

# October 2025 NEWSLETTER



Mortimer Village Partnership  
Enriching Village Life

As autumn settles in, with darker evenings and a chill in the air, it's the perfect time to look back on what has been a truly memorable summer for Mortimer. One of the highlights was the much-anticipated return of our **Fun Day** after



several years away. The village came together in style, and thanks to a well-timed pause in the soaring 30-degree heat, everyone was able to enjoy a full day at the Fairground. From the thrills and spills of the arena acts, to the chance to relax with a cold beer, great food, and the company of friends and neighbours, it was a real celebration of community spirit.

Of course, summer now feels a long time ago, and MVP has already turned its attention to a busy autumn programme. We recently introduced an exciting new event,

**"Pour My Bluff"** – a light-hearted evening of wine, wit, and laughter. Judging by the smiles and feedback, it was a huge success.

Meanwhile, our focus has shifted to the traditional Autumn Half-Term **Scarecrow Trail**. This year's theme, *Mortimer Goes Potty*, is already sparking plenty of creativity around the village. With unwanted flowerpots transformed into imaginative and quirky characters, we're all looking forward to seeing what our talented scarecrow makers have dreamt up this time.

As ever, none of these events would be possible without the dedication of our wonderful volunteers and the enthusiastic support of the community. Thank you for joining us, helping out, and making Mortimer such a vibrant and welcoming place to live.

**Doug Overett**  
MVP Chair

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



The Queen's Award  
for Voluntary Service

## Fun Day – Bringing the Village Together

Back in July, Mortimer Common came alive with colour, laughter, and community spirit as families and friends gathered to enjoy the return of our ever-popular **Fun Day**.

Children enjoyed a whole host of free activities, from bouncing on inflatables to testing their skills on the **Bungy Trampoline** and **Climbing Wall**.

The arena was buzzing with excitement as crowds were wowed by the high-energy **BMX Power vs Parkour** show and thrilled by the dramatic **Dinosaur Invasion**.

The ever-popular **dog show** drew plenty of wagging tails and proud owners, while the **tea tent, bar, and many food outlets** kept everyone well-fed and refreshed throughout the day. Shoppers and browsers also made the most of **Market Row**, with local traders offering a variety of goods and treats.

It was a wonderful day of entertainment, community spirit, and summer fun. A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped organise the event and to all who came along to make it such a success.

## Panto

It is with great regret that we must announce there will be no pantomime in Mortimer this year.

Although we had a performance lined up at the beginning of the year, the production company later withdrew. Since then, we have been unable to secure an alternative visiting panto that is both suitable and available at the right time.

For more than 10 years, Mortimer has enjoyed a festive panto tradition, and we are very sorry to break it this year. However, we are already working hard to secure a booking for December 2026 and look forward to welcoming you back then.

## Pour My Bluff – was a grape success!

As summer draws to a close, MVP brought a brand-new event to Mortimer. Pour My Bluff made its debut in the village Community Centre, and it was a resounding success! Nearly a full house gathered to taste six different wines while being challenged to decide which of three stories about each was true.



Hosted with the expert help of Mark and his team from Laithwaites (Theale), the evening combined wine, wit and plenty of bluffing. With lots of laughter and lively discussion, it was a fantastic new addition to the MVP 2025 line-up.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along, joined in and supported us. The team can't wait to host the next one!



## Scarecrow Trail – Mortimer Goes Potty



This year, MVP has a slightly different Scarecrow trail in store for you, as every one of the scarecrows must have a least one garden plant pot as part of its design. Pick up a trail map from Dad's Shop, Co-op or the Library and see what our ingenious makers have created for you. Having seen some of the ideas, we just know it's going to be good!

As usual the trail will take place over the half-term week, between **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**, with the

scarecrows on display between 9am and dusk. You can vote for your favourite and the funniest scarecrows if you purchase a trail map, and be in with a chance of a cash prize when you enter the trail quiz.

Trail maps will be available to buy for £1.50 from local shops (cash only please). The map will also be available to purchase online through the Mortimer Village Partnership website: [www.mortimervillage.org.uk](http://www.mortimervillage.org.uk). Just follow the links for an easy download and printable version.

