



Mortimer Village Partnership Newsletter Summer 2011

**COME TO THE MORTIMER
FUN DAY**

10:30am - 11:00pm
Sat 2nd July **FREE ENTRY**

MORTIMER FAIRGROUND

FAMILY FUN
LOADS OF EVENTS
SEE YOU THERE

ACTIVITIES 10:30am - 6pm
ZORBS · 16M SLIDE · LASER GUNS · GOLF
PRO SWING ANALYSIS · FANCY DRESS
BOUNCY CASTLE · STALLS · ASSAULT
COURSE · 4-IN-1 BUNGEE TRAMPOLINE
FALCONRY DISPLAY · CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
TENT · TUG OF WAR · LIVE BANDS · MARKET
ROW · TRADITIONAL CRAFTS · DOG SHOW
BAR AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!

WORSHIP SERVICE
BIG MARQUEE 4:30pm - 5:30pm

SUMMER HOEDOWN 7pm - 11pm

SUMMER HOEDOWN
Live Band and Tex-Mex Supper
For tickets please visit:
www.MortimerFunDay.co.uk
BOOK NOW!

£16
Hoedown ticket
children £5

PINKTOMATO
Budgens BEWLEY
DEVILE

The **third Fun Day** is guaranteed to be the best yet! As it's so much bigger this year it has moved to the back field on the Fairground and will have two arenas! We have lots of new attractions, including: Zorbs, Unique Outdoors' Laser Guns, Street Dance, Kwik Cricket, Tadley Concert Brass band, Spratley's Children's Beach as well as all your favourites: 4-in-1 Bungee Trampoline, Assault Course, Hawk Display, golf activities, children's activity tent, live bands, DeVere Venues' Spa, and loads more.

Of course there will be plenty of **refreshments**, including all day bar, ice creams, candy floss, gourmet coffee stall, homemade cakes, burgers, chilli and more.

No Fun Day would be complete without local stalls and we have lots of them for you this year. **Market Row** will include paintings, cosmetics, chocolate, photography, balloons, handbags, toys, jewellery, jams & preserves, children's clothes, wine as well as the usual favourites, plants and cards and sweets.

We are delighted to have local groups part of our Fun Day; make sure you visit their stalls to find out all the things that are going on locally.

Purchase your Programmes and Raffle Tickets before the Fun Day outside Budgen's and McColl's on the last two Saturdays in June. There are luxury hampers to be won and a **£100 lucky programme prize**.

In addition for the **sports enthusiasts**, there is a chance to win a one day hire of a Morgan sports car kindly donated by Richard Thorne

Classic Cars and a teamed-signed Reading Club football shirt.

Fancy your chances against the strongest in Mortimer? To enter a team and pit your muscles against others, please contact Richard Cairns on 07730 711476 or email RCAIRNS@CISCO.COM. An adult team comprises of 10 people over 18. Separate competition for kids age 8-17; a kids team consists of 15 kids.

Would your child like to enter the Fun Day **Fancy Dress** Competition '**When I grow up I want to be...**'? Entrance is free; just print an entry form from www.mortimervillage.org.uk Fun Day link on the front page, fill it in and bring it with you to the arena at 10.30 on the 2nd July. There will be prizes for best-dressed child in pre-school, and school age groups and certificates for the top three in both categories.

Why not enter your dog into the **Dog show**? Pets in Practise will be judging all pet dogs under several fun categories. Entry is on the day itself between 10.30 and 1.30 and the competition starts at 1.30.

And don't forget to round off your day at the **Hoedown** organised by Burghfield & Sulhamstead Scout. Tickets and Details at www.mortimerfunday.co.uk

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Help!!

We are always looking for volunteers, if you would like to help in any way with the Fun Day, please contact Rebecca Barker on 9332008 or bbarkerdg@sky.com

Donations needed please.....

Do you have any unwanted tins, bottles, gifts or other items lurking in your cupboards that you would like to find a new home for? We need donations for stalls for the Fun Day and any such items (within sell by date!) will be gratefully received. Contact Lynn Hannawin on 9332577 or lynn@i-next.co.uk and we will arrange collection .

