

# Summer 2022 NEWSLETTER



Mortimer Village Partnership  
Enriching Village Life

## Back in the Swing of Things

As we head into the summer MVP is in full swing and I am delighted that for 2022 we have our full calendar of events and activities for the first time since... well you know when.

It's great to see the Lunch Club numbers now back in the mid-twenties, showing that the senior members of our community are increasingly confident to get out and socialise. There is certainly room for many more if you, or someone you know, would like to join us for lunch and a chin wag twice a month. We are delighted to have a number of new helpers too.

Our Spring Clean brought out a good number of volunteers and although on first inspection, it didn't seem that there was much to do, our eagle-eyed Litter Pickers proved us wrong. Sadly, we amassed another large pile of rubbish, why do people make such a mess?

We were back in full swing with Marquees and Gazebos in support of the SMPC Jubilee celebrations and MVP took charge of the Tea Tent, Market Row Traders and the Food outlets along with some less exciting things like Tables, Chairs, Dustbins etc. etc. more about that inside this edition.

Our year continues with the upcoming MVP Village Theatre production of The Many Lives of Nellie Bly brought to us by a local company, an exciting theme for the Scarecrow Trail in October and, dare I mention Christmas, the pantomime is booked for December.

Big "Thank You" again goes to all the MVP volunteers that make these things possible and especially all of those who helped us with the Jubilee event.

**Doug Overett**  
Chairman

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



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

## Teas, Tents and More – MVP supports the Jubilee Party

MVP was delighted to partner with the Parish Council and MML to support the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.

Market Row boasted 45 stalls with a good mix of traders and local organisations; one trader said that they thought this event had the best choice of stalls he had ever seen at fairs he'd been to and all at reasonable prices.... All said they'd had a good day's business.

Our MVP "Time for Tea" Tent served more than 600 slices of cake along with umpteen cookies and pastries and well over 2000 cups of tea!

To add to those numbers MVP sourced, picked up, put up and returned 48 Trestle Tables, 119 Chairs, 3 Marquees, 14 Gazebos, 12 Dustbins, 6 Power cables and a load of stuff now forgotten.

How did that all happen I hear you ask? Well, of course, some dedicated planning by a team of 7, who somehow squeeze this into their busy lives. Plus, over the weekend an additional 29 volunteers lifted, shifted, poured, pointed, counted, drove and still managed to smile and most importantly of all, I hope, had a great time. Many thanks to you all.

## Visiting Theatre

MVP brings live theatre back to Mortimer, with this Bedivere Arts production on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** at St Johns Hall, Mortimer.

**THE MANY LIVES OF NELLIE BLY** is a new one woman show that tells the outrageous true story of a pioneer of investigative journalism. Her exploits blazed a trail for ambitious women around the world and pushed boundaries nobody knew could be pushed.

TICKETS £12 EACH \* DOORS OPEN 7PM

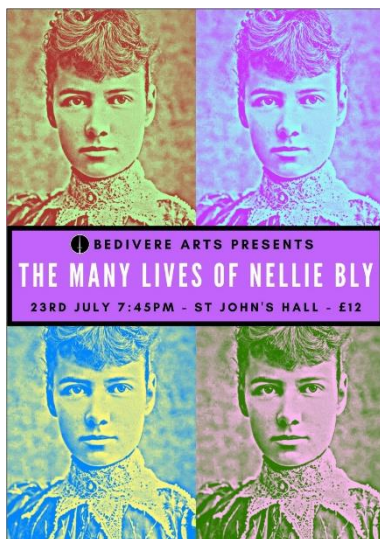
SHOW STARTS 7:45PM

LICENCED BAR \* RUNNING TIME 55 MINUTES

RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 10+

Tickets and more information available here:

<https://thelittleboxoffice.com/mortimervillage>



## Scarecrow Trail



It's time to start planning for Mortimer's scariest week, and our **Spook-tacular** themed scarecrow trail! What's your most chilling idea? How big can you build a giant spider? Or will Dracula be hiding in your garden?