Huge thanks to our local sponsors, Triangle Travel, Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council, and Spratley's for their support in covering costs of printing and the makers' prizes and to Pierdell Construction for providing toilets in the Community Centre Car Park!

## MVP Affiliate News

### Mortimer Bellringers

#### Ringing Competition

What an adventure! Those of you who read this column avidly may remember that the Mortimer Bellringers band entered a Ringing Competition a few years ago.

We decided to try again this year. The competition requires us to enter a band of six ringers to ring the bells in a church with which we are not familiar, Purley on Thames. The measurement of success is on the evenness of the striking of the bells over a set period whilst ringing a chosen pattern, or method, as it is known.

We had very little opportunity to practice before the event however we performed well and had a fun morning.

How did we do? We missed standing on the podium (there wasn't one to stand on anyway) and came fourth. To put this in context, there were four bands entered so some would describe this as coming last however, there are around 30 groups that were eligible to enter but didn't so to look at it more optimistically, we came fourth out of thirty. The same result as last time but allegedly with a better score.

As always, if you would like to come back to ringing or would like to learn, do get in touch. Details at the back of this newsletter.



### Belle Canto Trio

Our Forties Favourites programme proved so popular that we have been invited to perform it three more times in September and October, after which we will be getting ready for Christmas. All of these engagements are for private groups, although we do have a public concert at Shinfield St Mary at midday on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February, when we will transport you to sunny Italy! Details of this, and any other public performances, will be posted on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bellecantotrio](https://www.facebook.com/bellecantotrio)



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council



If you live within the parish of Stratfield Mortimer you will have received a questionnaire at the same time as this MVP newsletter was delivered. The Parish Council is very keen to improve and increase communications between itself and residents and you can help shape these changes by replying to the questionnaire. All the information about an option to do it online is included.

One of the ideas being tried is a new regular online news bulletin which you can read on the Parish Council website or choose to receive by email. Again, all details are in the questionnaire.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## The Hurst Singers

The Hurst Singers are back working hard at rehearsals for the Autumn after our Summer break. We had two successful concerts in the Summer at St. Mary's Church, Burghfield, and also a very well attended one at St. John's Church, Mortimer. We had not performed at St. John's for a long time, but we all loved the acoustics and hoped the audience did too. We are now back rehearsing hard for concerts **at St. Mary's Church and St. John's Hall on December 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>** – watch out for details on posters and our website nearer the time.

<https://thehurstsingers.org/>

We are a four-part SATB choir – soprano / alto / tenor / bass. We are enjoying new, more modern pieces, as well as revisiting (so even getting better at!) some older favourites from a whole range of genres. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in St. John's Hall, Mortimer and welcome enquiries from prospective members with a wide range of abilities. If you are interested, but not a confident music sight reader, don't worry, we offer help and rehearsal tracks. And we value the social side of singing as much as working at the music, so we often laugh a lot! If you don't want to join but just want to come to listen, we have occasional open rehearsals as well as our concerts. Become a Friend of the Hurst Singers by emailing

[Thehurstsingers@gmail.com](mailto:Thehurstsingers@gmail.com) and we will send updates to your Inbox from time to time.



## Burghfield Produce Show

On 9<sup>th</sup> August, the Methodist Church in Burghfield Common hosted the third Produce Show, organised by the Committee, Lita Watts, Ruth Allen, Ellen Goodall and Elaine Kitson. The show was held in the Hall, the Produce marquee, (hired from Pink Penguins), the Plant stall and the Bric-a-Brac marquee which provided much needed space. Drinks and cake were served and the sunny afternoon was enjoyed by many visitors who admired the exhibits, bought raffle tickets and appreciated the social occasion.

Many thanks must be given to the volunteers who toiled tirelessly setting up the second marquee and gazebos, carrying tables and chairs both before the exhibitors arrived at 8:30am and after the show finished. Thanks also go to the ladies serving drinks, the judges and stewards as well as the people selling plants and Bric-a-Brac.

The exhibits, 223 up from 175 last year were of excellent quality and competition fierce!!

As well as vegetables and flowers, there were exhibits of cakes, jams, pickles, chutneys, knitted and handmade items and photographs. The children's classes attracted some excellent entries. The professional judges did an excellent job choosing the winners of each of the 10 classes.

