

Mortimer Village Partnership Newsletter



Mortimer Village Partnership
Enriching Village Life

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**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

Reflections on Summer, Anticipations of Autumn

The summer was so long, sunny and warm, Mortimer seemed to live outdoors for several months. The Fun Day provided the highlight of village events over the summer with many old favourites and some exciting new ones. There were lots of happy faces all day and a good crowd settled into the beer tent to watch the football and to listen to some great local musicians in the evening.

Now autumn is here and there will be plenty happening: Mortimer Scarecrow Trail (this year being run to raise money for St Mary's PTA), Mortimer Art Exhibition, a Mortimer Dramatic Society production, Bonfire Night run by St. John's School PAF, Farnham Maltings touring play and the MVP pantomime are just a sample of the things to keep you busy here in Mortimer.

Looking further forward MVP has decided that, after 10 successful years, the classic format Mortimer Fun Day deserves a rest, at least for 2019. We still very much want you to keep 6th July 2019 in your diaries – since we hope that interested parties with ideas for a community-based event, supported by the MVP, will come forward and we can still enjoy getting together as a village on the Fairground next summer. At present, other than feeling it should have a more community-minded, local feel, we're open to proposals. What do you think it should be? This is an opportunity for new, blue-sky thinking so if you have an idea, big or small, old-fashioned or innovative, tell us about it. With the involvement of additional, enthusiastic people, we can create something very special for the village. If you have any thoughts about this contact Steve Borrett srs1600i@yahoo.co.uk 07581314506 who is collecting ideas.

Our new website will be launched soon, so keep visiting www.mortimervillage.org.uk as it should spring into life around the time these newsletters are delivered. We hope you will find it to be well worth the wait.

Danusia Morsley
MVP Chairman

MVP Affiliate News

Mortimer St Mary's Junior School PTA – Scarecrow Trail

Put on your walking shoes, jump on your bikes and hop on your skateboards as the Scarecrow Trail returns along with this year's autumn half term holiday. The scarecrows will be on show daily from 9am to dusk from Saturday 20th to Sunday 28th October, finishing at 16:00 on the Sunday.

Mortimer Village Partnership have kindly donated the Scarecrow Trail to Mortimer St Mary's Junior School so that the PTA can raise money.

The theme for 2018 is Heroes and Villains, so who will be yours? Fictional characters from a favourite film or book perhaps? Someone in politics, sport or science? Maybe even someone local (a hero we hope!)? It will be an excellent way of keeping the kids – both small and not so small alike – entertained during the half term week. Trail followers will be able to vote for their choice of scarecrow in each one of three categories, and also have the chance to win £50 in the trail competition. The “Just For Fun” quiz will be about the Hero or Villain themselves, so make sure you are armed with paper and pen!



Costing just £1, trail maps will be available from Budgens and Dads Shop from Thursday 18th October. Budgens are once again kindly providing a voucher with each trail map purchased that can be exchanged for selected products in the shop (terms and conditions apply).

Please do not leave your car in the Budgens car park whilst walking the trail as this prevents regular customers from being able to park. Thank you.

Winners will be announced on Facebook on Sunday evening around 18:30.

Our thanks to the scarecrow makers and supporters, Blue Array Ltd, Budgens, Dads Shop, Mortimer Library, Parkers, pictureseverywhere.com and Spratley's, all of whom help to make the Scarecrow Trail an enjoyable, viable and affordable community event.

For further information email scarecrow@mortimervillage.org.uk or go to www.mortimervillage.org.uk.

Mortimer Toddlers



Hickory dickory dock,
The toddlers are running a-mock!
Give them something to do,
you can make friends too,
Tuesdays at the Methodist church, 10 o'clock!



Come and join us (and the dinosaurs, baby dolls, mega blocks and animals). Mortimer Toddlers runs every term time Tuesday 10:00 - 11:30. We aim to provide a fun and friendly space for children aged 0-4 years to play and for their adults to have some fun too. There's no commitment, you can just turn up and pay. It's £2 for the first child and then 50p for each additional child over the age of 1.

Every week we have some sensory play/small world activity, a table top activity, a baby corner, an active area and a changing selection of other floor-based toys and games. The entrance fee covers a healthy snack for you and your child (treat Tuesday is once a month!), a drink for your child and unlimited tea or coffee for the adults. Every half-term we inflate the bouncy castles and have an active session and we always gather together at the end to share birthday greetings and have a sing-song led by one of our brave volunteers!

We are very lucky to share the time and space with Burghfield Toy Library where you can borrow toys and baby equipment for a very low weekly fee.

Mortimer Toddlers has really developed over the year we've been at the Methodist church; if you've not been for a while, you really ought to take another look at what's on offer. Keep up to date each week by following our Facebook page, or if you want any more information please phone Danusia on 933 2620.