As usual the scarecrow trail will run during the Autumn half term week, **22nd to 30th October**. More information on how to book will be on our website and Facebook page very soon!

## Panto will be back!

MVP are proud to present a magical adaptation of the classic story Aladdin performed by the Gary Starr's team once again.

Join our hero on a quest for the villainous Abanazer to retrieve the mystical lamp of the Djinn. Packed with danger and excitement and a small dash of love in the form of the beautiful Princess Jasmine, this show will be suitable for all the family.

Coming to St John's Hall on **Saturday 10th December** with shows at 2pm and 4:30pm. More information will be available nearer the time, but save the date, you wouldn't want to miss it (oh no you don't).

## MVP Affiliate News

### Mortimer Dramatic Society

Whilst writing this report, we can't help but feel that we have been cast in an updated version of Groundhog Day!!



Mortimer  
Dramatic Society

Mortimer Dramatic Society (MDS) have been trying to put on Murder on West Moon Street since May 2020, but we were thwarted by lockdown, then Omicron. Still ever hopeful we ploughed ahead with the next date May 2022. We felt on sure ground, but no, the Theatre Gods had other ideas and, due to injury, we were forced to cancel the show yet again.... This means the stage has been dark for us for 2 years, and Mortimer could be forgiven for thinking that they no longer have a Dramatic Society, but rest assured we are still here and desperate to get back to treading the boards.

We have shelved, for now, Murder on West Moon Street, but who knows it may be resurrected in the future.

So, now we look forward to our next production slot, **October 2022**. As yet we do not have a confirmed production, but we do have many potential options, so please keep abreast by following our website [www.mortimer-dramatic.org](http://www.mortimer-dramatic.org) and our Facebook page <https://en-gb.facebook.com/Mortime.Dramatic.Society/>

We are always looking for new members, there are varied jobs which need to be filled and a production is a team effort. We have many experienced members who are happy to assist and share their knowledge, and we are very receptive to any new ideas that you might have.

Come along and help breathe new life into MDS. This group has been in existence for over 70 years and we would be devastated if it became another victim of COVID.

## Mortimer West End Village Hall

We are pleased to say that our Family Treasure Trail and Woodland Walk will be returning this year in its usual format. The date for your diaries is **Sunday 24th July**.

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. You can set off any time between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. The walk is between 1.5 and 2 miles and should take about 1 hour at a very leisurely pace. On the way round you can collect treasure and solve puzzles. And you can relax afterwards with a juicy burger or sausage, and a nice cold drink. Or if you don't fancy a walk, just come for the barbie! Map and route instructions are £5 per team, available at the door.



For more information: [www.facebook.com/mwevillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/mwevillagehall)  
[mwevhall@gmail.com](mailto:mwevhall@gmail.com) or 0118-970-0001.

We are looking forward to hosting The Mortimer & District Annual Show on August Bank Holiday Saturday 27th August, more details can be found in their article later in this issue.

And don't forget that the hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates. Our layout also lends itself particularly well to children's parties, for which we have a special £45 rate for full use of the whole hall for four hours.

## Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby and Toddler Group meet during term time on Tuesdays, at Mortimer Methodist Hall, 10-11:30 and we offer a variety of toys, activities and art resources, messy play, healthy snack and song time for 0-5 yr olds. Danusia has run the group for the past 7 years and is stepping back from her leadership role this summer. The group simply wouldn't exist without her hard work and dedication, but it's time for her to concentrate on other adventures. She will continue in an advisory role, and as treasurer. The current small group of volunteers wish to carry on supporting this valuable community group, and a few more willing helping hands would be very much appreciated, enabling us to continue to offer everything we do now.

So, what does this involve?

