plastic footprint and sign the petition to West Berks to improve roadside collection to recycle more plastic. For more information join the Facebook group

https://www.facebook.com/groups/536174936746934, come along to the next meeting or contact the community lead Andrea Roach at andreakimroach@gmail.com.

Mortimer & District Branch of the RNLI



The Mortimer Branch of the RNLI held another successful Plant Sale on Saturday 5th May at St Johns Hall. There was a wide variety of plants grown and donated by our supporters which, together with the profits of nursery supplied plants in the Hall, raised about £1200 for the

Lifeboats. If you would like to help at this, or our other events in Mortimer, to raise money for the Lifeboats, please contact John at j.r.bull@btinternet.com.

St Mary's Junior School PTA

Mortimer St Mary's PTA would like to invite you to the following events. All proceeds from the events will go to the school to help renovate the swimming pool and provide cooking facilities for all the children to use:

<u>Summer Fayre:</u> Saturday 16 June – this is a wonderful afternoon event for all the children with lots of fun stalls and activities; please make sure it's in your diary and more information will follow shortly.



<u>Big Barn Bash:</u> Saturday 16 June – 7 pm till 12.30 pm. An evening of live music and dancing for adults with one of the best views in Mortimer at Great Park Farm. Tickets are £15pp and include a free drink and a raffle ticket. Tickets are on sale in Budgens.

West Berkshire Walking 4 Health (www.westberks.gov.uk/WfH)

The Mortimer Walking for Health group run three walks each Tuesday morning, led by



trained and experienced walk leaders, starting from the Community Centre car park opposite the Horse and Groom public house. The three walks are as follows: the long walk is a faster paced walk of $5-5^1/_2$ miles and lasts about $1^3/_4$ hours; the regular walk is $3-3^1/_4$ miles lasting $1^1/_2$ hours; and the short walk is slower paced for about $1^3/_4-2$ miles, lasting an hour. The short walk is designed for people who are usually inactive but would like to start walking, especially those returning from illness or

injury. Some of those who start doing the short walk graduate to the longer walks when they feel ready.

The walks are very well attended and there are usually 50-60 walkers spread between the three walks, coming from the surrounding villages as well as from Reading, Newbury and Basingstoke. The walks all finish at about 11.30 am with coffee in the Horse and Groom where all new walkers are made welcome.

In the Spring of 2017, a Monday evening walk was introduced and has become popular. This walk of approximately $3^1/_2$ miles, starts from the Horse and Groom at 7 pm unless otherwise advised, and lasts approximately $1^1/_2$ hours. The evening walks take place from the end of April to the end of September and times may vary at the beginning and end of the season as the light dictates.

Our walks are friendly and welcoming to all, being a great opportunity to explore the locality of Mortimer, which has a multitude of paths to discover, while meeting new people and making new friends. Walkers of all abilities are welcome and all walks are free of charge. If you are interested, just come along about 15 minutes before the walk starts and introduce yourself to one of the walk leaders, identified by their fluorescent yellow jackets.

We usually have a BBQ in the summer and a Christmas dinner in December, both at the Horse and Groom. We will also have a stand at the Mortimer Fun Day on 7th July 2018 to promote the benefits of walking to improve your physical and mental health and fitness so please come along and say hello. More information is available from the website given above.

Mortimer Life

A year after *A Pirate's Tale-the real Boats that Rocked*, the show where Mortimer's Richard Swainson and Nick Carter (and BBC's Roger Day) recounted their adventures on the pop pirate radio ships. Richard's been

on the pop pirate radio ships, Richard's been persuaded back out of radio retirement to help out friend and ex Radio Luxembourg DJ Tony Prince ("the Royal Ruler") with his newest idea.

MORTIMERLIFE

Believing that much of today's music radio comprises unadventurous, limited playlists presented in a rather anonymous style, Tony felt it was time radio was given a re-boot. The only option he saw was to start his own station. It's called **United DJs** an, initially internet-only, station aimed at the over 40s, that boasts a return of personality presenters with the freedom to play what they want. Tony's joined by former Radio 1 DJs Mike Read, Emperor Rosko, David Jensen, Dave Lee Travis and Capital Radio's Grahame Dene in the venture.