Mortimer 2012 WI

Mortimer 2012 W.I. goes from strength to strength with our new affiliated lunch club proving popular. We welcome women of all ages to come along to a meeting to give us a try. The final speaker on our Autumn schedule at the Mortimer Community Centre is:

7th November – 19:30 – Malcolm Nelson “Catching Smugglers; Concealment”

5th December – Christmas Party

9th January – Graham Horn “The History of the Kennet and Avon Canal”

6th February – Richard Swainson “Radio Caroline”

Mortimer 2012 W.I. will also run a refreshment stop at the Community Centre on Friday 26th October, 14:00 – 16:00, for those on the Scarecrow Trail and anyone else who would like to come along. Join us for a hot drink, snack and well-deserved sit down.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Hurst Singers

Hurst Singers are on the move! Moving back to our 'roots', from September the Hurst Singers will be meeting at Bishopswood Junior School, Tadley, on Thursdays 19:30 - 21.30. We still intend to perform throughout the area and will look forward to singing in Mortimer again before long.



During the last year we raised a total of £1,346 for 'Our Harry's Smile', a local charity supporting a family with a severely disabled little boy. We will be working on a varied programme of music and readings (and possibly dance) for an event in aid of the Poppy Appeal to honour the fallen of both World Wars (provisional date 10th November).

The Hurst Singers are a mixed voice SATB choir (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) whose main aim is to have fun singing and making a good sound together. New members with any kind of singing experience are welcome. No audition is needed, just plenty of enthusiasm, commitment and a passion for singing and entertaining others with music.

If you are interested, please come along to any Thursday night rehearsal. For more information please contact Mari (0118 933 2805) or Cath cathcooper48@gmail.com.

Mortimer and District Branch of the RNLI



Lifeboats

The summer started well with nearly £1,500 being raised for the Lifeboats at the plant sale in May, mostly from donated plants. I hope you had a chance to watch the latest series about the work and exploits of the Lifeboats on BBC 2. Our recent book sale on the 29th and 30th September at St Johns Hall attracted another tremendous response of donations of books with thousands, many in mint condition, to interest readers over the winter months. If you would like to help with future fund raising, delivering leaflets etc, please contact John at j.r.bull@btinternet.com.

Plastic Free Mortimer



Our community group is associated with the bigger national Surfers Against Sewage Plastic Free Communities. Our mission is to tackle the problem of single-use plastics at a local level. We meet regularly to organise projects within Mortimer Parish that will raise public awareness of the problem and work with local businesses to reduce the use of throw-away plastics. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/536174936746934 for suggestions on how households can reduce their plastic footprint, and sign the petition to West Berks to improve roadside collections to recycle more plastic. We meet in the Horse & Groom at 20:30 on the 4th Wednesday every month. All welcome! For more information contact Andrea Roach at andreakimroach@gmail.com.

Mortimer Tennis Club

What a marvelous summer we've had to enjoy both playing and watching some tennis. For a few it was just a bit too hot at times, so we haven't had the usual numbers on court. With the weather now cooler, we want to encourage everyone to get on court and enjoy a game that is a great way to keep trim and meet new people. You don't even have to join our club to play - but we are a friendly bunch and you would be made very welcome if you did decide to join.

As a small club, we presently enter one team into each of the Men's, Ladies and Mixed competitions in the Basingstoke and District League but we have a very small pool of competitive players to call on and cannot always raise a team. As Simon Orr, the club's Match Secretary says, "When I joined the club four years ago, I just wanted to play social tennis and didn't consider myself to be good enough to play competitive tennis. However, I am so pleased I finally decided to play in matches as I think that the opportunity to play with and against better players has allowed me to improve much more than I ever thought I would". Nevertheless, there are a significant number of members who don't want to play in matches and enjoy playing social tennis with other club members on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoons. And of course, there are the beginning and end of season picnics, the Christmas Club dinner and entry into the Wimbledon Ballot as extra attractions. To find out more about Mortimer Tennis Club, take a look at our website www.mortimertennisclub.co.uk.

You may have noticed the appearance of a large box just by the gate of the courts. The exciting news is that Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council are working towards installing a new gate access system that will make getting on court much easier. Watch out for news of when it will be up and running. Mortimer Tennis Club is as keen as anyone to see more people using the court facility and have been working with our Club Coach to organise some sessions for children and adults.

Tony from CTC Tennis runs sessions from 16:30 every Tuesday. There are places for under 8's and 8-12 years as well as a session for adults, open to everyone from 19:00. Let him know you are interested and find out what's on offer by contacting him at tony@ctc-tennis.co.uk or book on clubspark.lta.org.uk/mortimertennisclub/Coaching.