Our volunteers support the organising and planning of the group. This includes setting up at the beginning of each session (there is some lifting of large toys needed). Preparing teas and coffees, children's snacks and helping to tidy away at the end. As a volunteer it is wonderful to see the children engage so happily in the range of fun activities and the opportunity the group provides in our community to parents/carers and children to socialise and chat, enjoyed by all.



Here's what some of our families say about us:

"A great opportunity to meet more local parents and make some new friendships. We've formed some great support networks through this group. My daughter has also made some lovely friends who she will eventually go to the same school with. It's a safe, fun environment to learn, play and share."

"The children love playing with the variety of toys they have out, especially the messy table!" Another Mum enjoys watching her child exploring and gaining confidence in all areas of development.

If you'd like to learn more about volunteering contact Amanda or Louise, send a message on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MortimerToddlers>, or just come along to a session to see how it all works. We would love to welcome you to our group! [Amanda.lowe.44@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Amanda.lowe.44@yahoo.co.uk) [Louise.overett@gmail.com](mailto:Louise.overett@gmail.com)

## 1st Burghfield Scouts

We were proud to join forces with 2 other Scout groups at the fabulous Jubilee Parade in Mortimer, and if you would you like to be part of 1<sup>st</sup> Burghfield & Sulhamstead scouts **we need a few more volunteers to join our amazing team.**



We are based on Hollybush Lane, Burghfield Common (next to the skate park). If you don't know about us, we have just over 300 young members aged 6 to 24 years old, with a team of 50 volunteers running the sessions and supporting behind the scenes. Beavers aged 6-8, Cubs aged 8-10, Scouts aged 10-14, Explorers aged 14-18 meet weekly, with the exception of Network aged 18-24 who meet monthly. Scouting provides a fabulous opportunity for young people to make new friends and try something new in a safe, welcoming environment.



It has been wonderful for the HQ to once again be buzzing with activity. Some of our Beavers have been at the Englefield Estate, pond dipping and digging for worms 😊. Some of our Scouts enjoyed 2 toasty hot hikes and wild camping a few weekends ago, and we have 30 Scouts and Explorers travelling to Denmark for an International camp this Summer, as well as several

others heading for a camp in the Alps and a Scout jamboree in South Korea next summer, exciting stuff!

We certainly have something for everyone, but we can't do it without our amazing team of volunteers. If you think you would like to volunteer with one of our sections or could help behind the scenes, we have a fabulous HQ but it takes time to look after, we would love to hear from you. Please go to [www.1stbands.org](http://www.1stbands.org) to get in touch.

## Mortimer West End & District Annual Show

Well, wasn't the Jubilee event in the village fun! Many congratulations to all the organisers and participants, it really was great. Our MWE Show had a stand in the Market Row Marquee to advertise our event in August along with the Mortimer West End Hall, the footfall was good, and we gave out over 100 show schedules –

wouldn't it be wonderful if they all converted into at least one entry each! Schedules are available in many local shops, on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/mweshow](http://www.facebook.com/mweshow) and also on online on the MVP website [www.mortimervillage.org.uk/calendar-items/mwe-district-show](http://www.mortimervillage.org.uk/calendar-items/mwe-district-show).

We look forward to welcoming both entries and visitors to the show on the **Bank Holiday Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August** at Mortimer West End Village Hall. Doors open for Staging 8:30am - 10:45am and then, after judging, the Show opens fully at 2:30pm. We had a great show in 2021 which was still impacted by COVID so we tried something a little different with the layout. It worked so well that we intend to repeat and build upon that for this year. We hope you like it.

The MWE Show has been part of the village community since 1902 and wouldn't run without the hard work of the dedicated committee group and our helpers – for which we are always looking for volunteers. Also, as with many things, the cost of providing the Show is ever increasing and we are always open to sponsorship to help keep the show tradition as part of the village. If you feel you can help with either assistance or sponsorship, please get in contact at the details below.

We very much look forward to seeing you in August and, in the meantime, if you have any questions or comments please do get in touch with me or any one of the committee members, details of which can be found in our schedule.

