

STRATFIELD MORTIMER

Parish Council Newsletter Summer 2019



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council



THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL

This newsletter is the first newsletter since the local election in May when you elected the new members of the Parish Council. We thought it only right to tell you all a little bit about them:

Mike Dennett (Chairman)

In 2011, Mike's wife, Margaret, suggested that as they appreciated living in Mortimer, he should join the Parish Council as it would only be two hours or so work a week. He had no background or ambition in local Government but as he was about to retire from lecturing at Reading University it seemed like a good idea.

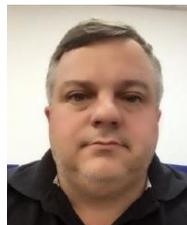


He was elected in 2011 and has been a councillor since then. He has been Chairman and Vice-Chairman for various periods. Historically, Mike devoted time to the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and was a member of the steering committee throughout the project. Mike has also been Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Mike did consider whether after eight years of service he had done his bit for the Council, but he still enjoys it and is keen to pass on his experience to new councillors.

Dave Kilshaw (Vice Chairman)

Having been co-opted onto the Council 4 years ago, Dave was keen to continue his involvement in improving communications, both internal and external, for the Council. He chaired the Communications Committee in the previous term, but this has now been wrapped into the Finance and General Purpose Committee.



Dave has been involved in many aspects of the village: Mortimer Village Partnership (MVP), Mortimer Community Bus Service (MCBS), Mortimer Music Live (MML) to name a few. His knowledge of how the many areas of the village work has been invaluable to guide the Council.

He has been a driving force in the many focused meetings the Council has had for the parishioners enabling the village to express their views on topics such as speeding, footpaths and antisocial behaviour.

The footpath to Burghfield has been high on his agenda since he started the MCBS for students in Mortimer to travel to school due to funding being withdrawn by West Berkshire.

As Vice Chairman Dave wants to drive meetings forward in an effective way and support the Chairman as and when required. Being Vice Chairman allows him, in the role of ex officio, to attend any of the subcommittee meetings. This will aid him in understanding the issues that need communicating.

COUNCILLORS

Simon Beard

Simon was born and bred in Mortimer and has lived here for 52 years. He attended both village schools and over the years has played for Mortimer Cricket Club and Mortimer Football Club - being better suited to the latter.

Simon was involved with fund raising and the building of the Community Centre on the Fairground and is keen to further support the community in any way. He would like to see more care for the elderly, and support for local sports clubs and business who are a key contributor to village life. Simon acknowledges there is not much on offer to the younger generation and would support a youth club in the village.

He is interested in getting involved in planning for the future of the village in terms of its infrastructure and coping with new housing development requirements. He also believes combining St. Johns and St. Mary's schools to a new location within the heart of the village would be advantageous.

Graham Bridgeman

Although Graham is a new councillor to SMPC, historically he has been a huge contributor to the Council, attending virtually every Full Council meeting since he became a District Councillor for West Berkshire Council (WBC). Now, as an actual Councillor for SMPC, he can directly guide and advise the Council on West Berkshire views and practices more closely.



Graham is a solicitor and has been married to his wife Joan for nearly 40 years, having lived in Mortimer for over 20 years. They have two grown up daughters and three grandchildren.

Graham has been a West Berkshire District Councillor since 2015 and was re-elected in 2019 as one of the WBC Members for the Burghfield and Mortimer Ward. He is the WBC Deputy Leader, and the Executive Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care.

As well as being on various District Council committees and boards, Graham is a WBC appointee as a member of the AWE Local Liaison Committee, a Governor of the Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, and a Governor of the Royal Berkshire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Locally, he is also a director of the not-for-profit Mortimer Music Live CIC (Community Interest Company), a walk leader with the Mortimer Walking for Health Group, and he runs the late entry stall at the Mortimer 10k.

John Bull

John has lived in or near to Mortimer since 1963. He took over the shop his father started in 1970 which moved to the present premises in 1978 (Dads Shop).