Belle Canto Trio

We hope you were able to attend our “Floral Delights” concert at Beech Hill Church on 9th June, or our “Magic of the Movies” concert at Swallowfield Church on 8th September. If not, don’t despair; we will be performing a one hour “Magic of the Movies” concert in Reading Minster from 15:00 – 16:00 on Sunday 4th November. Admission is free with any donations to the Reading Minster Organ Fund, so why not finish a Sunday shopping spree by sitting down and enjoying a bit of glitz and glamour with “Diamonds are Forever”, or perhaps you’d prefer the tranquillity of “Moon River” or, if you’re still full of energy, you could dance your socks off to “Dancing Queen” – all sung in beautiful three-part harmony!

You can find details about us and our concerts at www.bellecanto.uk or www.facebook.com/bellecantotrio.

Mortimer West End Village Hall (www.facebook.com/mwevillagehall)

QUIZ NIGHT - Saturday 6th October 19:30

With a trophy at stake, pit your wits against the best in the village at the annual quiz night. Tickets are £8.50 (including a ploughman’s supper). Put together your own unbeatable team or come on your own and make some new friends. Please book your place in advance (for catering purposes). You are welcome to bring your own drinks and snacks.

Recent events have been:

WOODLAND WALK AND BARBECUE

Mortimer West End Village Hall held its fifth annual Family Treasure Trail, Woodland Walk and Barbecue in July. This event has become increasingly popular over the years, with more than 60 teams entering this year to enjoy the lovely scenery in the summer sunshine. They tackled a range of interesting questions on the way round, as well as collecting a bagful of treasures, before completing their word-searches and anagrams over a burger or two.



MORTIMER WEST END PRODUCE SHOW



We were delighted to see an increase in the number of children’s entries in the show this year, and all of a very high standard. Laura Clarke and Alexander Brown were the overall winners of the children’s sections. Sadly, the very hot summer reduced the number of entries in the horticultural section, but there were still some impressive flowers and vegetables, and a large number of attendees in the afternoon to admire all the handiwork on show.

Regular events are:

PARTIES, EVENTS & MEETINGS

Don't forget that the hall is available for hire at very reasonable rates.



PILATES CLASSES

Mondays 09:30 and 10:45

Please contact Wendy Gill on 07961 102 535 or email wendygill44@yahoo.co.uk if you would like further information, or if you would like to book a place.

INDOOR CYCLING CLASSES

Mondays 19:15 and 20:15

Please contact Craig Smith on 07842 833526 or email craigsmithindoorcycling@outlook.com if you would like further information or to book a place find "Craig Smith Indoor Cycling" on Facebook.



CALLEVA WI

2nd Tuesday of the month 19:30 – 22:00

Please contact Carole Wood on 0118 970 0714 or email carolewood@live.co.uk if you would like further information.

For further information about the hall, or if you would like to be added to our list of "friends" and receive updates about Mortimer West End events please contact mwevh@outlook.com or 0118 970 0001 or visit www.facebook.com/mwevillagehall.

Mortimer Walking Group: West Berkshire Walking for Health



During this very hot summer the Mortimer Walking for Health group have continued to run the Monday evening and the three walks on Tuesday morning by planning routes that were, for most parts, on paths in shade of the surrounding woodlands. The walks are led by trained and experienced walk leaders who have knowledge of the footpaths in the village and surrounding area. All walks start from the Community Centre car park opposite the Horse & Groom public house (RG7 3RD).

Monday evening walks run from the end of April until end of September and are approximately 4 miles, commencing at 19:00 and lasting about 1 hour. Tuesday walks are as follows: 09:45 a long, faster-paced walk of approximately 5¹/₄ miles lasting about 1³/₄ hours; 10:00 a regular walk at normal pace of approximately 3¹/₂ miles lasting about 1¹/₂ hours; 10:30 a slower paced walk, mainly over flat terrain, of approximately 1³/₄ miles lasting about 1 hour. This walk is designed especially for people who are usually inactive or who do little physical activity, would like to start walking or return from illness or injury. Some of those who started on the short walk

have progressed to the regular walk once they felt ready. The walks all finish approximately 11:30 with coffee in the Horse and Groom where all new walkers are made welcome.

Our walks are friendly and welcoming to all, giving people the chance to explore the many footpaths in the local and surrounding woodlands and open spaces of Mortimer, Burghfield, Silchester, Ufton and Mortimer West End. The walks are a great opportunity to explore the outdoors, to discover new places, to see wildlife, to see or hear the birds singing, and to make new friends. Walkers of all abilities are welcome and all walks are free of charge. If you are interested in joining us, just turn up 15 minutes before the start of the walk and introduce yourself to one of the walk leaders, identified by their fluorescent jackets.

On behalf of all walkers who have participated over the years we thank Craig, landlord of the Horse and Groom, for his continual hospitality, welcoming the group in for coffee, summer barbecues and Christmas dinners. We wish Craig every success for the future.