Soon after the April launch, covered in the national press, Tony spotted a problem. He knew that internet stations need to pay royalties for the music they play - he just didn't know how. He called the performing rights people to discuss it, initially, in his excitement, boasting of his hopes for a large global audience but then, fearing he might be pushing the fees up, adding 'but we'll probably stick to UK for now'. After that call, he realised he needed some help. Richard will know, he thought, that's his area. So, some thirty years after last working together, Richard has joined the team at their compact studio somewhere near Maidenhead, where most shows are broadcast live, to help its smooth running. Who knows, Richard's voice might even appear on air. To tune in, just search for **United DJs** online or see **facebook.com/uniteddjsradio** for the ways to listen, including via Sonos speakers. If you missed out on last year's Pirate's Tale event, Richard hopes to return to the stage sometime in the future to share again his nautical experiences and maybe talk about his latest adventure too. To stay informed, visit our web site **www.Mortimer.Life** or **facebook.com/MortimerLife**

Together In Mission (TiM)



<u>Café B</u> Open Mondays 09:00-14:00 (except Bank Holidays) & Wednesdays 09:00-12:00 at the Burghfield Methodist Church Hall RG7 3DL

How amazing to think we celebrated our 6th Birthday this year! It is very much thanks to you, our

customers, for helping us achieve this milestone. On the first Monday of the month we hold a Prayer Drop-in for quiet reflection and every Monday there is a free IT Drop-in with a local expert.

Our Poster competition brought in some absolutely delightful drawings. The overall winner was Lola whose artwork will be professionally adapted and printed so keep an eye on the local notice boards and in schools for the new-look Café B poster The six final pieces will be on display in Café B over the next few weeks, so come and admire!

We have outdoor tables for you to enjoy the sunshine and some seasonal specials on the menu. You can be sure of a warm welcome - whatever the weather! We have an urgent need for volunteers to help with setting up and clearing down at our Wednesday sessions. If you can help please get in contact with the Manager, Deborah Griffiths on 0785 725 2187 or deborah@togetherinmission.org.uk https://www.facebook.com/CommunityCafeB/

TiM Friends celebrates

TiM Friends is 5 years old and is celebrating at Burghfield Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 9th June. From a handful of volunteers and clients in 2013 we now have over 50 volunteers and 50 clients in and around Burghfield, Mortimer, Sulhamstead, Ufton Nervet and Mortimer West End. Our youngest volunteer is 16 and the oldest 87. Our clients' ages range from just 13 to 99



years of age. We received this message from one of our clients, emphasising the benefit of our befriending service in the community...

"I cannot emphasise enough how much it helped me to have J visit once a week. Family can usually only visit at the weekend so to have a visit midweek means a lot to someone like me who was housebound. Also J was kind enough to bring some shopping I needed with her when she came. Her visits relieve my loneliness and it was something to look forward to each week. I hope TiM goes from strength to strength and obtains any funding it can get to continue its good work."

We thank South Berks Concert Band for supporting TiM Friends with advertising and donations at their Afternoon Picnic Concert at Mortimer Fairground on Sunday 8 July.

Look out for TiM's very own "Tigger" who is coming along to the Mortimer Fun Day (he's already been to the Burghfield May Fayre). Come and say hello to find out more or get in contact direct with the TiM Friends Coordinator, Bev French 07748 686615 bev@togetherinmission.org.uk

A busy and exciting summer is in store for **Burghfield and Area School Pastors**.

Thursday 5th July: We will be celebrating our 5th anniversary at Mortimer West End Chapel (RG7 4QE) with music, refreshments and a short commissioning of all current School Pastors. Guests include the Assistant Archdeacon of Berkshire, the Oxford Diocesan Youth Advisor and the Thames Valley Police Chaplain. Arrival from 6.30pm, finishing about 8.30pm. If you would like an invitation to join this special event please contact our administrator, Penny admin@togetherinmission.org.uk.

Saturday 16th June: School Pastors are helping to host a Year 6+7 campfire also at Mortimer West End Chapel from 7.30 - 10.00 pm. This will give Year 6s a chance to meet up with students from other schools in the area who will be going to The Willink in September and to get to know the School Pastors too.