He raised his family in in the area and now has four grandchildren. He joined the St Johns Village Hall Management Committee



in 1976, and took on the hall bookings as the shop held the diary.

As well as being a parish councillor, John's other main role in the village is as a school governor and he hopes to carry on in these positions for the foreseeable future.

Nick Carter

Nick has lived in the village since 1993 and is married with two children. He is also a DJ on Kennet radio.

He was elected to the Council in 2015 and during this time he contributed to the Communications Committee, worked with the local History group and developed the Mortimer Heritage Trail.

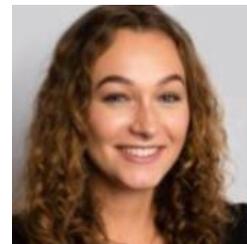


Nick wants to engage with local and neighbouring communities on local initiatives (e.g. healthcare, early diagnosis and appointment bookings). He is currently evaluating the viability/demand for public electric vehicle charging points and cloud-based video surveillance.

In his role as Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) representative he wants to find ways to investigate methods of tracking reported crimes and support crime reduction initiatives.

Keeleigh Field

Keeleigh has lived all her life in Mortimer and attended both Mortimer St John's and Mortimer St. Mary's, before her final school years at The Willink. For the past two and a half years, she has been working in financial services.



Appointed as their youth co-ordinator, Keeleigh plays an active role on the Mortimer Village Partnership. She is interested in youth engagement and aspires to be an active member of the community's development.

She is keen to help the village achieve its environmental goals, supporting initiatives around the reduction of the use of plastics.

Stephen Hill

Stephen was co-opted on to the Parish Council just over a year ago, and in that time he has been involved in many Parish activities including the conservation of the ponds on the Fairground, helping to decorate the Christmas tree, marshalling at the Armistice Day parade and setting up and lighting the beacon for the Centenary Remembrance in 2018.



He sits on various committees and has enjoyed his first year as a Parish Councillor.

Stephen has lived in the village for over half a century and just felt it was time to give something back. He looks forward to serving the Parish in any way he can.

Dudley Ives

Dudley has lived in the village for 39 years and has been on the Council for 14 years working on the Planning and the Roads and Footpaths Committees.

Retirement has allowed him to become fully engaged with Parish Council matters and is a member of the Neighbourhood Action Group which liaises with the police and other local councils and is a neighbourhood watch co-ordinator.



He is often out and about with the Speed Indicator Device.

Kevin Johnson

Kevin was born in the village nearly 54 years ago. He was co-opted onto the Parish Council in September 2017, becoming an active member of the Planning Committee, Fairground & Cemetery Committee and the Roads & Footpaths Committee.



Kevin has seen many changes to the village over the years, some good, some not so good but as change is inevitable, he would like to be able to be a decision maker in those changes. Like others, he is trying to bring to fruition some of the ideas from the 2018 Youth Consultation, e.g. a skate/bike park, a specific youth space, walking/cycling route between Mortimer/Burghfield.

His late father, Barry Johnson, was an active member of the Parish Council for many years and Kevin believes that if he is half the man his father was, then you will have “a great Councillor representing you in the great village of Mortimer.

Lucy Jones

Lucy was co-opted onto the Parish Council 3 years ago and since then has been involved in many activities as well as being the nominated member for outside charitable organisations.



She claims she is just a “normal working mum”, and she has lived in the village for 43 years. Lucy is not outspoken or particularly argumentative, but she does believe in giving a voice to the people of the village who feel they aren't heard. She feels she is approachable and empathetic and has no agenda, she just wants to do the best she can with whatever issues arise.

Having been part of the Library Working Group, on the Planning Committee and involved in the discussions for

additional equipment for The Fairground, she is pleased to be able to represent the village again.

Chris Lewis

Chris has lived in Mortimer for 42 years and hopes to spend the rest of his life here. He is married to Barbara and they have three children and five grandchildren.