We were very grateful for the support of the Parish Council whose grant enabled us to hire the hall and an extended marquee. Support from local businesses was invaluable and they contributed with raffle prizes and financial help.

Next year's show will be on **8<sup>th</sup> August, 2pm** at the Methodist Church Hall.



## Mortimer Surgery Patients Participation Group

On a warm but cloudy day with the odd sprinkle of rain, the Mortimer Fun Day attracted a great throng of villagers with their children and dogs to enjoy displays in the arena, canine competitions, climbing walls, inflatable slides, food and drink – and a selection of charitable and social amenity stalls including ours. Mortimer PPG invited entries to a simple quiz, offered advice and information about the surgery and the NHS App, and even performed some blood pressure tests on willing victims. All in all, it was an enjoyable day and great to meet and chat with many people. Thanks to the organisers and volunteers, and we hope we can do it again next year.

This year we delayed our public meeting until October, and are delighted to welcome Professor Dr Deepak Ravindran to present his workshop 'From Hurting to Healing – a New Way to Understand Pain' on October 15<sup>th</sup> at St John's Hall from 6:30pm. Contact [ppgmortimersurgery@gmail.com](mailto:ppgmortimersurgery@gmail.com) for a reservation or further information.

## Mortimer Tennis Club

We are lucky to have access to two excellent courts on the Mortimer Fairground. These courts are maintained to a very high standard by the Parish Council and they were recently cleaned and new nets were installed.

Last year, the club negotiated an arrangement with Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council, which could be beneficial to anyone playing tennis regularly. Club members can now book the tennis courts at a discounted fee of £3.00 per hour per court - at any time. The price for non-tennis club members is £6.00 per hour! So, if you do play tennis regularly on the Mortimer Fairground Courts and don't belong to the Tennis Club, you might like to consider joining to take advantage of this discounted price. We are a friendly, sociable club with players of mixed abilities and will make new members very welcome.

Our most popular session is on Monday from 10am to 11am but the club does have other slots to choose from on Tuesday evenings, some Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

To contact us, please email [info@mortimertennisclub.co.uk](mailto:info@mortimertennisclub.co.uk) or call Simon on 07768 743197



## Mortimer & Burghfield Toy Library

How shocking is this statistic I recently read online. It really makes you think and certainly appreciate Mortimer and Burghfield Toy Library.

The toy library allows you to borrow up to 15 toys per month for a meagre annual fee of £20, and for those families in receipt of benefit, there is no charge whatsoever.

Toy Library has been in existence for approximately 25 years and one of our present volunteers was an original member, whose children benefitted from the service. Talk about "full circle".

The majority of our toys are preloved and very kindly donated by local families. Then we recycle toys into the community, it helps reduce landfill, certainly makes it economical for families with young children and saves them storage space, as well as keeping youngsters entertained by a flow of different toys.

We are conveniently situated in the middle of Mortimer Village (Mortimer Methodist Church, West End Road) with free parking - always useful when you need to pack your car boot with numerous toys.

Sessions are **fourth Saturday of every month 9:30am - 11am** and usually quite hectic and full of laughter and chatter. It is important to mention that we are not a "play and stay" session. It is always a treat for us to see regular faces attend and watch the children grow from tiny babies to active toddlers.

If you are a parent of young children - babies to preschool- or indeed a grandparent or childminder, check out our Facebook site for further information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/668562119970290/>

Of course with all Community Projects we are always keen to recruit new volunteers. I'd honestly say, it is minimal effort for maximum reward.

## Mortimer West End & District Annual Show

Well! What a great day we all had – the weather was glorious, the company was even better and what show doesn't go well with tea and cake in the afternoon.

We had a record number of entries this year, so a huge thank you to all those that entered. It was good to see a lot of new faces this year too – hopefully our new schedule flyer (circulated with the last MVP newsletter) and the short reminder clips on Facebook counting down to the day encouraged you to join us.

Although the weather seemed not to favour a good growing season, we were proved wrong, with one of our biggest entry of vegetables, fruit and flowers.