Thank you!

Stratfield Mortimer Relief in Need Charity

Are you in need of Assistance? If so we may be able to help.



We are a local charity covering the Parishes of Mortimer, Mortimer West End, Stratfield Mortimer and Wokefield and our mission is to provide Relief for those in Need. We are self-financing from income that we have received from gravel extraction from our land at Burnt Common and all our Trustees live in the Parishes and are committed to helping others.

If you are an individual, family, group or organisation that requires funding for purchase of any sort of equipment, conversion of a building, running your organisation or simply the purchase of fuel for heating we may be able to help.

We have contributed to medical equipment, wheelchairs, provided funding for children's Kindergarten costs, fencing to keep families safe, purchase of photographic equipment for locally run charities and more recently we have been one of the major contributors for the Mortimer Community Centre on the Fairground and the Nurture Room at St John's School.

We are keen to support the giving that currently occurs within the community and are happy to consider applications from friends and families who believe others are in Need and would welcome some assistance. We consider all applications quickly and in complete confidence. Please do not be shy in coming forward. **Please write to Mrs VJ Glanville, Park Farm, Bramley Road, Silchester, Reading, Berks, RG7 2LJ or call 01256 881238.**



The Scarecrows are coming to town!

Following last years' successful Scarecrow Trail, plans for the MVP Scarecrow Trail, 2011 are underway. Last year, this popular event raised money to support the MVP in its many activities in and around the village and raised funds towards the Community Centre's curtain project.

This year the trail will be running over the October half term holiday, from Saturday 22nd October to Sunday 30th October and the theme is T.V. Characters. If you have a favourite T.V. personality, either fictional or non-fictional, then reserve your scarecrow character by completing and submitting an entry form (to avoid duplication, registration of scarecrow characters will be on a first come first served basis). The entry fee is £10.00. Entry forms and Trail and Competition Guidelines are now available online, at www.mortimervillage.org.uk or by contacting

The closing date for entry forms is Friday September 30th, 2011. Prizes will be awarded to those entering the trail competition and to the scarecrows places 1st, 2nd and 3rd. As with all MVP events, any profits raised are put back into our community

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on the trail.

Burghfield Camera Club is taking an active part in the Fun day

Come along to our fun mini studio and have your portrait taken.

Great for families, kids, teams or even pets!!

No booking required, just come and see us on the day

If you want to know more contact Graham Crawford on 01189 831248 or visit www.burghfieldcameraclub.co.uk



Mortimer Tennis Club



Mortimer is a typical small village club, welcoming players of all standards capable of knocking a ball back and forth over the net, in a friendly and sociable atmosphere. The Club meets for social tennis every Tuesday evening from 6 pm, on Thursday evenings for drills with a coach, followed by social tennis, and by arrangement between members on Sunday mornings. We also compete in the Basingstoke League, with men's, women's and mixed teams and a junior team. We also arrange a number of social events throughout the summer season, including picnics, a tour of the Calleva archaeological dig conducted by the lead archaeologists, trips to tournaments and an annual dinner.

For further information, please e-mail MortimerTennis@gmail.com or call John Crisp on 9841872

Mortimer Theatre Club

Fancy going to the theatre but don't want the drive and parking hassles?

Want to go to see a show but don't want to go alone?

Why not join the MVP Theatre Club. We have organised, escorted trips to London Theatreland and regional theatres to see shows such as Oliver, Dirty Dancing, Jersey Boys and Relatively Speaking and are shortly to see Warhorse and The Marriage of Figaro. Email Rebecca Barker, on bbarkerdg@sky.com and I will put you on the mailing list; alternatively check out the village notice boards or www.mortimervillage.org.uk.