Made In Mortimer

Made in Mortimer is open to artists and crafters who make / produce their own goods and are local to Mortimer and surrounding villages. We have two core purposes: a) to encourage and provide more craft activities for the village community, and b) to help foster a more "buy local" attitude in support of our local artisans by organising regular fairs and providing a supportive group to share ideas, ask advice etc between members.



On Thursday 27th September we held the second in our series of open evenings where one of our members demonstrates a craft in a friendly environment. This time it was the art of felting soap, which prolongs the life of soap, adds exfoliating properties and makes a lovely unique gift. We will be holding our next art and craft fair on Saturday 27th October at the Methodist Community Church, which is of course during the Mortimer Scarecrow trail. Do come and see what the talented individuals of Mortimer can produce!

We are also pleased to announce that Made in Mortimer will be restarting the children's free craft activity mornings at Mortimer Library. The first craft morning will be held on Saturday 13th October, from 10:00 – 11:30 and is suitable for children aged 3-11. This is a free drop-in event, so no booking is required. It will take place thereafter on the 2nd Saturday of each month with a different activity each time. Do look out for further details at the library.

Please contact Emma Vidal on 0118 933 1623 or message us via our Facebook page www.facebook.com/MadeinMortimer if you are interested in joining, would like to receive our quarterly newsletter or would like more information on any of the above. Don't forget to like our Facebook page to keep up to date with all of our events and activities!

South Berks Concert Band



To everyone who joined us for our "Stage & Screen" summer concert, we hope you had an enjoyable afternoon. We certainly enjoyed entertaining such an appreciative audience, so thank you. We were thrilled to be joined by Kick Shins, who provided some great foot-tapping music and persuaded some of the audience to dance. We were also pleased to be able to help TiM Friends (part of Together in Mission) raise much needed funds to provide support to the community.

It was wonderful to have so many visitors, especially children, to our stand at the Mortimer Fun Day. From the many comments we had it seems everyone enjoyed the experience of trying lots of different instruments. Please let us know if it inspired you or family members to take up an instrument yourself!

Our next event will be a social to celebrate our Director of Music's 10th Anniversary with the band. Paul Speed is now the longest serving musical director in the band's 42-year history. Join him and us at our next community concert, "Season's Greetings", being held in St John's Church, Mortimer on 15th December at 18:00. We will be playing a varied programme of music with many festive pieces and carols for you to sing along to. More information will be available on our website, Facebook page and posters. Tickets will be available nearer the time from band members, local outlets and via email: SBCB_Music@yahoo.com.

Burghfield & Mortimer Handybus

Our new Minibus is getting out and about around the villages, local shops and Social Clubs. Passenger numbers are continuing to grow (784 passenger journeys in the last three months). Over the summer we have been on seaside trips, visited farm parks and garden centres and even organised a Thames boat trip, as well as our usual regular shopping trips. We often have empty seats on our shopping trips to Sainsbury's in Calcot and Tadley, and we can always take more passengers on our Tuesday trips to Reading or Newbury. In addition, we are also making use of the old West Berkshire Red Handybus for any trips requiring wheelchair passengers. If you would like to take advantage of our services please contact us, as below, for further information.

VOLUNTEERS: We need you!

Providing this valuable community service is dependent on volunteers, both drivers and escorts, and we are always in need of more volunteers to meet the growing demand. With two minibuses available we could be making more trips and outings for our less-abled community members if we could recruit more volunteer drivers. Volunteers need no special skills, just a friendly, caring outlook and a little time to spare. If you would like to join a small band of friendly volunteers, then we would like to hear from you. You are welcome to come on one of our regular trips to give it a try. You might be surprised how enjoyable and satisfying it can be.

Contact us on 0118 983 6611 or thehandybus@gmail.com or www.thehandybus.org.

Mortimer & Burghfield Community First Responders (CFRs)

Mortimer & Burghfield Community First Responders have continued to be busy over the summer break. As well as responding to our normal call workload, our team of resident volunteers have been upgrading their skills and introducing new equipment and services which will dramatically help our Mortimer patients and reduce their waiting times.



The good news is we are open to new recruits after an overhaul of our recruitment processes. There will be four (quarterly) recruitment dates followed by a weekend intensive training course. We only have one CFR in Mortimer and desperately require another two or three volunteers to help cover this area.

CFRs can now be sent out to ascertain the status of patients who have not been seen for an extended time, or where there may be a concern for their welfare. With help from other emergency services when needed, CFRs can gain access to properties and assess the condition of patients before calling in to say things are OK or mobilising other resources to help. In cases where someone has simply slipped off their bed and there are no obvious injuries, Responders may now assist patients by lifting them up with a special cushion which acts like a slowly inflating chair. The local Mortimer Responder Car will now carry this and other specialist lifting items.

