

# Spring 2021 NEWSLETTER



Mortimer Village Partnership  
Enriching Village Life

## Here we go again...fingers crossed!

After the longest of winters for everyone, at last we are seeing some signs of spring and progress towards life returning, to some sort of normality. Life has felt a bit like an awful Film Trilogy with "Lock down 1" followed by "The Return of the Lock Down" and then the worst yet, "The Long Dark Winter". Fingers crossed that we are now beginning to see the end of this terrible time and give a big shout out for the local Vaccination Centres that have all done an amazing job.

We hope you like the new design of the MVP Newsletter, seemed like a good time to freshen things up as we start to look forward to future MVP activities.

Talking of which, we are beginning our planning to bring events back to the village. Of course we very much hope that our regular partners will have survived the past year and that we will be able to support them with Theatre Productions and Pantomimes.

The first event we will be able to run is the **Annual Spring Clean**, now planned for **Saturday 22nd May**. Look out for more information coming soon to a notice board near you.

Many of the elder members of our community have been regularly asking when we can restart lunch club. This is an extremely important and valued activity, giving people a chance to socialise... and that means the Helpers as much as the Lunch Guests. We are all desperate to start this again and you can be sure that the minute we get the green light, the Lunch Club team will spring into action!

Lastly, a big shout out for all of our affiliates who we hope will soon be able to restart their activities and even meet together in person rather than by Zoom... I reckon the Pubs will be rather busy.

Have a lovely spring and continue to stay safe.

**Doug Overett**

Chairman



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

*All this and more available here: [www.mortimervillage.org.uk](http://www.mortimervillage.org.uk)*

## 2021 MVP AGM

The Annual AGM was held prior to the March MVP Committee meeting, with all officers re-elected for the next 12 months. Inevitably the meeting was brief with little to report beyond the MVP support for the Mortimer Coronavirus Neighbourhood Helpline and the success of our Facebook Page during the crisis, the well-supported Scarecrow trail and delayed Spring Clean.

We reflected on the fact that the 2020 AGM was the last meeting that we had held in person before our adventure into the world of Zoom meetings. We all look forward to reverting to face-to-face meetings and an hour in the pub afterwards!

## Pantomime

It's never too early to be thinking of Christmas (...oh yes it is!), and with the 2020 event cancelled for obvious reasons, we're very pleased to have a booking with Gary Starr's All Star Pantomime for **Saturday 11th December**. Do put the date in your diary and of course more information will follow nearer the time.

In the meantime if you're missing your entertainment fix, Gary Starr's team are broadcasting their theatre shows online. Why not check out their version of Wizard of Oz or perhaps Alice in Wonderland as a virtual show. All shows are available to rent for 72 hours, so you can watch at a time that suits you. For more details, visit: <https://bit.ly/3wPlgfv>

## Covid Support Thanks Yous

With the lifting of Covid restrictions, the community help desk has now been closed (we hope permanently).

The efforts of the Mortimer Coronavirus Neighbourhood Support Team were recognised by the West Berkshire Council with the presentation of a certificate signed by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Council. MVP adds their appreciation and a huge **THANK YOU!** to all that have been involved and helped over the last year.

## MVP Facebook - Advertising Policy

For a three month trial period, MVP will allow limited Facebook advertising, by local businesses and for individual charitable activities **for 1 week per month**. Starting in May, posting will be allowed during the 7 days starting from the 2nd Sunday of each month. All businesses must clearly be based in the Mortimer, Beech Hill, or Burghfield area and ideally should promote a company's own Facebook page / website for people to follow. Comments will not be allowed and excessive advertising will be blocked. More details will be on the Facebook page.



Please note that charitable events (coffee mornings / bric a brac sales) have always been allowed to post at any time, as indeed have members requesting recommendations for local goods or services.

Following the trial we will seek feedback on how useful this has been for the community before a decision is made on whether to make this change permanent.