These are the overall winners and the complete list of prizewinners can be found on the MWE show Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/mwe.show> - Congratulations to all!

We had a new prize this year 'The Beryl Donnelly Trophy' in memory of a long time and active supporter of the show. This was a judged award, and quite fittingly this was won by a first-time entrant to the show Natasha O'Martin. I think you'll agree that is a quite stunning piece of artwork.

It was also great to see the children's classes getting some good support again, with the Lego models, wooden spoons and carved fruit animals all capturing the young one's imagination and some nice encouraging comments from our judges.



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 additional volunteers. Also, as with many things, the cost of providing the Show is ever increasing and we are always open to donations to help keep the show tradition as part of the village. If you feel you can help in any way, please get in contact, via the Facebook page, or you'll find contact details in the directory at the end of the Newsletter and in our schedule.

We very much look forward to seeing you next year **29<sup>th</sup> August 2026**.

Overall Winner	Christina Chater-Lea
Running up	Caroline Buckley
Best WME resident	Nick Munson
Senior Citizen	Charles Gibbs



## Mortimer Baby and Toddler Group



This term-time, weekly group is very much appreciated by our regulars, and new families alike, and it has been great to welcome so many newbies since September. The group has been running almost continuously for at least 40 years.

Some of our Mums came here as babies – and several of our volunteers brought their children and grandchildren. It's a wonderful opportunity for little ones to meet friends they'll grow up with. We welcome Mums, nursing Mums, Dads, Grannies, Grandads, and Childminders. Every week is different as we like to vary our toys, crafts and messy play to enrich the fun and role play activities. As ever, snack time and song time are very popular, especially sleeping bunnies!



We are volunteer led, mostly retirees and some mums, and we are currently hoping to attract another volunteer or two. If you are happy doing a bit of light lifting and shifting, like to be part of a team, and have Tuesday mornings free, please get in touch ([louise.overett@gmail.com](mailto:louise.overett@gmail.com)) or pop along to one of our sessions.

### When and where is it?

**Tuesdays (term time) 10am – 11:30am** at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall. **Cost - £3.00 per parent & child.** (Additional £1.00 for extra children over 12 months.) We accept cash and card.

Do come and join us! Look out for news and information on our Facebook page.

## Mortimer Local History Group

Our group has had a good few months since the last newsletter, with very good attendance and interest at our monthly meetings (on the third Tuesday of the month at the Methodist Church Hall). Our May meeting featured our very own John Miller, who gave a colourful presentation with slides and regalia about the office of High Sheriff of Berkshire.

The MLHG had a stall at the Berkshire Family History Society 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference at Wokefield Park in early June, and we presented two large boards about Victorian Mortimer, as well as a model of our wonderful Grade 2 listed railway station, very much a Victorian asset to the village.

In our June meeting we were delighted to welcome Dr Richard Marks, an authority on all things rail and waterways, who told us all about the history of the Kennet and Avon Canal, its rise, fall and rise again as a leisure facility.

Our stall at the Fun Day was well-received and we had many visitors looking at the Victorian Mortimer boards, as well as some collages of life from 1945-1949, and a couple of puzzling artefacts to identify.

Our July meeting broke all box-office records with 63 present to welcome Paul Spratley, much-loved local businessman and friend, who had researched his family's connection to the village, including a last minute discovery that his seven times great-grandfather, William Spratley, did indeed live at Spratley's Farm, now disappeared, and records of which we have dating back to 1733!



Glorious August saw our annual tea party, kindly hosted once again by Bob and Carolyn at the Jackdaw, and again, a record number of people attended, and enjoyed a lovely spread on their historic plot. New members are always welcome to our meetings, and we very much appreciate your comments and photos on the MVP FB page about people and places associated with Mortimer.

## Greening Mortimer

We have had 2 conservation and biodiversity activities over the Summer, the new planting at the car park next to Dad's shop and removing Skunk Cabbage (this is a non-native, invasive species) near Brewery Common (see photo).

The Barn Owl boxes that we installed with Mortimer Barn Owl group did not produce any live chicks this year, as it was a bad breeding year (11 live chicks in West Berkshire compared to 411 in 2024). There is often a bumper year for chicks following a poor year so we are keen to make sure there are a good number of nesting boxes for the 2026 breeding season.