Libby supported by Marcia – one of our volunteers, will be visiting many local feeder schools to The Willink later this term. Mortimer Methodist Church and Burghfield

Methodist Church have welcomed Libby to speak about School Pastors and she has several other visits to other local churches planned this summer.

School Pastors will be at the Mortimer Fun Day so come and find us and have a chat. We are looking for 2-3 volunteers for the beginning of the new school year in September. Volunteers should be Christians who are 18 or over. It will be good to meet you.



Contact our coordinator, Libby, for more information on School Pastors on 0777 891 1182 libby@togetherinmission.org.uk www.facebook.com/TiMSchoolPastors and www.twitter.com/TiM_Pastors Libby Hawkness-Smith, School Pastors Coordinator

Pull-Out Programme

Saturday 7th July 11:00 a.m. – 17:30 p.m. with Laney and Dick's Bar open until sunset FREE ENTRY



It's here again, the Mortimer Fun Day now in its tenth year. If you are new to Mortimer, then welcome! Come and join us on the Fairground for a great day out.

We're pleased to say that, yet again, IT'S FREE and brought to you by the Mortimer Village Partnership supported by our sponsors, businesses, associations, clubs & organisations from Mortimer and the surrounding communities.

I would like to say a big shout out to all our sponsors without whom an event of this magnitude simply could not be put on. Ever faithful, they give their time as well as their money to support this event which benefits so many groups within our community as well as providing a cracking day out for all the family.

This year's sponsors are: Budgens, Baobab, Calor, Dads Shop, DeVere Estates, Melanie Curtis Accountants, Spratleys, Springwoods, Triangle Travel, Village Eye and Unique Outdoors.

Our fingers are as always crossed for fine weather so you can spend the day with us enjoying the arena events, market row stalls, lots of activities including the eve- popular large inflatables, Zorbs and Bungee Trampoline.

Our great friends at Budgens will be supplying the teas and cakes in the MVP Refreshment Tent, along with our catering partners who will be supplying sausages, burgers, pizza, fish and chips, ice creams and lots of other tempting goodies throughout the day.

Layney & Dick's, the best Pop-Up Pub for miles around, will have the beer flowing and the Pimm's on ice with live music to round off the afternoon from the now famous Beer Tent Band with other generous local musicians who have donated their time and talents to entertain you.

Don't forget to invite your friends, family, people you meet on the bus, indeed anyone to the Mortimer Fun Day... see you all on Saturday 7th July at 11:00.

Rebecca Barker

MVP Fun Day Project Manager

What's on in the Arena this year?

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12:00	The Rock Project Reading		
12:30	The Rock Choir		
13:00	All Star Dance		
13:30	Reading Operatic Society		
14:00	Totally Smashed It!		
14:30	3SIXTY		
15:00	Mortimer Fire Fighters		
15:30	Raffle Draw		
16:00	Reading Scottish Pipe		
	Band		
16:30	3SIXTY		
17:00	Tug of War		

3Sixty

Is our headline event this year sponsored by Devere Wokefield Estates - a breath-taking display of bicycle stunts in the main arena.



Totally Smashed It - Box Fit

A demonstration of box fit. Steve Buchanan will wake up our audience with some great exercise.

The Rock Project Reading

The UK's premier school of rock and pop for young people aged 7 to 18.

All Stars Theatre Academy

A variety of dance styles from our Reading-based dance & theatre group.

Reading Operatic Society

Joining us again and performing hits from beloved musicals.

Mortimer Fire Fighters

Our local heroes will demonstrate the skills required to keep us safe.

Reading Scottish Pipe Band

Formed 60 years ago and back for their fifth year running by popular demand, performing a rousing display of pipe music. This event is sponsored by Melanie Curtis.



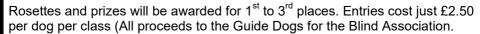


Bring Your Dog to the Fun Day

Managed for the first time this year by Guide Dogs for the Blind who will be running the dog show in the Pets' Arena from 12 noon to 4.15pm.

Entries can be made on the day at the Guide Dogs for the Blind stall no later than ten minutes before your chosen event.