## Spring Clean

One of the first events we will be able to run this year is our annual Spring Clean, albeit slightly later than usual. It is always extremely well-supported and given the number of us who have spent much of the winter walking around the village and local country lanes, we hope that this year, as many people as possible get behind the Litter Pick and make Mortimer spick-and-span for the summer. Providing no further adjustments are made to the lockdown rules, this year's event will be on **Saturday 22nd May**. Please look out for more information on the noticeboards, website and Facebook in the coming weeks.

## MVP Affiliate News

### Mortimer Schools PTFA

In March 2020 (just before lockdown, part 1) the decision was made to merge the former separate Mortimer St Mary's and St John's School PTA's to fall in line with the new school federation. **The Mortimer Schools Parent, Teachers and Friends Association** was formed.

Since then we have had various lockdowns and social distancing rules to adhere to which has made fundraising options limited. During a PTFA zoom meeting in January 2021 what started life as a crazy school fundraising idea turned into a wonderful evening of quacking fun and excitement in March.

The Mortimer Schools **1st Quacky Races raised an amazing £4,270** for the Mortimer Federation MSM and MSJ Schools. The funds raised will go towards new interactive white boards, outdoor learning space and upgrading the school running track. Thank you to everyone in the Mortimer community that supported this event and bought a ticket!

The Duck team were parents and pupils from the schools who volunteered many hours of personal time to turn the crazy idea into reality. A **massive thank you** must be given to Rachel Williams (Duck Special effects & Animation), Rhys Priestman (Duck video production), Albie Priestman (Duck compere) and Helen Adams (Chief Duck sales/ marketing manager) along with her 6 duckling selling dream team. As well as our lovely co-Chair Michelle



Nicholas who helped lead and motivate the team. The team motto was always- *"You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do amazing things."*

Lastly, a huge thanks must be passed on to all the local businesses that helped with sponsorship, advertising and printing during a very difficult time, you were all amazing. The ducks are now back home resting in preparation for next year's bigger and better Quacky Races!

## Crafters Club

News for all Crafters...We hope to restart the club on Fridays as soon as METHODIST CHURCH gives us permission to use the hall on West End Road. Please look out for our poster on village notice boards

We look forward to seeing our old friends and new ones are always welcome. We meet on **1st and 3rd Friday each month, 1:30pm to 3pm** - Why not join us?

## Mortimer Pre-school



Mortimer Pre-School has been open throughout the most recent lockdown and we have been as busy as ever. The children have had a MARVEL-ous (sorry!) time learning about superheroes, the Lunar New Year, dinosaurs, the Arctic, and exercise and healthy hearts with the return of Sporty Sarah and her PE lessons.

With Spring just around the corner, we have set the wheels in motion to re-vamp our garden area. We will be investing in new play equipment and giving the whole space a makeover which is very exciting for the grown-ups and children alike.

Sadly, at the start of the year we lost our much loved friend and colleague Sarah Hawkins. The day of her funeral saw the streets around Pre-School lined with people wishing to pay their respects to this amazing woman who will be very much missed. The Pre-School staff have shown incredible resilience and have put into practice Sarah's positive outlook to get through this difficult time.

At this time of year we would usually be hosting the Mortimer Easter Egg Hunt. As well as being a fun day out for all the family it is also Pre-School's biggest fundraising event of the year. Unfortunately due to Covid this has once again had to be cancelled, but never fear, it will be back! If you would still like to donate you can do so by visiting [www.justgiving.com/3af7800c11](http://www.justgiving.com/3af7800c11).

As crazy as it seems we are already planning ahead to the September term, if you are thinking of enrolling your child with us, now is the time to apply. If you have any questions please get in touch or visit us here: [www.mortimerpreschool.org.uk](http://www.mortimerpreschool.org.uk).



## Belle Canto

Belle Canto spent last summer singing Christmas songs in each other's gardens in order to put together an all-new programme for December 2020. Unfortunately it was not to be. So, instead, we searched through our old videos and created an Advent Calendar of 24 Christmas songs, which we posted at [www.facebook.com/bellecantotrio](https://www.facebook.com/bellecantotrio). I hope some of you might have seen it and enjoyed it. Or you can have a peek now!