We will soon be offering thermal imaging to residents of the village once again, please contact [greeningmortimer@gmail.com](mailto:greeningmortimer@gmail.com) to sign up.

We need more people to get involved! Whether you enjoy meetings, organising events or coming out to bash Rhododendron or remove Skunk Cabbage, we need your support. Register your interest at [greeningmortimer@gmail.com](mailto:greeningmortimer@gmail.com)



## Friends of Mortimer Library

The Friends of Mortimer Library (FoML) enjoyed a fascinating talk from John Hannawin, reminiscing on how, 25 years ago, in order to celebrate the Millennium, a CD-ROM was created of life at Mortimer St. Johns Infant School. It really was a lovely trip down memory lane and fascinating to look at how much recording techniques have moved on!

Our next talk, on **Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30pm** in the library will be entitled '**We will remember them**' looking at Family History, and tracing the stories of

those who served in the First and Second World Wars. The speaker, Mel Donnelly, will include a variety of stories, covering men and women from across the Commonwealth, from both World Wars, together with the historic records used to research each of their stories. Mel, served in the Royal Air Force, has delivered talks at the Imperial War Museum and is involved in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Commemoration Team. She definitely is a speaker not to miss.

The library has had a very successful Summer Reading Scheme for both children AND adults, and, over the autumn, is hosting a number of activities and events for all ages. Our very popular Poetry Appreciation Group, goes from strength to strength and the next meeting is on **Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am** in the library. If you write poetry or enjoy reading it or are just intrigued then do join us. For further information about FoML and library events follow us on Facebook and/or check out our website at [www.mortimerlibraryfriends.org](http://www.mortimerlibraryfriends.org).

## Mortimer Walking Group

We operate 'Wellbeing Walks' locally - a programme sponsored by West Berkshire Council, with walks led by trained volunteers. The routes are designed for people of all abilities (hence the differing lengths and start times), offering you an opportunity to meet new people and explore the beautiful countryside around the village. The walks are extremely popular and, as well as locals, we regularly attract people from as far afield as Basingstoke, Bramley, Thatcham, Baughurst and Tilehurst, as well as the closer villages.

Every Tuesday, we run three walks, all starting from the Fairground car park opposite the Horse & Groom:

- 09:45 – the long walk - around 5 miles taking about 1¾ hours
- 10:00 – the regular walk - around 3½ miles lasting about 1½ hours
- 10:30 – an hour's gentle walk.

The aim is for all three walks to arrive back at about 11:30, and many of us then repair to the Horse & Groom, the Baobab or the Bistro for a coffee (or whatever suits!) This month we will be having a group BBQ, and (as in previous years) at Christmas we will organise lunches in the H&G, plus mulled wine and mince pies in the Community Centre.

It's easy to start walking with us - just turn up 15 minutes before the start of the walk you want to join and speak to one of the walk leaders (the ones wearing high vis). We are all very friendly and newcomers are soon in conversation with other walkers.

Walking regularly is good for all sorts of reasons, not just trying to get a little fitter – it overcomes a recognised barrier to becoming more active by providing

opportunities for social contact, has been shown to improve self-esteem, relieve symptoms of depression, anxiety, and improve mood – we often find that those on a walk have no idea where they have been because they've spent all the time chatting!



## Burghfield and Mortimer Handybus

Over the summer we have been as busy as ever with day trips to the seaside and many Garden Centre visits for our elderly and less able members of the community. All these trips are in addition to our regular shopping trips to Sainsbury's Calcot, Sainsbury's Tadley, Newbury and Basingstoke. All our shopping trips offer a pickup and drop off from home addresses and with a volunteer escort to manage user's shopping bags from the supermarket trolley to their front door. Currently we have some limited availability on our Sainsbury's shopping trips on Monday afternoons (to Tadley), Wednesday mornings (to Calcot) and Friday afternoons (to Tadley). If you would like to join us for any of the above trips please contact us, details below.

As Christmas approaches, we are keeping an eye on all local Garden Centres for when they start to have their Christmas displays and wares. A visit here always proves to be a popular outing for a bit of Christmas shopping and a nice afternoon tea. We will be making regular trips to all the local Garden Centres when the season starts. If anyone is interested, please contact us as below.