- ♥ 12:15pm: Cutest Puppy (under 12 months)
- ♥ 12:45pm: Waggiest Tail
- ♥ 1:15pm: Dog the Judge would most like to take Home
- ♥ 1:45pm: Dog Most Like Their Owner
- ♥ 2:15pm: Best Junior Handler (under 14 yrs)
- ◆ 2:45pm: Most Appealing Eyes◆ 3:15pm: Prettiest Girl Dog◆ 3:45pm: Handsomest Boy Dog
- ♥ 4:15pm: Golden Oldie (8 years +)



Toddler Zone This year the mums, dads, grannies and grandads of Mortimer Toddlers are going to be bringing some of their play equipment (including two mini bouncy castles, soft play, mini slide etc) for children under 100cm in height. This area will be next to the Refreshment tent so mums and dads can have a well-earned cuppa while keeping their eye on their offspring while they are playing. Toddler Zone is being sponsored by The Baobab.

Tea Tent Time for Tea? Come and visit the MVP volunteers in the tea tent for some well-earned refreshments: tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes and snacks. Our thanks go to Budgens for their generosity in supporting the tea tent by providing all the tea and cakes for you all to enjoy.

Laney & Dick's Bar is back this year to keep you refreshed throughout the day, with lager & cider on draught, beer from Wild Weather Ales, a selection of wines



and, of course, plenty of Prosecco & Pimm's as the sun will be shining.

Our highly professional bar staff will do their best to keep you entertained and keep your glasses filled. Our grateful thanks go to the team at Arcforce for constructing the bar again this year and Haines Farm for the loan of the cooler van.







At the End of the FUN DAY

As MML are having their village event the weekend before the Fun Day this year, this has given Laney and Dick the opportunity to keep their bar open until sunset –

or at least until the bar runs dry!. As a full day of sun shine has been pre ordered, come along with a picnic in the evening and enjoy the company of your family and friends, while listening to the many talented local musicians we have in our community. Fun Day favourites, THE USUAL SUSPECTS will be performing along with locals, Jazmine Kelly and Sullivan Wattam who have kindly donated their time and talent to entertain you.

*** Latest ***Mortimer Sausage Company have agreed to remain on site into the evening to tempt you with their local sausages.



Market Row On this year's market row we have a wide range of crafts and activities to tempt you, from sweets, jams and chutneys, artisan breads, and fudge, to jewellery and beauty products, clothes and pet supplies to plants and crafts – come and browse at all the goodies on offer.

Classic Cars Our local classic car enthusiasts will be proudly displaying their prized possessions at the Mortimer Fun Day. See how many classic marques you can name!



Fun Day Food This year we have both old favourites and new suppliers to tempt your taste buds

– Mortimer Sausage Company will be again supplying their tasty sausages and new this year we have South African Cuisine from Kalahari Kitchen (who also have vegetarian options), Fish and Chips from Off the Scale and the essential Tony Fresco for Ice Cream and Cafe2U for your specialty coffee needs. Don't forget we also have the MVP REFRESHMENT TENT for your good old English cuppa and lots of cakes to tempt the taste buds.

MVP Support for Local Groups. MVP encourages local organisations, clubs and societies to attend the Fun Day to raise money for themselves or make themselves better known by running a stall or activity. We are pleased that this year, among others, Mortimer Netball Club, the Parish Council, South Berks Concert Band, Mortimer Volunteer Bureau, Mortimer & Burghfield Handy Bus, Friends of TIM, Made in Mortimer, Mortimer WI, Mortimer St Marys PTA, 1st Ufton Scouts, Guide Dogs for the Blind, MWE Produce Show, Walking 4 Health, Burghfield Camera Club, Mortimer Local History Group, 1st Mortimer Scouts, Plastic Free Mortimer and Mortimer Flower Circle are all availing themselves of this opportunity.

Made In Mortimer

"Made in Mortimer" is going from strength to strength and in only 9 months since forming, we now have almost 30 members - all talented artists and crafters local to Mortimer who make and produce their own handcrafted goods. We have a wide variety of skills within the group from woodworkers, photographers, jewellery makers, a baker and even a candlestick maker!

Our most recent event on 14th June was the first in a series of open evenings where one of our members demonstrates and teaches their craft in a friendly and sociable environment. Luba taught us all the art of paper weaving - a surprisingly versatile skill! We will be holding similar events in the future; do look out for further details.