We are now looking forward to the time when we can rehearse together again (weather permitting!) as we are very much hoping to be able to take part in Shinfield church's monthly "Music at St Mary's" concerts. Our concert is scheduled for **12.00 noon on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August**, with many of our songs focusing on the World War II spirit, which we have had to draw on again in recent times! In the past these free 45 – 60 minute concerts have been followed by a free lunch (although donations are welcomed!) but we will have to wait and see what will be possible in August. We'll put an update on our Facebook page and our website [www.bellecanto.uk](http://www.bellecanto.uk). Fingers crossed!



## Mortimer Baby and Toddler Group

Mortimer Baby and Toddler Group re-started in the autumn term of 2020, following Covid-secure guidance, providing some much needed socialising for the youngest members of our community, as well as their parents.

Unfortunately we had to close again for the spring term with the latest lockdown, but under government guidance, we can restart indoors after 12<sup>th</sup> April. This will be on Fridays, 10 to 11:15 am, at the Mortimer Scout Hut, with **our first session on 23rd April**. We are limited to 15 adults, and a booking system will be in place. Please do come along, there's plenty of toys to keep the little ones entertained, and we're a friendly bunch. We would welcome anyone especially to help with set up and clearing away – the more there are, the quicker it is!

We hope to return to our previous set up at the Methodist Hall when possible, most likely for September 2021. The latest information and booking links can be found on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MortimerToddlers>.

## Mortimer West End Village Hall

We are pleased to say that we intend to hold our Woodland Walk and Treasure Trail again this year, but in a slightly different format. Although the government hopes to remove limits on social contact by the end of June, we cannot be certain what the situation will be this summer. We therefore don't feel we should be encouraging





people to congregate in our woodland, or to eat at the Village Hall. We have therefore decided to make this year's walk a free, week-long event. We will publish the usual map and instructions at [www.facebook.com/mwevillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/mwevillagehall) and the trail will be available in the woods from **10am on Saturday 31st July to 4pm on Sunday 8th August**. We will also set up a post box at the village hall for you to return your answers.

The hall itself will soon be in use again. Stageability Musical Theatre classes return on Tuesday 20th April (contact [jackie@berkshire.stageability.co.uk](mailto:jackie@berkshire.stageability.co.uk)) and Pilates classes on Monday 17th May (contact [wendygill44@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wendygill44@yahoo.co.uk)) (Covid permitting, of course) and we are sure that others will be added to the list soon.

And don't forget that the hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates. Do get in touch on 0118-970-0001 or [mwevhall@gmail.com](mailto:mwevhall@gmail.com).

## South Berks Concert Band

We at South Berks Concert Band hope all our friends and followers in and around Mortimer have remained safe and well over the past year. We have certainly missed seeing you all.

Some of our members were delighted to bring some seasonal cheer to Mortimer residents with carol playing in December. Although we are currently unable to get together in person, we have been rehearsing online, using the wonders of technology.

The road back to playing to a live audience is logistically complex. However, the intention is to start small band rehearsals around the third week of May, with the hope of being close to full band rehearsals sometime after 21<sup>st</sup> June.

If everything goes to plan, we should be able to perform to an audience again from late June. In anticipation of this, we have been trying to find outdoor venues where we can perform in the coming months. To date we have been successful in securing a slot in the Memorial Park in Alton on 17<sup>th</sup> July, and Brighton's West Pier Bandstand on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, with other outdoor events being investigated.

Closer to home, we are pleased to say that we have plans for two concerts at St Mary's Church, Burghfield, which has space for both Band and audience to be socially distanced: an **Autumn concert on 16th October and a Christmas concert on 4th December**. We will be posting more details on these events nearer the time. We hope to return to concerts in Mortimer next year.

We are looking forward to bringing live music back to you, our Community. In the meantime if you wish to make contact please email us:

[southberksconcertband@yahoo.com](mailto:southberksconcertband@yahoo.com). Why not also follow us on Facebook or Twitter, or visit our website to keep updated with our latest news.