For the first time since the CFRs were formed, new state of the art Samsung communications systems are being deployed which integrate data, speech, video and mapping services to enable us to see and treat our patients quicker. All of this has been paid for by kind donations from our local sponsors and supporters such as MVP, and we remain extremely grateful for all your support.

Recruitment for 2018/2019 CFRs is now open. Contact David.Gregory@SCA-Charity.org.uk or call 07595 959 479.

Mortimer Film Club

The Mortimer Film Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month from September to June in the Community Centre on Mortimer Fairground. There is ample parking and some of us adjourn to the Horse and Groom afterwards to discuss the film in a light-hearted way. Annual membership is £40 and guests pay £5 per visit.

OCT. The Greatest Showman

NOV. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Club

DEC. FESTIVE screening with festive drinks and nibbles

JAN. Three Billboards outside Ebbing Missouri

FEB. Lean on Pete

Mortimer St John's Infant School Parents and Friends

Bonfire Night:

Saturday 3rd November, St John's School host the spectacular Mortimer Bonfire Night. Held behind the Horse & Groom pub for a second year, the gates will open at 17:00. Watch out on social media and notice boards for more details.



Christmas Fair:

Mortimer St John's Infant School will be holding its Christmas Fair from 14:00 - 16:30 on Saturday 1st December in the school. It's a busy fair that is well supported by parents and the village as a whole. It's a great opportunity for local businesses or those with a growing hobby to show everyone their products and talents. A table is just £12 and that fee goes straight into the school funds.

Entry to the public is free. There will be a wide variety of stalls, as well as craft activities and face-painting for children, and a selection of refreshments will be available in our 'café' – including mulled wine to get you in the Christmas spirit.

Come and join us for the afternoon and find some stocking-fillers and presents for family and friends. There will also be a Santa's Grotto - more details about this will be available soon.

If you would like further information about having a table at the fair please contact Jo on mortimerstjohnsxmasfair@gmail.com

Playground Changes:

Mortimer St. John's Infant School's playground underwent some exciting changes over the summer holidays. The old adventure playground has been replaced with new play equipment for climbing, jumping, hiding, sliding and role play, as well as a quiet seating area. Old paving slabs have been replaced with smart block paving and an area of astro turf. The children are thoroughly enjoying playtime!

"I really like it because it is so different to the old one. I especially love the spider's web." Charlotte

"I really like how it goes all the way round the tree." Oscar

"I love the new playground because it's bigger and you can do lots of climbing on it!" Jonathan

"It's greater than our old one." Bella

In August, we received an email from BBC Radio Berkshire, looking for suitable stopping points for their "Peach Quest", a light-hearted listener-based treasure hunt around Berkshire each Saturday morning. The Quest had visited Mortimer's scarecrow trail a couple of years ago and we appeared on it last October for what became a memorable episode, after fellow contestant, Roy from Tadley, mentioned that he sieved marmalade.

This time the BBC researchers had spotted the neighbourhood police's 'Have Your Say' event advertised as taking place that weekend. Not being ones to turn down a chance to appear on the radio, but noting we needed to be at a family birthday that day, we jumped at the idea. We reached the event location, Budgen's, at the designated time in readiness, armed with the cryptic clue. The police weren't there, although there was a charming lady waiting patiently where their stall should have been to pose her question. We concluded the police must have gone to an incident, but the show must go on. We considered rounding up some passing fellow parish councillors to act as stand ins. Suddenly we heard the Questors had just solved the clue and were on their way. BBC Berkshire's Andrew Peach was heard recounting the time the BBC visited Budgens before, when they'd made the chance discovery that Richard Swainson, who works there, was once on Radio London the 'boat that rocked' in the 1960s and was also Tony Blackburn's best man. We gave Richard a quick call to come along and generally 'float' about.

Almost immediately, BBC Radio's Anouska Williams, an ex Mortimerian - not that you would know from her apparent sense of direction - came rushing in to find the clue and have a quick catch up with the locals, including testing Sue Carter's local knowledge. You can hear the mildly amusing "highlights" at our website www.mortimer.life or www.facebook.com/MortimerLife. On top of it all we made it to the birthday lunch.

Together In Mission

Café B



Open Mondays 09:00 - 14:00 (except Bank Holidays)
and Wednesdays 09:00 - 12:00
at the Burghfield Methodist Church Hall (RG7 3DL)



Our previous manager, Deborah, stepped down at the end of September for family reasons and we would like to thank her for her professionalism and dedication over the past two years.

<https://www.facebook.com/CommunityCafeB/>

Silver Sunday – 7th October

We have planned a celebration for the seniors in our community. We will be hosting this annual event at the Burghfield CSA from 13:45 with a hot lunch followed by entertainment and a raffle.

Transport is also available to book. This occasion has been greatly appreciated and enjoyed in the past, so please contact TiM Friends Coordinator Bev French on 07748 686 615 or bev@togetherinmission.org.uk to reserve your place.