We will also have a stall at the Fun Day on 7th July where you can find out more about our group, the stories behind our crafts and also see some live demonstrations of our arts in action.

Do also keep an eye out for our next art and craft fair, which will be held during the October half term. We would love to have more local food and drink producers exhibiting at our fair so please get in touch if this is of interest to you.

Please contact Emma Vidal on 0118 9331623 or message us via our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/MadeinMortimer if you would like to join us or have any queries.

Lastly, please don't forget to like our Facebook page to keep up to date with all of our events and activities!

Mortimer Pre-School Parents Committee

Thank you Mortimer for another amazing Easter Egg Hunt to raise funds for Mortimer Pre-School! All funds raised will be put towards activities for the children - we've already used some of the money for coach hire and farm visit earlier this month and will be adding to our garden and outdoor play area!

Despite the weather we had a great turn out and our volunteers of Pre-School families ranged from young to old, and four legged to two, which made it a fantastic village event! Thanks to:

Our sponsors:

- Spratley's of Mortimer
- David Cliff Estate Agents
- Budgens
- Elizabeth Kempson Hairdressing
- Wokefield Park
- Fran's Face Painting

our local shops The Baobab and Dads Shop for selling maps and to all of you who came out and took part. We look forward to seeing you next year for #MEEH2019 on Easter Saturday 20 April 2019. Thank you, from everyone big and little at Mortimer Pre-School (Registered Charity No. 287072)

Places are available from September 2018 for children aged 2 and over. Visit www.mortimerpreschool. org.uk for an application form and to find out more about this (Ofsted-rated) outstanding pre-school.

Upcoming MVP Events and Activities

Fun Day 7th July

Fun Day Volunteers

Help! The Mortimer Fun Day can only run with YOUR HELP. As always we need lots of people beyond the MVP and Fun Day committee members to help at various points during the weekend of 7th July to 9th July (from Friday afternoon to Sunday noon). From raffle ticket sellers and tea tent helpers to gazebo putter-uppers, litter pickers and trouble shooters, there are a range of roles from active to sitting, suitable for anyone over 16 years!

If you can spare a little time please call 0118 9332620 or email danusia@morsley.me.uk

Volunteer stints can be for as little as one hour and we have lots of different jobs both sitting down and more physical ones – please come and help us.

Fun Day Tombola



It's that time again when we make a plea for donations for MVP Fun Day tombola prizes. As usual there will be two stalls, one for adults and one for children. Please save any suitable items during your annual clear out.

We can collect (rachel_james34@yahoo.com) or you can drop items off in the plastic tub to the right of the front door at 30 Briarlea Road, RG7 3SB. Thanks!

Fun Day Raffle Tickets

Volunteers will be outside McColls and Budgens on the last two Saturdays before the Fun Day to allow you to purchase your raffle tickets in advance and also (again subject to technology working) to pre-purchase your inflatable tickets using our brand new CREDIT CARD MACHINE (you are of course perfectly welcome to purchase your tickets in the more traditional manner)





<u>Credit Card Facilities</u> The Fun Day team are hoping to make your purchases a little easier on the village cash machines this year by having a credit card facility at both Laney and Dicks bar and at the ticket booth. Obviously, this is very much reliant on the technology gremlins smiling on us on the day!

Please remember that NatWest will be closing its doors for the final time before the Fun Day so we will be losing one of our three village cash machines. Cash can still be taken out from the cash machines at Budgens and McColls and Budgens now provides the Post Office facilities in the village where certain cards are accepted.

Fun Day Thanks

The 2018 Mortimer Village Partnership Fun Day team would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who is taking part this year, in particular an advanced thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors.

MVP extends special thanks to:

Stewart Stanley who for many years has put together all the electrics for our event.





J. Mould for yet again providing a skip for all the waste we generate.

Harvey Crocker for the loan of the hay bales surrounding our arena.

CTS (GB) Ltd for the loan of a van for the logistics team to move the many pieces of equipment for the Fun Day and to thank them once again for sponsoring the purchase of the bar tent along with Calor.



The many local **Churches, Schools** and other **Organisations** who lend tables, chairs and other equipment.

The local **Scout Groups** (Mortimer Baden Power Scouts and Burghfield Scouts) for their assistance in car parking and the loan of loads of equipment.