His professional background is as a building contractor's quantity surveyor and has been the chief surveyor of one of the largest privately-owned contractors in the country. In his spare time, he obtained a second degree in law and qualified as a barrister. Up until retirement, he worked on the legal side of construction related disputes.

Chris first became a Parish Councillor in 1987 and stepped down in 2007 but was re-elected in 2015.

Currently he is Chairman of the Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee and serves on the Finance and General Purpose, and Planning Committees. He is now taking the lead on registering some footpaths in the village having previously organised the resurfacing of the Fairground car park.

He is sympathetic to any help that the Council can meaningfully give to the disabled.

Mollie Lock

Mollie's background has been as a teacher with a Diploma in Special Education Needs, specialising in Dyslexia.



She has been a District Councillor with West Berkshire Council for over 25 years. During her service at West Berkshire Council, she has been Chairman of West Berkshire Council and Portfolio for Education. Most recently she was Shadow Portfolio for

Education, Children and Adult Social Services, and has held several other posts including as a member of the Health & Wellbeing Board and sits on the Committee for External Scrutiny for Disabled Services (WIBC).

Mollie has been on the AWE Liaison Group for many years and has also been a School Governor in several schools in the District.

Danusia Morsley

Danusia previously served on the Parish Council from 2008 – 2014, chairing, at various times, the Parish Plan Refresh, Communications and Cemetery Committees and being heavily involved in the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).



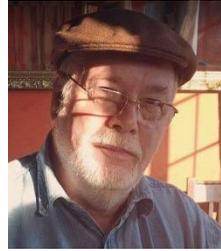
She has lived in Mortimer for 37 years and through her different activities in the village, ranging from founding and chairing MVP to currently running Mortimer Toddler Group, she has got to know many residents and how the village works.

Two years ago, the NDP gave greater power to the community to influence the development of the village. Since then, the Parish Council has been working on how various projects, suggested both through the NDP and elsewhere, could be brought to fruition. The intention is to consult the village on which ones you support the Council spending your money on and she would very much like to help with that consultation. Danusia is keen to get as many people as possible engaged in this decision-making process.

Danusia generally likes to make herself known and available to anyone in the village who wants to talk about matters that might concern the Parish Council and to take their concerns to the Council.

John Wells

John has lived in the village all his life as did his father and father before him, so there is a great deal of Mortimer history in the Wells family.



John hasn't been one for raising his profile of himself but has been working away silently in the background for a number of years.

He is a moderator of the MVP Facebook page and, before his election, was often found as a member of the public at Full Council meetings. John has had a fascination for the Parish Council and after a little encouragement stood to be elected this year. Being moderator of the MVP page has given him a good insight into what the issues are in the village and will allow- him to drive these issues, if relevant, through the Parish Council

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL TEAM

Parish Office

Lynn Hannawin took up the role of **Clerk to the Council** in 2018.



Bernise O'Reilly joined the office team in March 2018.

Lynn and Bernise are in the Parish Council Office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

MAY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The first meeting of the new Council was held on 16th May. The May meeting of the Parish Council is known as the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council as this meeting appoints the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Committees for the next twelve months.

Cllrs Dennett and Kilshaw were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively and are ex-officio members of all Committees. The following appointments were made to Committees.

Planning: Cllrs Morsley (Chairman), Beard, Hill, Ives, Johnson, Jones, Lewis, Wells.

Roads Footpaths and Commons: Cllrs Lewis (Chairman), Beard, Bridgeman, Bull, Carter, Hill, Ives, Johnson, Jones, Wells.

Fairground and Cemetery: Cllrs Bull (Chairman), Beard, Hill, Johnson, Jones, Lock, Morsley.

Finance and General Purposes: Cllrs Dennett (Chairman), Kilshaw, Bull, Lewis, Morsley, Bridgeman, Carter.