Nick Munson, Chairman, Tel: 07905 617665, Email: [ngmunson@yahoo.com](mailto:ngmunson@yahoo.com)

## Save the Children Kennet Branch



Save the Children Kennet Branch would like to thank everyone who attended Midsummer Music on Sunday 26th of June, your support was appreciated.

Our friendly check-out Jumble Sale returns on **Saturday, 3rd of September** at the Community Centre. The concept is simple, all jumble items are 40p or three for £1. Simply choose your items and pay on the way out. Entry is still an inflation-busting 20p. There will be bargains! We welcome your jumble donations from 9:30am and the sale starts at 10am sharp. If you are not around on the Saturday but have jumble to donate please message us via our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StcKennetBranch> and we will be in touch to make alternative arrangements. Save the Children Kennet Branch will also be providing the refreshments at the Whitchurch Art Café on Saturday 17th of September from 10:30am – 12:30am; the address is The Old Rectory Stables, Whitchurch on Thames, RG8 7DF.

## The Oaks Childcare

We've been having lots of fun in the Mortimer Clubs where we offer breakfast and after school care for Mortimer St John's (Little Oaks) and Mortimer St Mary's (Big Oaks) Schools.



**The Oaks Childcare**  
Community Interest Company

In our Big Oaks clubs, there has been lots of fun in the sun with cricket, water challenges, den building, treasure trails, bubbles (non-COVID ones, thankfully!) and mosaics. We've also been enjoying bug inspector kits and creating a vegetable garden at Big Oaks. Dinosaurs made a surprise appearance at breakfast club. At Little Oaks, we've had lots of craft activities, films, and many adventures in the playground. The most amazing creations appeared on our junk recycling day. All of our clubs celebrated the Jubilee in style with games, food and fun and so many of our families reported an amazing day at the Mortimer Fairground for the Jubilee weekend, and would like to pass their thanks onto the organisers.



This summer, we're very pleased to be offering holiday clubs for all school children, aged 4-11, already attending primary school (regardless of the school they attend) at Mortimer St Mary's between 8<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> August, 8am-6pm each day.

We will have access to The Oaks building, the adventure playground, and extensive outdoor grounds including shady areas. A huge variety of activities will be available every day including organised games, craft activities, and messy play. Alice Walter of our Big Oaks team will be leading our holiday clubs. You and your children will recognise many of the Oaks staff if they come to our clubs, and will make new friends if they don't.

Take a look at our Facebook and website pages for more news and pictures of all the fun the children have been having.





## Mortimer Pre-School



Wow it's been a busy few months for Mortimer Pre School!

The children have enjoyed fun activities: Pancake Day, World Book Day, and a PJ Day which raised money for a local children's charity. For Mothers' Day we held an Afternoon Tea for our VIPs. It was wonderful to be able to invite the parents, grandparents, childminders, and other Important People into Pre-School again and lots of cake was enjoyed by all!

What a cracking occasion we had at the **Easter Egg Hunt!** Such an amazing turn out and the sun made an appearance too. It was so great to see so many families out on the Fairground, enjoying the Easter trail and chocolate at the end. You helped us to raise in excess of £1,000 for Pre School, which will be used to buy new equipment to support the children's learning. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us!

The children have also had a fun time learning about and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee: making giant castles, crowns, flags and bunting. We had street party lunches and played on the bouncy castle. We even made a special card and sent it to the Queen.

We are now preparing to say goodbye to some of our children who are moving on to school in September. Some children and families will return in the autumn, and we are looking forward to welcoming some new families too.

If you are interested in a place for your child at Mortimer Pre-School, please get in touch at [admissions@mortimerpreschool.org.uk](mailto:admissions@mortimerpreschool.org.uk) or visit our website [www.mortimerpreschool.org.uk](http://www.mortimerpreschool.org.uk)

## South Berks Concert Band

After a long break due to COVID, SBCB is delighted to finally be back home in Mortimer for our next concert.