RB Design and Display for the sun hats to identify volunteers – and too shade us all from the wonderful shine at the Fun Day

Finally, MVP would like to say to and on the many days leading up stalls to those behind the scenes gazebos. We really could not put most of all, our thanks to each and



everyone who helps on the day to it, from the people running emptying bins and putting up on this event without you. And

most of all, our thanks to each and every one of you who come to support this event whatever the weather.

Our Sponsors

MVP couldn't hold this event without the support of our sponsors who enable us to create an affordable family event with activity prices kept as low as possible, and we are unique in the area in bringing you such a large event that costs absolutely nothing to enjoy! A big THANK YOU to all for your generous donations.



SPRATLEYS, our local, fifth generation family run car has supported the Mortimer Fun Day for many years. MVP would like to thank Spratley's for help SPONSORNG the cost of hiring the MAIN MARQUEE for the Market Row stalls. Contact Paul and his team for all your car sales, services and MOT needs at 0118 9332338 spratleys.co.uk



unique outdoors is based at Wokefield Park and uses the outdoors for training and development. They provide a range of activities including archery, woodland laser combat, climbing, survival skills and an amazing high ropes course for parties for both children and adults or corporate events. They are SPONSORING and running the ZORBS activity – this year with even more Zorbs! for your entertainment. 0118 9331806 uniqueoutdoors.co.uk



TRIANGLE TRAVEL has supported the Fun Day for many years. This year again they will be SPONSORING the PA SYSTEM. Rob and his team are pleased to see you at their shop on West End Road at any time to talk holidays! Triangletravel.co.uk 0118 9331177





BUDGENS.

shop is just off the Fairground and is a long-time supporter of many MVP events and once again are SPONSORING the REFRESHMENTS, with all food and drink donated by Budgens and their suppliers. Budgens.co.uk

VILLAGE EYE. A Fun Day would be no fun without people, and Village Eye has kindly SPONSORED the centre pages of their JULY ISSUE to advertise our event to over 12,000 homes and businesses in the RG7 area for the past nine years. If you are not local to the area, pick up the latest copy of the Village Eye at the Fun Day. Hellen very kindly also designs all the unique and colourful artwork for the posters and banners for the Fun Day. Village eye are also SPONSORING and running Mortimers very own BEACH this year. (0119 9333311 villageeye.co.uk)



READING CALOR CENTRE. The brilliant team at Calor will be in charge of and SPONSORING the GIANT HOOPLA this year. It was also a Calor donation (together with CTS) that allowed MVP to purchase Laney and Dicks BAR TENT which we have enjoyed the benefits of for many years. Calor has a depot and showroom behind Mortimer Station. Pop in to speak to the friendly staff about all your gas requirements. (0118 9332363)



MELANIE CURTIS are back for their second year as sponsors for the Fun Day. Qualified accountants and experts in accountancy, tax and business advisory services they are based in our neighbouring village of Stratfield Saye. (melaniecurtisaccountants.co.uk 01256 883012) This year they are SPONSORING THE READING SCOTTISH PIPE BAND



THE BAOBAB, just on the corner of West End and Victoria Road is a well-established favourite of many people - including this year's Fun Day Project Manager – for their caffeine addiction. Rachel and Gavin also stock a wide selection of cards and unique and unusual gifts to rival any business twice their size. Thanks to Rachel and Gavin for SPONSORING the TODDLER ZONE



DEVERE WOKEFIELD ESTATES are back supporting the Fun

Day after a short break. Our local mansion house hotel, Conference Centre and Golf Course are but a short distance from Mortimer and they have been supporting the older generation of Mortimer for a number of years through the MVP lunch club and Silver Sunday events.



01189 9115436 phcompany.com This year they are SPONSORING our headline arena event 3SIXTY

DADS SHOP have spent many years supporting the Fun Day and many other village events. Pop into their shop on West End Road and try and find something that they don't sell – almost impossible I would say! Dads Shop will also be having a stall at the Fun Day. Dadsshop.co.uk 0118 9332014. This year they are SPONSORING us to help cover the cost of the INFLATABLES



SPRINGWOOD CEREMONIES specialise in creating ceremonies that tell a truly personal story. This year Springwood are sponsoring the Fun Day insert in this newsletter. Find out more at www.springwoodceremonies.co.uk



IF YOU CONTACT ANY OF THE FUN DAY SPONSORS, PLEASE DO TELL THEM YOU SAW THEIR DETAILS IN THE MVP FUN DAY NEWSLETTER!