## Mortimer 2012 WI



We held our first Zoom meeting in April, over twenty of us got together to be entertained by Toni Kent who read us some of her poetry on the theme of I Need A Wife. In May we have another Zoom meeting, this time Melanie Blaikie is taking us through the secret life of Brooches, an hour of history, intrigue and fabulous jewels from Melanie who has designed for the likes of Mappin and Webb and Garrards. In July we are hoping to hold our first face to face meeting since last March and we are hopeful that our Summer Party will go ahead.

Our socially-distanced walks start again soon and the Walking Netball group plan to meet on Tuesday mornings from 20th April on the MUGA on the Fairground and we would love for more people to join us. We operate under England Netball socially-distanced rules and there is no need to be a WI member. So if you see a group of ladies throwing balls around on the Fairground, please come and say hello and have a go; it's a fun way to stay active.

We continue to support RBH with our emergency wash packs and were very grateful for the recent donations of soap. If anyone feels they would like to donate, we are always in need of soap, flannels, combs, razors, toothbrushes and tooth paste. We can be contacted at [mortimer2012wi@berkshirewi.co.uk](mailto:mortimer2012wi@berkshirewi.co.uk)

## Together In Mission

### Website and Social Media support needed

We have a wonderful team of volunteers supporting the communities of Mortimer, Burghfield, Sulhamstead and Ufton Nervet, especially during the many months of lockdown. Our services include School Pastors (at the Willink) TiM Friends (befriending) and Café B.



The past year has highlighted the need to keep people connected online when face-to-face meetings have been put on hold.

We would like to hear from you if you could keep the TiM website updated and help develop our presence on social media. If you have these kind of technical skills and want to keep your local community connected, please contact Jon Davies [daviesjon62@gmail.com](mailto:daviesjon62@gmail.com)

**We value your support of Together in Mission via 'Local Giving' at:**  
**[localgiving.org/charity/tim/](https://localgiving.org/charity/tim/)**

Together in Mission Registered charity number: 1135307  
Registered office: 16 Goodwood Close, Burghfield Common, Reading, RG7 3EZ



[facebook.com/groups/mortimervillagepartnership](https://facebook.com/groups/mortimervillagepartnership)



[mortimervillage.org.uk](https://mortimervillage.org.uk)



[@villagemortimer](https://twitter.com/villagemortimer)

## Burghfield and Mortimer Handybus

**WE ARE BACK** Like many organisations during these difficult times, our operation has been totally disrupted for the best part of twelve months. Our minibuses have been “locked away” unable to take our passengers on our usual shopping trips or to social events. However, we have not been idle and have been active in the community as some of our volunteers continued to do regular shopping for a number of our housebound customers.



But now with the easing of some of the lockdown restrictions we have recommenced some of our services. Complying with all safety requirements and adhering to social distancing rules we have started carrying limited numbers of customers on regular shopping trips. These will continue and we will be adding to the trips we make as further lockdown rules ease and customer demands warrant. We are hopeful that, by later this year, we will be back to some sort of “normal” when we will be making our usual regular shopping trips, social club support, medical appointments trips, Garden Centre visits, outings to local places of interest and other community transport requirements.

We are a volunteer run, not for profit charity, offering a Community Transport service for local residents. We operate a door to door service to help the elderly and those with limited mobility or people who are unable to use, or have access to, public transport. If you think we may be able to help you then please contact us as follows: Tel. 0118 983 6611 email: [thehandybus@gmail.com](mailto:thehandybus@gmail.com)

## Mortimer Methodist Church

Mortimer Methodist Church has continued to meet on-line through the pandemic with Worship Services and other regular meetings for prayer and bible study continuing to take place on Zoom.

The main weekly church services start at 10:30am, usually for an hour, and followed by an open time of fellowship and chat; it may include a young people or children's message. These services are generally shared between the Methodist churches in Tadley, Silchester and Mortimer. All are welcome to join us for these services and meetings. Zoom links are usually circulated weekly ahead of meetings, with more details of the regular church services and events being available on the church's Facebook page.

We look forward to the time when the church can reopen for regular worship and activities, including the many community based groups which use the premises.