Membership of four working parties (Communications, Garth Hall, Library and Strategy) were also agreed.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 2018 - 2019

The Annual Parish Meeting was the last event hosted by the outgoing Council on 29th April in St John's Hall. The rules of the meeting state that the Chairman's Annual Report given at this meeting is published in the next newsletter, so the report given by Cllr Dennett can be found below.

Lynn Hannawin, as Clerk, and Bernise O'Reilly, as Assistant, have been in post for a year now. All Councillors have very much appreciated their efficiency and attitude in their roles, and

I am sure this is also so for parishioners who have been in contact with the office either in person, by telephone, email, Facebook, etc.

Routine tasks have been carried out very efficiently – e.g. the Council has commented on 41 planning applications and there have been 9 burials and internments in our cemetery. Work is continuing on planning the cemetery extension which requires a bridge to access the extension.

This efficiency has freed up time to make progress with several projects. There has been substantial work on the Fairground, new fencing; the repair, painting and replacement of play equipment, painting of the car park fencing, as well as clearing of the ponds – the latter done by councillors and volunteers under guidance from the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT).

The Council had commissioned a project on the needs for youth in the Parish which included sessions in Willink and St Mary's schools. As a result, the Council established a Youth Focus Group.

The Council agreed to implement the findings of a commissioned report on the Biodiversity and Green Spaces Project regarding the Fairground and the southern edge of the new development.

Grant funding has been received to enable the tennis court booking system to be online in conjunction with the LTA ClubSpark system.

Work is progressing on footpath registration within the parish.

The Council is working with Great Western Railways (GWR), Englefield Estate and ProVison on an additional car park at the station. A public consultation was held in February and a planning application will be submitted in the near future.

Very soon all the blue village noticeboards will be replaced making it much easier to parishioners to post notices. This has taken a long time to organise, we finally found a supplier that

made noticeboards without lockable covers with the bonus that the boards are made from recycled tyres. There will be additional boards on the Alfred Palmer Memorial Field (APMF) and in the West End Road carpark

I don't want to open a discussion on speeding in the village (last year's meeting) but with the help of District Councillor Graham Bridgman a members bid was made to WBC for an ANPR SID. SMPC and WBC pay half each. Using this requires discussions with TVP and WBC and the portable equipment was still being developed but it should be delivered very shortly.

Further to last year's meeting, village gates have also been installed, where possible, at the village boundaries. These were initiated by the Council but installed and funded by West Berkshire.

On Remembrance Day the Council took part in the National tribute, Battles Over, with the Reading of the roll of Honour and the lighting of a beacon.

One for the future; at the last Council meeting, a resolution was passed enabling the Council to start discussions with WBC on taking over the Library building. In brief, WBC would continue the library service but the building would be run by a local charity who would pay a peppercorn rent. This could open up the building for many other uses. This model is already in place in Hungerford.

Over the next few years the Council expects to receive a considerable amount of CIL, monies that WBC receive from developers. Normally, a Parish Council receives 15% of this money, but because we have an NDP in place we will receive 25%. We estimate that this could be at least £125,000 over the next few years as the development behind Tower House Gardens gets built.

The funds that come to a Council with an NDP can be spent on anything that leads to the development of facilities in the area. The Council has an open list of projects that it will investigate further using this funding and the intention is to put possible

projects out for public consultation. Some are relatively simple, a fitness trail on Windmill Common; others such as a youth facility much more complex.

Finally, it's the end of the term of this Council with the elections on Thursday and the new Council's first meeting on 16th May. Rules about election publicity mean that I cannot make comments (favourable or otherwise) about any Councillors standing for election. But I can about Councillors who are not standing.

In January Cllr Tina Reade resigned, Tina had been a very active Councillor and was appointed Chairman last May. Tina did much for the Council during her time in office.

Second, Cllr Phil Challis who has been a Councillor since 1993 and I guess is known to almost everyone in the village. Phil has served on all the main committees during his time and his local knowledge has been of incredible value to the Council. We shall greatly miss his incisive comments and his desire to get practical problems solved.