What Happens to the Money from the Fun Day?

Weird as it sounds there is very little profit from an event like this for the organisers. Mortimer Village Partnership uses what money we do make – on the bar, raffle tickets and tombola to pay for the million and one things that we need to hire or buy to put on the Fun Day. Our sponsors partially cover the costs of the activities or facilities they have sponsored while many, many local organisations use our Fun Day to raise money for their own causes. Anything extra we raise goes to get the planning of the next year's event underway.

Mortimer Scarecrow Trail



Who's your favourite *Hero or Villain'*? That's the theme for the 2018 Scarecrow Trail so get your thinking caps on and start planning your scarecrow!

Your *Hero or Villain* could be a from a film ...James Bond, Darth Vader, Indiana Jones ..., Children's book ...Cruella de Vil, Harry Potter ... or a real life figure ...Nelson Mandela, Stephen Hawking, David Attenborough, The Kray twins

Now in its 9th year there's a little change

For 2018 Mortimer Village Partnership has kindly 'donated' the Scarecrow Trail to Mortimer St Mary's School. This will be organised by the school PTA and all proceeds will be used to

refurbish the outside swimming pool.

Everything else will stay the same; as normal the Scarecrow Trail will be taking place in the autumn half term holiday and the closing date for entries will be in late September, so what better way than spending the long lazy days of summer creating your *Hero or Villain* for a chance to win one of the 10 prizes?

Your *Hero or Villains* character can be reserved by completing an entry form and paying the £10.00 entry fee. Entry forms and Scarecrow Trail guidelines will be available at the Mortimer St Mary's Summer Fayre on



June 16th and as normal at the Fun Day on the 7th July, from the information tent or online from the 24th July, from the Mortimer Scarecrow Trail Facebook page or the MVP website – www.mortimervillage.org.uk. Don't forget that duplicate characters are not allowed so get your entry in early. For further information contact Kelly Jenkins on 07894 877892 or by emailing scarecrow@mortimervillage.org.uk.

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

MVP Presents: Two Farnham Maltings Plays

BRILLIANCE: Saturday 8th December 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

TITLE & DEED: Friday 1st March 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

From the company that brought you It's A Wonderful Life, The Iranian Feast and Yørgjin Oxo, we now bring you our winter performance of

"Brilliance" a show with music made especially for village halls. In addition, we will welcome them back in the spring with "Title & Deed" - A funny, quietly moving, examination of one man's search for home.

Save the dates in your diaries. Tickets to go on sale in the autumn.

MVP Presents: Christmas Pantomime



A date for your diary - 15th December 2018.

A magical adaptation of everybody's favourite fairytale, the classic story of Cinderella comes to Mortimer this Christmas. Cinderella is the poor step-sister to her evil ugly sisters; Kim and Aggie and although badly treated, dreams of meeting her one true love. After a chance meeting with the Prince she knows she must see him again and hopes that a chance to attend the Royal Ball will be the perfect opportunity..... you know the rest.

Tickets will be sold online from October....look out for early bird special discounts.

Recent MVP Events

MVP Spring Clean and AGM

As has been the tradition in recent years, both these events took place on the same day, 10th March.

There was a very good turnout of people to collect litter which resulted in the usual huge pile in the bus layby opposite the Horse & Groom (thanks to Craig as ever for letting us use the pub garden as the Spring Clean HQ). Other piles were generated on various exit roads from the village.



The village, nearby woods and verges of approach roads looked much tidier as a result. Inevitably litter has crept in again – much of it thrown from passing cars. Many people already pick up other people's litter when they are out walking. Please think about doing the same if you can. Litter attracts litter - people are less likely to throw down their rubbish somewhere that looks pristine so, annoying as it seems, it is worthwhile picking up after other people.