## Made In Mortimer

We may not have been able to hold any of our usual events recently, but we've been keeping busy! We now have a website for the group which is a fantastic resource to find out more about our members, what they make and what motivates them! Do check it out: [www.madeinmortimer.org](http://www.madeinmortimer.org)

We are also in the planning stages for a couple of summer events and will be sharing details as soon as these are finalised - in the meantime do like and follow our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/MadeinMortimer](https://www.facebook.com/MadeinMortimer)) to be the first to find out more about these!

We are always open to new members - so if you are an artist, crafter or artisan making your own handmade items and are local to Mortimer/surrounding villages, do get in touch! Contact details are on our website and Facebook page.

## Hurst Singers

Just over a year ago The Hurst Singers performed our last concert before lockdown 1.

We sang in the beautiful Church in Burghfield Village - 'St Mary's' where the acoustics are just wonderful. Since then a group of singers have been singing on Zoom (muted is best as delayed sound plays havoc!) We have missed being able to sing together and are very hopeful to be able to return in the near future.



If you have found release singing with Zoom groups during lockdown and would like to join us do get in touch – we would love to hear from you.

## Mortimer Bellringers

We happy band of ringers from Mortimer and Burghfield have been out of action since before Christmas. The restrictions rather limited what we could do so we have been occupied by either doing 'homework' or just looking forward to ringing again.

Fortunately, with the next stage of lockdown relaxed a little, we are now ringing handbells out of doors as groups of no more than six. This gives us the pleasure of meeting as a group of friends and endeavouring to remember how to ring.

Many ringers have a period during which their life priorities change and they stop ringing. Perhaps they move and don't have time any more. If this sounds like you, please come and join us when we are able to ring properly again. We are a friendly group of ringers and we will need all the help we can get when we restart since we



are rather thin on the ground! It doesn't matter what level you ring; you will be welcomed. Please email to: [mortimerbellringers@gmail.com](mailto:mortimerbellringers@gmail.com)

We hope to be able to ring the church bells at the end of June but this is dependent on the rules at the time. Can't wait!

## Save the Children Kennet Branch

After a difficult year in which fundraising has been severely limited we are delighted to announce an event and ask you to save the date, **Sunday September the 5th**, for 'Sunday Sounds with Clive Fortune Big Band and support'. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to Little Manor, Burghfield Village, RG30 3TG for a late summer celebration of music, entertainment and food. This will be a daytime event. Tickets will be £12 with accompanied under 16s free. Please see Save the Children Kennet Branch - Events on Facebook for updates

## Burghfield Camera Club

We are a small, friendly group of likeminded photographers who meet with the aim of sharing our love of photography. We have a varied programme of talks by both members and outside speakers, and workshops aimed at improving and stretching our photographic skills. There is also a range of internal and external competitions to consolidate and show off those skills.

Photographers of all levels are welcome, from beginners who need help with their cameras to skilled photographers who can help others and all those in between will find a warm welcome. It doesn't matter how you choose to take your images; DSLR, bridge, compact, tablet or phone and whether you print your images or prefer projected digital images (PDI's), all formats are catered for and acceptable.

Currently our meetings are via ZOOM, so you can get to know us from the comfort of your own home! One of the benefits of ZOOM has been that we have had speakers and judges from much further afield, including people based in Europe and the USA. You can find more details about our activities and external speakers by checking us out online: [www.burghfieldcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.burghfieldcameraclub.co.uk)

## Mortimer Life

**Mortimer Community Fibre Partnership:** We're supporting a resident's campaign to bring fast and reliable *Fibre to the Premises* (FTTP) broadband to the parts of Mortimer and its surrounds not served by Gigaclear, the existing provider.

So far 370 qualifying residents/businesses have committed to use such a service, should it become available. Whilst this take up is significantly short of the level needed to make installation viable, using the latest government voucher funding, the team is still accepting sign ups and hopeful to get a scheme 'over the line'.



You can read about the benefits, availability area and likely cost of this service, on our Facebook page or web site (see below). Please pass this on to friends, family and businesses who might benefit.