Third, Cllr Pat Wingfield. Pat joined the Council in 2010 and has been Chairman and Vice Chairman for various periods. He was also Chairman of the NDP Steering Group and his knowledge of local government and of planning law and his sheer determination were very major factors in successfully completing the NDP. Pat has also championed many other projects, including the Youth Project mentioned earlier. We will greatly miss his enthusiasm, expertise and contributions to discussion.

Because we have 15 vacancies on the Council and only 12 current Councillors are standing, we shall have at least three new Councillors. I wish the new Council well.

Cllr. M. Dennett
Chairman
April 2019

IT'S ALL IN THE NAME

As the 'outline' planning permission, including the layout, has been agreed for the new houses behind Tower Gardens, it is time to give the new site a name! Until now it has just been known as MOR006.



You are invited to send in your suggestions (by email or in writing to the Clerk) for the name of the new development - this could be based on local history, geography or other relevant ideas. TA Fisher are keen to liaise with the Parish Council over the choice of name.

The deadline for suggestions will be the end of September 2019.

ONLINE BOOKING FOR TENNIS COURTS

At the end of July, bookings for the two tennis courts on the Fairground moved to an online platform through the Lawn Tennis Association's ClubSpark:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/stratfieldmortimertennis>

Access on to the tennis courts is by a **PIN code** which is issued against a confirmed court booking.



The price for an hour on a court will be £5, paid online (debit or credit card) and refundable up to 24 hours prior to your time slot.

Watch out for further details and updates about tennis opportunities being posted on the Parish Council website and Facebook page.

VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATORS

The village public access defibrillators (PADs) are available for emergencies. Have you spotted the yellow boxes located around the village? Have a walk around and see if you can find them all. Hint: George Sansome; Horse & Groom; and Mortimer Surgery. Do you know how to use a defibrillator in a lifesaving situation?

Access to rural areas can be time consuming for community first responders and emergency services, particularly if the weather is bad, so the knowledge of local people could save a life!

If you come across someone in cardiac arrest:

PLEASE CALL 999 FIRST and the call handler will advise you where the nearest PAD is located and give you an access code for the PAD.

Cardiac arrests can happen to anyone, at any time. The following steps give someone the best chance of survival:

1. Call 999;
2. Start chest compressions and rescue breathes (CPR);
3. Ask someone to bring a defibrillator if there's one nearby (the emergency call handler can advise you);
4. Turn on the defibrillator and follow its instructions.

You don't need to be trained to use a defibrillator – anyone can use it. The emergency call handler will advise you and there are clear instructions on how to attach the defibrillator pads. It then assesses the heart rhythm and will only instruct you to deliver a shock if it's needed.



COMMUNITY AWARD 2019



Mrs Monica Clark receives the
SMPC Community Award for 2019

Mrs Monica Clark was presented with the SMPC Community Award for 2019 at the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th April.

Mrs Clark moved to village 48 years ago and has been involved with community activities since then.

Mrs Clark ran a Thursday morning coffee club for 25 years which included visiting pensioners in their homes. She was a member of Calleva Women's Institute for 32 years and President for three years.

After ten years as a volunteer driver with the Mortimer and Burghfield Volunteer Bureau, Mrs Clark has been an organiser at the Bureau for the last five years.

UNAUTHORISED ENCAMPMENTS

There have been several unauthorised encampments in the local vicinity, including the one on the grazing area of The Fairground which took place from Wednesday 17th to Saturday 20th July 2019. Access was gained when the fence rails were sawn through and the fence was pushed over.

If the land is privately owned, it is the responsibility of the landowner or their representative to take the necessary action to evict the occupants, even if access has been gained illegally and criminal damage has been caused. Such evictions can be a long and expensive process.

If they consider it appropriate, the police may use powers under Section 61 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to remove individuals from land. This, however, is a discretionary power.