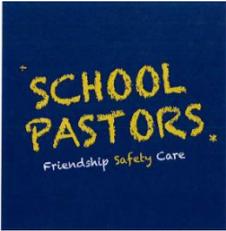


Tea and Jazz

A TiM Friends volunteer brought his jazz band to Sulhamstead Village Hall to entertain our clients and volunteers earlier this month. Two hours of lively music from the Argo Jazz Project got toes tapping and spirits lifted.

Thank you SBCB

We would like to thank the South Berks Concert Band for advertising the work of TiM Friends at their Afternoon Picnic Concert at the Mortimer Fairground in July. The collection taken at the concert was over £120 which was topped up by the SBCB with a generous £100, for which we are very grateful.



Burghfield and Area School Pastors have a new volunteer joining us for the coming year. Welcome to Shoffy!

Upcoming events

Mortimer West End Chapel is joining with Mortimer Methodist Church to host lots of fun events in the next few months: Holiday Bible Club reunion, Light Party, Advent Crafts, Bonfire Night and a Christmas play. Following the successful moments of the summer

term, we hope to be involved with more Y6-7 transition events, assemblies and workshops in the local schools next year.

Youth Network

We're starting this so anyone involved in youth and older children's work in the area can share resources, ideas and know when different events are happening.

Contact Libby Hawkness-Smith, School Pastors Coordinator, for more information: 0777 891 1182 / libby@togetherinmission.org.uk
www.facebook.com/TiMSchoolPastors and www.twitter.com/TiM_Pastors

Geoff Lovelock RIP

Geoff, one of our most committed volunteers, passed away in July. He was involved in TiM Friends and Café B for some years and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

MVP Support For Local Groups

Affiliated groups and contact details for 2018 are:

1st Burghfield & Sulhamstead Scouts & TAO Explorer unit	07867 800 335	burghfieldgsl@outlook.com
1st Mortimer Baden Powell Scout Group	933 2147	neiljohnson@btinternet.com
1st Mortimer Brownies	933 3153	firstmortimerbrownies@hotmail.co.uk
1st Ufton Nerve Scout Group	07793 196 863	cathryn@uftonscouts.com
Alfred Palmer Memorial Field Trust		trustees@alfredpalmermemorialfield.org.uk
Belle Canto Trio	970 0001	info@bellecanto.uk
Burghfield & Mortimer 1st Responders		davidgregory2000@gmail.com
Burghfield & Mortimer Handybus	983 6611	thehandybus@gmail.com
Burghfield & Mortimer Volunteer Drivers	983 3341	bureauvolunteer@gmail.com
Burghfield Camera Club		davehucker@hotmail.com
Churches Together	983 2115	glynn.lautenbach@stmarysburghfield.org
Friday Afternoon club		d.stroud2010@btinternet.com
Made In Mortimer	933 1623	wellandemma@hotmail.com
Mortimer Music Live CiC	03335 777 919	info@mortimermusiclive.co.uk
Mortimer & District Branch of the RNLI	933 3741	j.r.bull@btinternet.com
Mortimer 2012 WI	933 1331	rachel@gorst.me
Mortimer Bell Ringers	933 2200	petermacnaughtan@hotmail.com
Mortimer Cricket Club		adrsmith@gmail.com
Mortimer Dramatic Society	07785 333 321	tshorrock@mrmerlin.com
Mortimer FC	07786 631 027	mortimerfootballclub@gmail.com
Mortimer Film Club	933 2546	pete.blagden@btinternet.com
Mortimer Garden Club		johncregan714@yahoo.com
Mortimer Life	07446 239 239	nickcarter1@gmail.com
Mortimer Local History Group	933 1310	munsonsinmortimer@yahoo.co.uk

Mortimer Methodist Church	933 3689	amfoymusic@gmail.com
Mortimer Netball Club		sjkape@hotmail.co.uk
Mortimer Pre-School Parents Committee	07436 008 428	info@mortimerpreschool.org.uk
Mortimer St Johns PAF	933 2242	office@msj.w-berks.sch.uk
Mortimer Surgery PPG	983 2095	grobinsn.email@btinternet.com
Mortimer Tennis Club		jean.l.thomas@btinternet.com
Mortimer Toddlers	933 2620	mortimertoddlers@gmail.com
Mortimer West End Produce Show	933 1792	melonybennet93@gmail.com
Mortimer West End Village Hall	970 0001	mwevh@outlook.com
Plastic Free Mortimer	07842 921 517	andreakimroach@gmail.com
Santas of Burghfield	07824 623 583	glyn.townsend@hpe.com
South Berks Concert Band	07759 967 474	southberksconcertband@yahoo.com
St Mary's Junior School PTA	07712 776 555	mortstmarys@gmail.com
Sulhamstead & Ufton Events (SUN-E)	983 2491	pisumcorporum@btinternet.com
The Hurst Singers	933 2805	mariatseasons@aol.com
Together in Mission	933 2569	info@togetherinmission.org.uk
West Berkshire Walking 4 Health	933 2082	g.bedford414@btinternet.com
Willink PTA		pta@willink.w-berks.sch.uk



Upcoming MVP Events

Networking Fair

With MVP's 10th anniversary in mind, we have been working on exciting new ways to engage with our community, harnessing new technologies (but in a very user-friendly way) to help MVP and our Affiliate friends raise their profiles and communicate directly with our community.