**Garth Hall:** The Garth club, in St John's Road, was set up by a Miss Capron in the 1920s, for the use by 'the young men of Mortimer'. Its role was later broadened to "young people and others", with the hall being in regular use until 2011, when it was closed after a structurally inappropriate roof repair. We understand that the Royal British Legion, the current trustee, needs to establish whether any individuals or groups wish to take on the fundraising and work needed to bring the building back into use and run it as a community facility. If you or anyone you know are interested please get in touch with us in the first instance:

☎ 07447 557557

✉ [enquiries@Mortimer.Life](mailto:enquiries@Mortimer.Life)

[www.mortimer.life](http://www.mortimer.life)

## Burghfield and Mortimer Volunteer Bureau

It is with great excitement that the Burghfield and Mortimer Volunteer Bureau wish to announce that they are **back in operation** as of April 12th. Obviously we will remain Covid secure at the present time and therefore there may be some restrictions accordingly, but please call and discuss with one of the team if you require a drive to hospital, dentist, optician or other medical appointment. To remind everyone the office is open to receive requests on 01189 831814 from 09:30 to 11:00 every weekday. We prefer as much notice as possible to enable the staff to arrange a driver for you. We very much look forward to hearing from you, and driving you safely of course.

## St John's Village Hall

Due to Covid regulations the use of our village hall has been severely restricted for many months now but, in line with current government guidelines, the management committee are pleased to announce that the hall will **fully reopen from 17th May 2021**. This does, of course, assume that no further restrictions are imposed in the meantime.

We are aware that there is already a fairly high demand for future bookings and most of our regular users have kept in touch with our booking officer, John Bull, on a regular basis. Contact details and other useful information can be found on our website: <http://stjohnshallmortimer.org/>

Whilst the hall has been closed it has at least allowed us to carry out routine maintenance on our electrical installations and fire alarm system. We have also been able improve some of the lighting, replace doors and, most important for our disabled users, remodel the access to the disabled toilet so that it is now wheelchair-friendly!



## Mortimer West End & District Annual Show

It was with great sadness last year that the committee took the difficult but prudent decision to cancel the 2020 show due to the increasing effects and the uncertain outlook of the Covid pandemic. We think that with hindsight this turned out to be the correct choice.

However, now in 2021, we are actively thinking of ways that we can hold the event again as it is so enjoyed by the local community. To do so we will need to adhere to whatever the prevailing Covid / social-distancing measures are in place at the time and undoubtedly this will impact on both the location and structure of the show.

We are currently considering all options and are aiming to have schedules available in June and to hold the 2021 show on **Saturday 28th August**.

## Toy library

Do your children say they are bored? Need to relieve boredom during the holidays without breaking the bank? Wondering how to entertain the grandchildren when they visit? **Toy Library is the answer.** A regular supply of constantly changing toys to entertain and develop your baby or toddlers evolving skills. Choose from over 400 toys, games, scooter and musical activities. We also have parental aids such as bath and booster seats, ideal for when you have a small visitors to your house.

There is a huge variety of toys (too many to mention here), for you or your child to browse. All are good quality, and cleaned and checked before hiring. They usually cost £1 or £2 for a month and you have the advantage of being able to return the toy when it's lost its novelty, great for the environment, saving plastic.

Please do come along one Saturday and see for yourself (once Covid restrictions allow). **Mortimer Methodist Hall, 10-11:30am, Fourth Saturday of the month.** Your children and bank balance won't regret it. Please bring address identification when first joining.

## Mortimer Dramatic Society

We haven't been able to put shows on at St John's Hall since 'The Sword and the Scone' family show in January 2020 but that hasn't stopped us working!

Over the year we have performed a radio play excerpt 'To Hull and Back' which can be heard on our website. We have added to that by putting up a recording of 'The Snow Goose' read by one of our members and more recently a selection of Joyce Grenfell monologues featuring 4 of our actors.

We are lucky to have some great technical members who have helped with production. Several members have been writing short plays with a view to putting them on in the near future!