Police will consider becoming involved in bringing about a prompt and lawful removal of unauthorised encampments where:

- Communities are deprived of local amenities or is there significant impact upon the environment
- There is local disruption to the economy
- There is other significant disruption to the local community or environment
- There is a danger to life
- There is a need to take preventative action.

The Parish Council lease The Fairground from Stratfield Mortimer Fairground Charity. A meeting of the Charity Trustees and the Fairground and Cemetery Committee, who manage The Fairground on behalf of the Parish Council, has taken place. The security of the site was reviewed, and measures will be taken where possible to try and reduce the likelihood of other incursions.

In the meantime, please remain vigilant. Any crime, disorder or nuisance associated with an unauthorised encampment should be reported to Thames Valley Police on 999 if it is in process, or via 101 or the Thames Valley Police website, if it is an incident that has already occurred. Reporting **ALL** related incidents assists the police to remove unauthorised encampments from land under Section 61.

DATE FOR THE DAIRY

Remembrance Day 2019 will take place on Sunday, 10th November this year, and as in the past, the village will be holding a service 11.00am by the memorial to commemorate the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women involved in the two World Wars and later conflicts.



PROPOSED DIPPING PLATFORM

Whilst a group of Councillors and friends were clearing the ponds earlier this year, it was thought a good idea to install a platform that children could use to take water samples and observe the tiny creatures that live in our ponds, especially in the spring and summer.

The confirmation, after a DNA test, that the ponds are home to a protected species, the Great Crested Newt, might prevent that. We are consulting with the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) to see if that is still permissible.

As the weather has been particularly dry in this part of the country this summer, the ponds have virtually disappeared. We will ask BBOWT if we can use machinery to dredge a lot of the accumulated silt out of the ponds to ensure, even in a dry year, they will still have water during the summer.

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS

The existing village notice boards were replaced in June and two additional boards have been installed. The locations are:

- Victoria Road (outside Mortimer Library);
- Victoria Road (at the entrance to College Piece);
- St Catherine's Hill (opposite the entrance to Sweetzer's Piece);
- Windmill Road (near to the entrance to Spring Lane);
- The Street (at the entrance to the Fairground Car Park);
- The Street (outside St Mary's School);
- West End Road (near entrance to the Car Park – *shown in photo*);
- Alfred Palmer Memorial Field (entrance from West End Road).



These noticeboards can be used to advertise events or matters of local interest. Please use drawing pins; it's much easier to pin notices onto these new boards. The maximum size of notices is A4 and commercial advertisements are not allowed.

Full guidelines are given in the SMPC Advertising Policy:

[https://www.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk/Stratfield-Mortimer-](https://www.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk/Stratfield-Mortimer-PC/UserFiles/Files/documents/Advertising%20%20Fly%20Posting%20policy_May2015.pdf)

[PC/UserFiles/Files/documents/Advertising%20%20Fly%20Posting%20policy_May2015.pdf](https://www.stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk/Stratfield-Mortimer-PC/UserFiles/Files/documents/Advertising%20%20Fly%20Posting%20policy_May2015.pdf)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – OPEN DISCUSSION

An open discussion on 'Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in the Local Area' was held at the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th April which was attended by about 90 parishioners. Participants included Mr Anthony Stansfield (Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley), Inspector Alan Hackett (Neighbourhood Inspector, Thames Valley Police), Sgt Mark Yates, PC Aeron Slade, PC Rebecca Stiebert (all MoD Police, Aldermaston).

Mr Stansfield outlined his role and spoke of the challenges faced by TVP which is the fourth largest police force in the UK (3,800 police officers and 400 PCSO's) but in recent years has had its budget cut from £500m to £400m. PC Stiebert outlined the purpose of the MOD's Projector Servator which is to deter and detect a range of criminality (including terrorism).