We will be holding an Affiliate Networking Fair on Saturday 10th November from 10:30am to 12:30 at St Johns Hall when we will:

- Share our new Website & Calendar
- Discuss ideas to engage with the younger members of our village via their preferred social media
- Provide a platform for everyone to share with other groups their experiences and harness new ideas and opportunities to work together.

This will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the many clubs and groups in the village, and discover activities to take part in or help out with. Come along and see what Mortimer has to offer.

Life In The Storage Garages

Over the years a stock of gazebos, large tents, fencing and all the other bits that are used at the Fun Day has been built up, and one of MVP's less well-known activities is making this available to affiliated societies and organisations, and of course to MVP itself when required.

To give an idea: for the large tents alone there are many hundred individual tent poles and joints, together with bags of covers and sides, over 20 gazebos, large heaps of fencing pins, over a hundred chairs, hundreds of metres of bunting, etc. This, of course, has created a storage problem and MVP now has the use of two garages, both very full, plus some other little hoards scattered around the village.

Currently we have two quartermasters who look after this kit, but an 'apprentice' would be welcome. The ability to peer round a murky garage and identify the contents is a must, as is keeping it all in some sort of order, making sure what goes out comes back, and fixing minor problems. Suggestions for improving storage and ideas of where to scrounge additional kit if required (e.g. for the Fun Day) would be much appreciated. Contact anyone in MVP!

MVP Christmas Theatre & Panto

This year MVP will have something for young and old with a visit from the ever-popular Farnham Maltings Theatre Co. with their latest production, as well as the traditional Pantomime from Gary Starr Pantos. Both events can be booked online from October via the Little Box Office platform (as used by Mortimer Dramatic Society). Look out for further announcements or join our VIP Club to get advance information and early access to tickets by emailing us at: boxoffice@mortimervillage.org.uk. Visit www.mortimervillage.org.uk and follow the links to book your tickets.

Brilliance - Saturday 8th December, 19:30

1948 and 1963; everyone is gathering in the village hall. Lightning has struck the hall roof. Mrs Atkinson has called the repairman – a man who can fix a creaking door, chimneys that smoke... and in he comes with his daughter, bright blue eyes full of brilliance, like an animal in from the woods.

Long after its arrival in the city, the slow process of rural electrification is starting to illuminate every corner and crevice of village life. As the dark evenings hold us in, 240 volts of alternating current and the humble electric light bulb allow us to gather and sing long into the night.

Brilliance is, at heart, a love story combined with eclectic live music (5 musicians) made especially for village halls. A show that is bound to light a spark from the inside out.

St.John's Hall, Mortimer. Doors and bar open at 18:45. Tickets are on sale from 14th Oct - £15:00 (Go to www.mortimervillage.org.uk and follow the link).

Cinderella – Saturday 15th December 14:00 & 16:30

A magical adaptation of the classic fairytale. Cinderella is the poor stepsister to her evil ugly sisters, Kim and Aggie, and although badly treated, she dreams of meeting her one true love. After a chance meeting with the Prince she knows she must see him again and hopes that a chance to attend the Royal Ball will be the perfect opportunity, but her two ugly sisters have different plans for her. Tearing her dress and destroying her ticket, it seems all hope is lost, that is until her fairy godmother appears to save the day. Will she make it to the Ball in time? Will she get to be with the handsome Prince Charming? Only time will tell...

Tickets are on sale from 6th October: Under 17s £9.50, Adults £12.50. Look out for early bird discounts! Follow the link on www.mortimervillage.org.uk.

Large Print Newsletter

MVP is considering the production of a number of large print copies of this Newsletter for those who would find it of use, but we need to know how many copies we should produce in order to find the appropriate budget. If you can only read this size of print with difficulty, or you currently read this Newsletter to someone who would like to read it for themselves in large print, please provide the recipient's name and address to danusia@morsley.me.uk.

Other Local News

23rd Mortimer Art Show

The 23rd annual Mortimer Art Show will take place on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th November, from 10:00 to 16:00 in St John's Hall, West End Road, Mortimer Common, RG7 3TF. Local artists will display paintings covering a variety of subjects in many styles and mediums. All visitors will be welcome. Most of the paintings are for sale and there will also be some unframed, mounted work and cards made from original paintings. All proceeds are donated to charity and this year we have chosen SANE, the mental health charity, and Helping Hands in Tadley, which helps many local people with various needs.