MORTIMER FILM CLUB



MFC meets on the fourth Monday of each month between September and June. The club meets in the school hall at St John's Infants School – next to the church at 19.30 for refreshments with the screening starting at 20.00. MFC show a wide range of well-known and classic films with members playing a significant part in their choice. For more details go to http://mortimervillage.stage.intarsia.com/modules/calendar_events/filmclub.htm or look for posters on the village notice boards or call Pete Blagden on 9332546

MVP Lunch Club

Do you know of an elderly person who would like a little company? The MVP Lunch Club meets twice a month on a Thursday for soup and a roll and a chance to meet old friends and make new ones. Transport can be arranged. We have spaces available at the moment, so if you would like to join in please call Cindy Kimber on 9331767



Would you like a rewarding volunteering opportunity? The MVP is looking for people to help once or twice a month for about four hours at the Lunch Club. If you would like to join our team please email Rebecca Barker on bbarkerdq@sky.com

Youth Club



Our Youth Club meets every Thursday night (7pm to 9pm) at the Community Centre.

The club is open to all year 7's & up to & including year 11's. We are having an open evening on 16th June and would welcome visitors to come and see 'what we are all about'. We are also supporting a group of about 40 youngsters through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

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

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Mortimer Energy Initiative Scheme

The MVP is working to establish an energy initiative in the Village.

The Mortimer Energy Initiative will encourage villagers who are keen to get involved in renewable energy to join the scheme. A 'group buying' discount for members of the scheme has been negotiated with an installer of Solar PV systems.

If you are interested or would like more information, call John Langford on 9331589 or email jandslangford@tiscali.co.uk



A better deal on heating oil.....

A local community not too far from Mortimer formed an association made up of people who used oil for their central heating and who were interested in making savings as the price was rising quickly. They nominated a spokesperson who approached an oil company with the objective of getting a better price for everyone in the village that had signed up for the deal. This was a great success and saved everyone a good amount of money. I am aiming to set a similar association up in Mortimer and need as many heating oil users as possible to sign up; the more people we have, the more we can drive the price down. If you are interested in joining the scheme contact: Colin Lacey, 9332512 or colin.lacey49@btinternet.com

MORTIMER GARDENING CLUB

The gardening club meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 19.30 in the community centre on the Fairground. The main aims of the club are to bring together people with an interest in gardening, to share experiences and to learn from visiting experts. We have an external speaker at each meeting, a raffle, refreshments and lively discussions on seasonal topics. Trips are arranged to places of interest for gardeners e.g. RHS Wisley, THRIVE at Beech Hill and so on. For more details visit http://www.mortimervillage.org.uk/modules/calendar_events/gardeningclub.htm or call John and Denise Cregan on 9333040. Watch out for the monthly posters on the village notice boards.



Affiliation Our affiliation secretary: Lynn Hannawin (lynn@l-next.co.uk) is 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. They are able to have posters and similar items printed and laminated at very low cost, borrow flip charts, display boards, gazebos etc. and there are also plans to purchase a cash counting machine – a useful addition to any club!

Volunteers for the Mortimer Police Office are wanted to maintain a valuable village resource.

Would you be interested in volunteering to help run the Mortimer Police Office front counter in Victoria Road? No experience is required other than a willingness to do your bit for your community. Full training will be given. Duties include manning counter/telephone and some clerical work. Volunteers always work in pairs with a usual attendance of approx 4hrs every 2/3 weeks. **Please contact Dudley Ives initially on 9332077 or Sergeant Sue Aufiero 07971 476838 if you are interested or want to learn more.**



Mortimer Spring Clean

The Horse and Groom garden was the venue for setting of our second annual village Spring Clean on Saturday 2nd April. The weather was kind and by the afternoon the sun was almost shining! Over 50 volunteers were kitted out with gloves, jackets, bags and litter pickers, all provided by West Berkshire Council. The volunteers covered the length and breadth of Mortimer and beyond, collecting some very unusual items as well as the more mundane! Bags and larger objects were left along the road side for collection in the week by West Berkshire Council. **THANK YOU to all the volunteers** both young and old; it is great to see so many people taking a pride in Mortimer.