The AGM that followed on from the Spring Clean included a report from the retiring



chairman Doug Overett of the last year's activities. Some of the committee posts were filled by other committee members and we have been pleased to welcome several new members; more are always welcome and we invite anyone to attend one of our monthly meetings to find out about how we work (usually 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the back of the Methodist Church)

Danusia Morsley presented some of the results of the Community Survey run by MVP last autumn. This led to a lively discussion of how MVP might engage with a wider section of the community. One idea being looked into is the production of a large print version of this newsletter for those with visual impairment.

Other Local News

Burghfield & Mortimer Mobility Aids Service



The Burghfield & Mortimer Mobility Aids Service is designed to for short term loans. We have a variety of equipment including crutches and wheelchairs and are always very grateful for donations. Items are free to use on short term loan, but we do ask for a small fully refundable deposit to ensure any items loaned are returned to us.

For Burghfield enquiries please call 07595 959 479, or for Mortimer enquiries call 07867 792 093. Email burghfieldcommunity@gmail.com or find us on www.facebook.com/burghfield.

MVP Support For Local Groups

MVP is proud to have so many local organisations affiliated to us. We endeavour to provide various forms of support for these organisations and hope to encourage even more local cooperation.

Affiliated groups and contact details for 2018 are:

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1st Burghfield & Sulhamstead Scout Group	07867 800335	burghfieldgsl@outlook.com		
1st Mortimer Baden Powell Scout Group	933 2147	neilpjohnson@btinternet.com		
1st Mortimer Brownies	933 3153	firstmortimerbrownies@hotmail.co.uk		
1st Ufton Nervet Scout Group	07793 196863	cathryn@uftonscouts.com		
Alfred Palmer Memorial Field Trust		trustees@alfredpalmermemorialfield.org.uk		
Belle Canto Ladies Trio	970 0001	info@bellecanto.uk		
Burghfield & Mortimer 1st Responders		davidgregory2000@gmail.com		
Burghfield & Mortimer Handybus	983 6611	thehandybus@gmail.com		
Burghfield & Mortimer Volunteer Drivers	983 3341	bureauvolunteer@gmail.com		
Burghfield Camera Club		davehucker@hotmail.com		
Churches Together	983 2115	glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org		
Friday Afternoon club		d.stroud2010@btinternet.com		
Made In Mortimer	933 1623	wellandemma@hotmail.com		
Mortimer & District Branch of the RNLI	933 3741	j.r.bull@btinternet.com		
Mortimer 2012 WI	9331331	Malelkin@aol.com		
Mortimer Bell Ringers	9332200	petermacnaughtan@hotmail.com		
Mortimer Cricket Club		adrsmith@gmail.com		
Mortimer Dramatic Society	07785 333321	tshorrock@mrmerlin.com		
Mortimer FC	07786 631027	mortimerfootballclub@gmail.com		
Mortimer Film Club	9332546	pete.blagden@btinternet.com		
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Mortimer Life	07446 239239	nickcarter1@gmail.com		
Mortimer Local History Group	9331310	munsonsinmortimer@yahoo.co.uk		
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Mortimer Pre-School Parents Committee	07436 008428	info@mortimerpreschool.org.uk		
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Mortimer Tennis Club		jean.l.thomas@btinternet.com
Mortimer Toddler Group	9332620	mortimertoddlers@gmail.com
Mortimer West End Produce Show	9331792	melonybennet93@gmail.com
Mortimer West End Village Hall	9700001	mwevh@outlook.com.
Plastic Free Mortimer	07842 921517	andreakimroach@gmail.com
Santas of Burghfield	07824 623583	glyn.townsend@hpe.com
South Berks Concert Band	07759 967474	southberksconcertband@yahoo.com
St Mary's Junior School PTA	07712 776555	mortstmarys@gmail.com
Sulhamstead & Ufton Events (SUN-E)	9832491	pisumcorporum@btinternet.com
The Hurst Singers	9332805	mariatseasons@aol.com
Together in Mission	9332569	info@togetherinmission.org.uk
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All MVP meetings are open to participation from anyone; all we ask is that you are interested in making Mortimer a vibrant and fun place to live. We are fortunate to have many who regularly work with MVP on particular projects such as the website, Facebook page, looking after our equipment or helping to organise our annual events.

You are most welcome regardless of how much or little time you have to give. **General enquiries** can be made via **www.mortimervillage.org.uk** or any of the contacts above

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