Watch this space... or check here: [www.mortimer-dramatic.org](http://www.mortimer-dramatic.org)



## 1st Mortimer Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

After almost a year of Zoom meetings there is finally light at the end of the tunnel ....Hooray !!! We would like to thank all of our children and their parents for sticking with us during these trying times; despite everything we have had some fun. We have been closely following the guidance given by the National Youth Agency. During April we are running some face-to-face trial meetings starting with Scouts, then Cubs and finally our Beavers, who have been so patiently waiting to restart the fun. We hope to have a full programme running by the end of May based on the great outdoors as much as possible, weather permitting and of course the conditions of the Road Map holding true.



We do have some spaces available, especially in our Cub Pack (Years 3 to 6) and Scout Group (Year 7 onwards) so if your child would like to join in the fun in a safe and structured environment do get in touch [info@1st-Mortimer.org.uk](mailto:info@1st-Mortimer.org.uk)

As our Beavers Motto says **Stay Busy and Bright**

# 1st MORTIMER

## Beavers Cubs and Scouts

### Perfect Post-Pandemic Tonic

When the rules allow, we will return to Scouting with the perfect antidote to lockdown. Get your kids back outside having fun with their friends.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Mortimer

The Scout Hut, Birch Lane  
<http://1st-mortimer.org.uk>  
[neil@1st-mortimer.org.uk](mailto:neil@1st-mortimer.org.uk)

Perfect Post-COVID Activity

Traditional Scouting for Boys and Girls

Learning Life Skills

Outside Activities

Scouts: Monday  
Cubs: Tuesday  
Beavers: Monday

## Mortimer 10k Run

The Mortimer 10km was back on Easter Monday, with new organisers in Mortimer's own Racing Line Running, a new course around the local woodlands, and a whole host of Covid safety measures to comply with government guidance.

Starting in groups of six, the runners tackled the two lap course in challenging weather conditions but still produced some incredible times. There was a separate Canicross event for those wishing to run with their dog, which was won by Mari Laidlaw (34:54) and Allan McKinnon (39:19) in the Female and Male categories respectively. The 10km event produced some closes finishes with Lara Tolson (42:39) and Mark Apsey (36:48) proving victorious.



Mortimer provided two of the prize winners with Alex Whearity (36:49) finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 10km and Tim Giles (37:43) in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Most importantly of all, the village was triumphant in the inaugural MOB (Mortimer or Burghfield) race, beating our near neighbours in the race to have five residents finish. Let's keep up the good work!

A massive **Thank You** goes to all of the villagers who supported the event, and special mention has to go to the runners who assisted with

fundraising £780 for two local charities, The Ufton Court Educational Trust & The Ollie Young Foundation.

Organisers have been delighted by the positive feedback to the event, and are looking forward to the 2022 event set to take place again on Easter Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2022. Entries are open via [www.racinglinerrunning.co.uk/mortimer10km](http://www.racinglinerrunning.co.uk/mortimer10km)

## MVP Affiliate Directory

There are many benefits to being an MVP affiliate as all these groups can tell you. If you are part of a local group and would like to find out if your group could benefit, or if you have ideas about starting a new group, then contact Julie Carter on [juliekcarter77@gmail.com](mailto:juliekcarter77@gmail.com) or check out the Affiliate section on the website: [www.mortimervillage.org.uk/Affiliate-Support](http://www.mortimervillage.org.uk/Affiliate-Support)

Affiliate	Telephone	Email
1st Burghfield & Sulhamstead Scouts	07867 800335	burghfieldgsl@outlook.com
1st Mortimer Brownies	933 3153	firstmortimerbrownies@hotmail.co.uk
1st Mortimer Scouts	933 2147	Info@1st-Mortimer.org.uk
1st Ufton Nerve Scouts	07793 196863	cathryn@uftonscouts.com
Age Concern	07852 557733	tubbs66.tb@googlemail.com
Alfred Palmer Memorial Field Trust		trustees@alfredpalmermemorialfield.org.uk
B&M Volunteer Drivers	922 3365	bureauvolunteer@gmail.com
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*For the Zoom meeting link please use the **Contact Us** button on the website, or contact any of the committee members above. You are most welcome regardless of how much or little time you have to give.*