Although we've been able to perform to limited-size audiences in Burghfield and Tadley this year we can now bring music back to the heart of Mortimer with a concert at **St John's Church on 17th September**, and we'd love to see you there! We will be celebrating our return with a special performance of Mortimer's own piece of music, "**Highdays and Holidays: The Mortimer Revel**", which was written especially for the band, and premiered in Mortimer for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016. There will be much more to enjoy too.



If you'd like to hear us before then, you can also find us at Alton Town Gardens on 24<sup>th</sup> July and at Newbury Victoria Gardens on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Our final concert for the year, a Christmas celebration, will be at St Mary's Church in Burghfield on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

We hope to see many of you at our Mortimer concert, so do look for the posters around the village. Tickets will be available nearer the time from SBCB\_Music@yahoo.com, via TicketSource, and hopefully also from The Baobab.

In the meantime, if you wish to find out more, do follow us on Facebook, look at our website or make contact with us via email: [SBCB\\_Music@yahoo.com](mailto:SBCB_Music@yahoo.com)  
[facebook.com/SouthBerksConcertBand](https://www.facebook.com/SouthBerksConcertBand)      [www.southberksmusic.org.uk](http://www.southberksmusic.org.uk)  
Ticket booking: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-berks-concert-band>

## Burghfield Camera Club

The club have found it wonderful to meet in person again. It has been great to talk about photos in competitions and discuss member projects. A portrait evening with models and studio lighting resulted in some wonderful character images (see right). The pastel theme competition resulted on some beautiful, nuanced photos (see below). Also, we have had a good practical on converting old film negatives/slides to digital and a talk on Kenyan Wildlife.



Now with the longer days we are getting out more to enjoy together the photographic opportunities the seasons brings.

Check out our programme and details: [www.burghfieldcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.burghfieldcameraclub.co.uk)

## Mortimer 2012 WI

As 2022 moves on apace we have enjoyed some very interesting and entertaining speakers. We learned about the history of the Post Office which led us to investigate our own Post Boxes, they are all different and the one at Ravensworth Road even dates back to the reign of Queen Victoria.

More recently Andy Thomas told us about The Bonfires of Lewes, quite a spectacular event. We are now looking forward to our Garden Party when we will be entertained by FS Sax Players with their Music for a Summer's Evening. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us!

Our Groups continue to meet regularly. Last month the Walking Group walked into Reading along the Canal towpath and then enjoyed lunch on the Riverside, afterwards catching the bus back to Mortimer. Walking Netball continues on Thursdays on the Fairground and new members are always welcome, you do not need to belong to the WI to join us, all you need is a sense of fun!

Finally, a big Thank You to MVP, SMPC and MML for all their hard work in staging the Jubilee Party, it was huge success and enjoyed by all our members and I'm sure the rest of the village and surrounding area.

Mortimer 2012 WI welcomes all women so do come along and give us a try. We meet on the first Wednesday of the Month at 7:30pm in the Community Centre opposite the Horse and Groom. We look forward to welcoming you.



## Mortimer Bell Ringers



Your friendly, enthusiastic band of ringers did a LOT of ringing over the Jubilee weekend.

We have three towers, Padworth, Mortimer St. John's and Mortimer St. Mary's for which we are responsible, so over the weekend, we rang them all.

St. John's for the lighting of the beacon on Thursday and for a quarter peal (45 minutes) on Saturday to kick off the parade. St. Mary's on Friday for the service of thanksgiving and Padworth on Saturday afternoon. Finally St. John's on Sunday, twice! We hope you enjoyed the traditional sounds.

I am delighted to report that the group who have been learning to ring for the last few months were all able to use their new skills for the celebration. This was their first time – well done all! It was all the more necessary since COVID managed to knock out two of our ringers at the last moment.