Community Crafty Fingers

As a result of the suggestion in our last newsletter, we now have a 'Crafters Club', held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month in the Methodist Church Hall from 1pm 'til 3pm. There is no tuition involved but a chance to meet some new friends; just bring along a craft, hobby or game and have some fun in friendly company with a cuppa! Check out the diary of events on the website www.mortimervillage.org.uk



Mortimer Village Partnership AGM

The first MVP AGM and Celebration took place on Sunday 27th March in the Methodist Church Hall.

A good number of people came to see displays of MVP activities and events as well as displays by affiliated groups. After presentation of the chairman's report, a revision of the constitution and the adoption of the accounts, a celebration cake was enjoyed by one and all. These documents can all be seen on the MVP website www.mortimervillage.org.uk

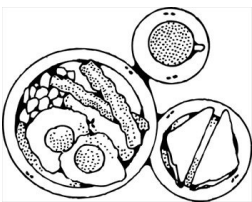


The officers for 2011/2012 are:

Chairman - Pete Blagden
Vice-chairman - Danusia Morsley
Treasurer - Alison Richardson
Secretary - Lynn Hannawin

Membership of the committee is open to anyone. Contact Lynn Hannawin lynn@i-next.co.uk for details of meetings.

Networking Breakfast



On 16th April MVP held a networking breakfast in the Community Centre to which representatives of affiliated organisations were invited. People enjoyed a delicious cooked breakfast and the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with members of other organisations. The benefits of networking were discussed and the clubs, groups and individuals who attended were asked to write down their wishes and dreams for their clubs and for the community in general. The ideas have been collated and the MVP committee is looking for ways of facilitating some of these. A simple questionnaire filled in by attendees

showed that people had benefited from the event in terms of good ideas and new contacts for their groups. There was enthusiasm for greater collaboration and further networking breakfasts, possibly targeting other groups in the village. This first such event was sponsored by **Together in Mission** for which MVP thank them.

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The MVP website www.mortimervillage.org.uk is a vital link for many groups, clubs and organisations in the village. Why not take the time to check it out and see just how much there is to do in our village!

Bag2school – Tuesday 21st June



Once again it's time to look out unwanted clothes for St John's and St Mary's schools and the Mortimer Village Partnership second hand clothing collection fundraiser. By **Friday 17th June** areas of the village will receive bags to collect unwanted clothes in good condition. You can include handbags, belts, shoes, soft toys, bed linen, curtains & blankets (no bric-a-brac, duvets, pillows or material off cuts please)

We provide one bag to get you started but please feel free to fill as many as you like – leave in a prominent place at the front of your home by **9am on Tuesday 21st June**. Or you may take your bags directly to St John's School by 9am on Wednesday 22nd June.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the last collection - we raised over £600 which was divided equally between the two schools and the MVP so **YOUR COMMUNITY directly benefits**. So please do have a good clear out! If you do not receive a bag by Friday 17th June then your area is not on our collection route this time but if you can get together with your neighbours and fill 10 bags, then call Rebecca Barker on 9332008, and we will arrange to collect from you.

MVP Committee

The MVP Action Committee is a group of people who have got together to make the community actions in the Parish Plan happen. We would welcome new people to come and join us to take forward new projects for our community. Please contact any of us for more information. Any profits made through our activities are put back into the community.

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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 – We are trying to expand our delivery area and would also welcome volunteers from Beech Hill or Mortimer West End

Affiliated Groups

The following groups have affiliated to MVP. You can find out more about them on our website www.mortimervillage.org.uk

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| Burghfield Camera Club | graham.crawford@burghfieldcameraclub.co.uk |
| Mortimer Book Club | danusia@morsley.me.uk |
| Mortimer Dramatic Society | John Bull 9333741 |
| 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 | 9332147 |
| Mortimer Mums Netball Club | lwilliams@mortimermumsnetball.co.uk |
| St. Oswald's Church | 9715350 |
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| 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 |
| Mortimer & District Branch of the RNLI | John Bull 9333741 |



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