Inspector Hackett took part in a heated, but polite, debate on various matters of local policing. Concerns were raised about long contact times on 101, the accuracy of crime statistics and the failure to bring prosecutions when perpetrators were known. Mr Stansfield and Inspector Hackett confirmed that the decision whether, or not, to prosecute was entirely that of the Crown Prosecution Service.

Mr Stansfield stated he would raise the issue as to why some parishioners have to tolerate a perception of intimidation in the village with the Deputy Chief Constable and the Area Commander*.

If a crime is in progress the public should call 999.

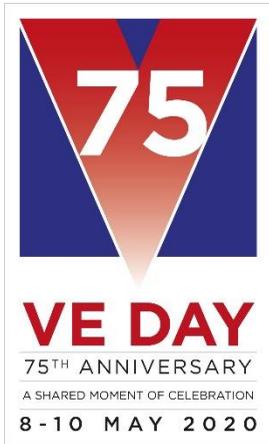
To report a crime after it has taken place either call 101, report it online at www.thamesvalleypolice.uk or email

PangbourneNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Anything suspicious can be reported to Project Servator on 0118 9826286.

** Subsequent to the meeting Mr Stansfield confirmed that he raised concerns with the Area Commander and the Deputy Chief Constable for action to eliminate the intimidation.*

75th Anniversary of VE Day



In June, the government made the following announcement:

“The early May bank holiday in 2020 will move from Monday, 4 May, to Friday, 8 May, to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day which takes place on 8 May, and enable people to pay tribute to those who served in one of the most significant events in our country’s history.

The occasion will remember the contribution of British, Commonwealth and Allied armed forces personnel; those who contributed to the war effort and safeguarded the Home Front. As well as marking the Allies’ victory in 1945, the bank

holiday will serve as an opportunity to pay tribute to those who have served and continue to serve in the UK Armed Forces and their families. Commemorative events will take place over the 3-day weekend across the country, including:

- the Nation’s Toast, where over 20,000 pubs will encourage patrons to raise a glass to the Heroes of World War II
- bagpipers playing the traditional Battle’s O’er at the top of the four highest peaks in the UK – Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike, Mount Snowdon, and Slieve Donard
- bells in churches and cathedrals across the country joining forces in a special Ringing Out for Peace
- local street parties and celebrations across the 3-day weekend.”

The July meeting of The Parish Council agreed:

SMPC will register to participate in the official commemorations. Cllrs. Beard, Bridgman, Hill, Johnson, Kilshaw and Lock will form a Working Group to oversee SMPC’s commemorations.

Plans are being made for events on the Fairground on **Friday, 8th May and Saturday, 9th May, 2020**, and further details will be made available as soon as possible.

If any local businesses or organisations wish to be involved, please contact: **admin@stratfield-mortimer.gov.uk**

Useful Contacts

Fairground Emergency - report any emergencies and dangerous situations on the Fairground: 0743 6807543

For **non-emergencies** contact the Parish Council Office: 0118 9331955

Police Non-Emergency: 101

To report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response.

NHS non-Emergency: 111

If you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency.

West Berks Council (WBC): 01635 551111

WBC Out of Hours Emergency Contact: 01635 42161

To report major incidents out of hours.

West Berkshire Council Streetcare Team: 01635 519080

Email: streetcare@westberks.gov.uk

To report problems with streets, roads, highways, pavements, etc.

West Berkshire District Councillors for the Burghfield & Mortimer Ward:

Cllr Graham Bridgman

Cllr Royce Longton

Cllr Geoff Mayes

Mortimer Village Partnership - For village news and information on events, including a directory of local clubs and businesses:

www.mortimervillage.org.uk

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/stratfieldmortimerparishcouncil

Minutes and Agendas of Council meetings, as well as other Council information, can be viewed on the above website or on the Parish Council notice boards which are located outside The Baobab (the old Post Office) and the library.

The Parish Council Office is normally open:

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays,

09:30 to 17:00

If the office is closed, correspondence can be left with the library staff or put in the library letter box.