As always, we welcome people who would like to find out about bell ringing. If you have rung before and are a bit rusty, come along and see how you get on. If you are new to ringing, come and see what we do. Email: [mortimerbellringers@gmail.com](mailto:mortimerbellringers@gmail.com)

Many thanks to all the ringers from Burghfield, Mortimer and further afield (including Canada!) who made this possible.

## Belle Canto Trio

We had a fun start to the Jubilee Weekend, singing and dancing to shoppers in John Lewis – a number of them taking advantage of the comfortable seating near where we were performing.

On Saturday we were delighted to attract a good-sized audience to our concert at Shinfield St. Mary, when so many other Jubilee events could have tempted them away. Not only were they generous in their applause but also in their donations, raising £315 for the church organ fund from the concert and a further £40 from donations for the magnificent Jubilee buffet provided afterwards.

After a swift change of outfit, it was on to the big stage at Mortimer's Jubilee Party: quite a different experience, with our voices being amplified around the Fairground! If you'd like to hear more, or missed these Jubilee performances, we'd be delighted to see you very soon at our next concert, with a few new additions to our programme. We'll be at **St. Mary**



**the Virgin, Silchester, at 7:30 pm on Saturday 9th July.** Full details can be found at [www.facebook.com/bellecantotrio](https://www.facebook.com/bellecantotrio) and [www.bellecanto.uk](http://www.bellecanto.uk)  
We hope to see you there!

## Made In Mortimer



Made in Mortimer are a group of crafters and artisans based in and around Mortimer village. Our aim is to create a supportive network for local people who love to make hand-crafted items, by holding regular meetings and events.

Throughout the COVID lockdowns our activities were substantially curtailed, but we are now meeting again regularly for social crafting evenings. Anyone is welcome to come along. Just bring your own craft, sit with us and socialise, swap ideas and maybe even learn something new at one of the craft taster evenings we will be arranging.

We are also planning to hold a Craft Fair later in the year, details of which will be announced soon. If you would like to know more or join us, please follow our Facebook page or check out our website [www.madeinmortimer.org](http://www.madeinmortimer.org) for details of meetings and future events.

## Together In Mission

**Now Open 9:30am -1:00pm**  
**Mondays and Wednesdays**  
**at Burghfield Methodist Church Hall**

Café B

Ask for a loyalty card – buy 5 hot drinks and the 6<sup>th</sup> is free.

[www.facebook.com/CommunityCafé B/](http://www.facebook.com/CommunityCafé B/)

**Alex Lines, Manager Café B** [cafeb@togetherinmission.org.uk](mailto:cafeb@togetherinmission.org.uk)



### **Our Dance and Jubilee Quiz was brilliant!**

Our volunteers mastered the cha-cha whilst their friends watched in amazement. The whole morning was a great example of

friendship in the community and our thanks go to the Corn Exchange, Newbury and Sulhamstead Village Hall.



Have you got an hour a week to spare to offer friendship to someone in your community? **Please contact Bev French, TiM Friends Coordinator : 07748 686615 : [bevrench6@gmail.com](mailto:bevrench6@gmail.com)**

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

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

## Mortimer Life

**Garth Club:** Over 300 people had their say on the future of the Garth Club Hall, by completing the survey or attending the March open meeting. The overwhelming majority wish to see the hall refurbished and reopened with significant numbers offering to help make this happen. Local members of Men's Shed and England Boxing, are keen to explore taking on the repair and running of the building, with



each pitching their ideas to the Parish Council. Others, including the local rifle club, are interested in using the facility, if it's reopened. Pressure continues to be applied to the Royal British Legion (RBL) in London, the building's current trustee, to grant access to allow these community-led initiatives to progress. At the time of writing, access has not been granted, although the local RBL is fully supportive.

**GreenFest:** This inspirational showcase promotes sustainability, conservation and protecting the physical and natural environment. It's a great source of tips on what more we can do to help make a difference. This year's event is on Saturday 10 September from 10am-5:30pm at Hampstead Norreys RG18 0TD. To find out more or to help out, visit our website, where there's also an interview with one of the organisers.