New this year will be a Preview Evening on Friday 2nd November from 19:30 to 21:00 with wine and nibbles; entry fee £2 per head. Also, light refreshments will be available to visitors all weekend.

Admission to the Art Show is FREE.



Sue Ryder Befriending Services

The Sue Ryder Befriending Services supports families who are facing the challenge of a life-limiting condition. Our volunteer befrienders help by making weekly home visits to provide company, emotional support and practical help. This might involve chatting over a cup of tea, taking someone out to a new or favourite place, running a couple of errands, or sitting with a patient whilst their family take a much-needed break. We have recently had a rise in referrals in the Mortimer and Burghfield area, but don't have many befrienders available in the area. If you are interested in the role, please contact Natasha Saunders (Befriending Coordinator) – 0118 955 0443 or natasha.saunders@sue Rydercare.org



Books4Nepal

Come along to our Cre(ART)ing a Library , an original art exhibition & silent auction in aid of Books4Nepal on Saturday 6th October from 10:00 to 19:00.

De Vere Wokefield Estate has kindly provided the venue, an amazing location for what we hope will be the highlight of your year.

This is our main event this year to raise funds to build the very first library & school resource centre in the Rasuwa mountain district in Nepal. This was one of the regions worst hit by the earthquake in 2015, which claimed over 8000 lives and did immense damage to what is still one of the world's poorest countries. Books are both a rarity and a luxury in Nepal, libraries are almost unheard of. We believe that every child has the same rights, to have access to books and the possibility to learn about the world. That is why we want to build a library.

We do hope you will be inspired to bid for one of the beautiful paintings, sculptures, ceramics or photographs donated by 30 leading Berkshire & Hampshire artists and help us make a real change in so many children's lives. All money raised will go directly to the project.

Visit our Just Giving page for more details on the project and regular updates:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/books4nepal2018>.

Look for us on Facebook @Book4Nepal or call Andrea on 07842 921 517 for any information.

Cre(ART)ing a Library for Nepal

An exhibition & silent auction of paintings, sculpture,
photographs & ceramics kindly
donated by **31 artists** in aid of **Books4Nepal**

Saturday 6th October

10 am – 7 pm

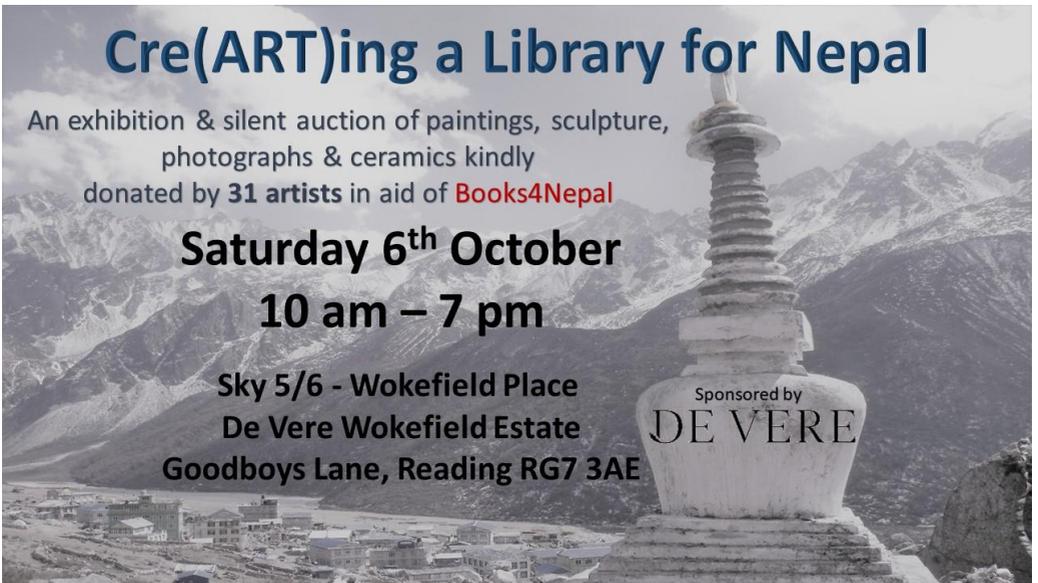
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All MVP meetings are open to participation from anyone; all we ask is that you are interested in making Mortimer a vibrant and fun place to live. We are fortunate to have many who regularly work with MVP on particular projects such as the website, Facebook page, looking after our equipment or helping to organise our annual events.

*You are most welcome regardless of how much or little time you have to give. **General enquiries** can be made via:*

www.mortimervillage.org.uk