

## Chairman's Report:

Let me start by saying this will be brief given that I've said enough already however the agenda requires a Chairmans report.

This is a joint report since the Chairman's role for the past year has been split between Danusia and myself. Given that the most important resource for everything the MVP does is people's time, I would like to start by thanking the MVP Committee members who give of their time, to the community, so generously. It is exactly that energy effort and time that has enabled us today to celebrate and recognise the achievements of the past 10 years.

This year has seen some notable successes but the 2 I would like to highlight are the New Website and The Affiliates Fair.

The Affiliates Fair was a great success with 26 affiliates joining the event. The primary purpose was to provide an opportunity for different groups to meet each other and see where they can provide support and possibly collaborate on activities or share ideas or equipment. We have seen a number of groups strike up new relationships, which in turn makes for a more cohesive community.

The new website has demanded an enormous amount of work from John Hannawin and Danusia Morsley and has not only provided a much fresher face for the MVP but does and will enable far greater opportunities moving forward to build a modern information hub for the village.

A key element of the new website is the improved calendar and this available to the MVP, Affiliates and indeed any groups within the village and surrounding area to add their events, meetings and activities. We encourage people to send in details so that the information is available to the whole village.

The Website also needs Village news... it can be about anything and anyone can submit articles, if they feel it is news worthy. One of the benefits is that all these items are archived and thus they immediately become part of Mortimer's history. What a great resource this will be for the Mortimer History Society of the future!

A quick word about the Fun Day, big thank you to Rebecca Barker for taking this on... as always lots of people joined us on the Fairground and all had a great time. Obviously the Extremely Hot weather combined with the World Cup didn't help, although the last minute set up of Big TV Screens converted Layney & Dicks Pop up Pub into the best sports bar in Berkshire!

This year in taking a bit of a rest the MVP are fully supporting St Marys School in their Mortimer Summer Festival which I am sure will be a great success.

Lastly, I would like to announce the appointment of Keeleigh Field to the role of Youth Coordinator for the MVP. Although regretfully she was unable to be here today, having joined the MVP last year, she brings us a different perspective to Mortimer Life through the eyes of a 20 something rather than a.... Well we won't go there.

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