**Pick of the Pops:** Attendees of DJ James Carter's captivating set at June's Mortimer Jubilee Party, were treated to an exclusive preview of his catchy new collaboration, ahead of its mid-July release. If you attended his show, remember where you heard the track first! Our website has photos and videos of the whole truly memorable celebration of Her Majesty's reign, as well as details of James' track.



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### Mortimer Cricket

Come and watch Mortimer Cricket Club (MCC) take on the Mortimer Village Players (MVP) **Sunday 18th September at Mortimer Cricket Club** on the Fairground.

Every year the MCC play MVP for the Alan Thorpe Trophy. The trophy was sponsored by the Parish Council in the name of Alan Thorpe, ex-headmaster of St. Mary's School, a well-established member of the Mortimer community.

The match is closely contested but always in the spirit of fun. MCC have had the upper hand in recent years so is this the year MVP will make a come-back?

So why not bring a picnic on Sunday 18th September and spend a late summer's afternoon watching the cricket. The match will start between 1pm and 2pm and finish late afternoon/early evening.

## Greening Campaign for Mortimer

**Come and join us in shaping the Greening Campaign for Mortimer!**



This is a community-led initiative through which, by working together, we can conserve and protect the environment we are so lucky to live in. It works through creating and sharing small steps we can each take, that collectively make a real difference. The kick-off is at **St John's village hall**, West End Road on **Wednesday 20 July from 6-8pm**. Everyone is welcome to join this fun and interactive forum: community groups and businesses, adults, students and children. For more information email: [greeningmortimer@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk](mailto:greeningmortimer@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk)

## Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan

**What will Mortimer look like by 2037? Your input is vital.**

The Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan update is underway and we need to know what changes and actions you would like to see to ensure our village and surroundings continue to be an amazing place to live. You can have your say by completing a questionnaire that you will receive shortly. Don't miss out on this opportunity to shape the community and environment you live in.

If you have questions or need additional questionnaires, please email: [newnp@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk](mailto:newnp@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk) or contact the Parish Council: 0118 933 1955.

## Jubilee Memories

As so many of our contributors have mentioned, the Jubilee Event was one that Mortimer can be proud of for many years to come, and we couldn't leave this issue without a few reminders of a wonderful weekend. Thanks again to all the amazing volunteers across our community that made it happen.





Image credit: Rebecca Hedges



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## MVP Affiliate Directory

The aim of MVP Affiliated group membership is to promote community cooperation and cohesion as well as providing local groups with a number of practical benefits such as: borrowing MVP equipment, laminating & photocopying, communications through use of the village website, this newsletter and Facebook, and use of our prominent notice board outside the Co-Op. We can also offer promotional support via CafeB in Burghfield – using their ‘rolling screen’ on display in the café.

If you have an interest and would like to start a club, or are part of an existing group and would like to find out more then please contact MVP on [affiliates@mortimervillage.org.uk](mailto:affiliates@mortimervillage.org.uk)

| Affiliate                            | Telephone       | Email   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1st Burghfield & Sulhamstead Scouts  | 07867<br>804441 | burghfieldgsl@outlook.com                     |
| 1st Mortimer Brownies                | 933 3153        | firstmortimerbrownies@hotmail.co.uk           |
| 1st Mortimer Guides                  | 07886<br>524611 | mortimerguides@hotmail.com                    |
| 1st Mortimer Scouts                  | 933 2147        | Info@1st-Mortimer.org.uk                      |
| 1st Ufton Nerve Scout Group          | 07793<br>190863 | cathryn@uftonscouts.com                       |
| Age Concern                          | 07852<br>557733 | tubbs66.tb@<br>googlemail.com                 |
| Alfred Palmer Memorial Field Trust   |                 | trustees@alfredpalmer<br>memorialfield.org.uk |
| B&M Volunteer Bureau                 | 922 3365        | bureauvolunteer@<br>gmail.com                 |
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