We are currently in negotiation to replace one of our minibuses so keep your eyes open soon for a nice new shiny red Handybus, out and about the streets of Mortimer, and give us a wave.

Contact details: Tel. 0118 983 6611

email: [thehandybus@gmail.com](mailto:thehandybus@gmail.com)

## Mortimer & West End Cricket Club

The 2025 season, our first as Mortimer & West End Cricket Club, drew to a close with a match vs Mortimer Villager for the Alan Thorpe Trophy on The Fairground. While we did not win as many matches as we would have liked, the merger of our two former clubs has gone very well.



Our youth section continues to thrive and each Thursday during the season we have had around 70 boys and girls training at West End. For the first time U9 matches were played on Sunday mornings at The Fairground and we plan that this will continue in 2026.

In the next few weeks, we will reseed and top dress both our squares and we plan to begin work to improve the playing facilities at both grounds. There is much to be done but our aim is to gradually upgrade both outfield and squares.

Alongside that we will be looking to recruit some new players for 2026 so that each of our 3 Saturday teams can be as competitive as possible in their respective Thames Valley Leagues. We are also considering establishing a Walking Cricket Team for next season. This may appeal to older players who have not played in a long while. It's intended that this would be a mid-week activity.

If you or your child/children are interested in playing, please get in touch via our website: [www.mandwecc.play-cricket.com](http://www.mandwecc.play-cricket.com)

## South Berks Concert Band



The band have had a great summer, the highlight of which was our summer concert on 12<sup>th</sup> July. We performed a joint concert at St. John's Church in Mortimer with TA-DAS, a ladies choir who are based in Mortimer. The concert was a great success, with a sell-out crowd, and we raised just over £270 for Handybus – a local charity who have been great supporters of our events in recent years. Later in the summer we played bandstands at Alton, Henley and Shaw-cum-Donnington near Newbury.

Our next event is the National Concert Band Festival regional heat in Eastleigh on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We achieved a Gold award last time we did this two years ago, and the band are rehearsing hard, hoping for another successful showing.

After this, we are then performing at Burghfield on Ice on 29<sup>th</sup> November, and our final concert of the year is our Christmas concert on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, at St. Mary's Church in Burghfield. Look out for more information nearer the time on

our website and social media pages. We hope to see many of you there – last year the Christmas concert was sold out, so make sure to get your tickets early.

We are still looking for a new Trombone player of at least Grade 6 standard, so if you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the band, then please get in touch! We offer a few weeks' free trial period.

In the meantime, if you wish to find out more, do follow us on social media, look at our website or make contact with us via email.

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TicketSource: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-berks-concert-band](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-berks-concert-band)

## Mortimer 2012 WI



As well as enjoying some entertaining and inspiring talks, behind the scenes the ladies of Mortimer 2012 WI work very hard to support our local hospitals. Our members donate flannels, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and combs and Anne Haines then makes them up into individual packs which are donated to RBH and WBCH for patients who have been admitted in emergencies. Last year we donated 578 packs.

Many members knit blankets and hats for babies, whilst another group sews eye masks, bereavement bags and syringe driver bags. We are happy to help in any way we can.

If you would like to join us we meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Community Centre. We can be contacted on [Mortimer2012WI@BerkshireWI.co.uk](mailto:Mortimer2012WI@BerkshireWI.co.uk).

## Burghfield and Mortimer Photo Club

We're back after our summer break and have started the season with two fantastic sessions, looking at the images from our summer challenges and a workshop creating among other things a "Screw City" which we'll use to create new images for another evening entitled "Layers, backgrounds and textures". We have more practical evenings and discussion evenings lined up over the coming months along with night-time shoots, does all this sound interesting? If so, how about coming along to our new venue – St. Mary's Parish Rooms, Church Lane, Burghfield, RG30 3TG. We're still meeting on alternate Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. You would be very welcome. Check our new look website for evening details or follow us on Facebook. [www.bmphotoclub.uk](http://www.bmphotoclub.uk)



## 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 noticeboard outside Co-op.

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)

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