

Heritage Lighting for Moor Pool

Hello Everyone,

After over 2 years working with local suppliers of heritage lighting and lobbying of local Councillors, a meeting finally took place to discuss the possibility of installing heritage lighting on Moor Pool. You will all be aware that all of Birmingham's street lighting is being replaced under the contract with Amey and that several roads nearby have already had their lamp standards replaced. We have made the case that the additional conservation values of the Estate make the fitting of modern street lamps inappropriate and would conflict with the conservation values of the Moor Pool Character Appraisal. The meeting at which local Councillors Mike Whitby and Elaine Williams were able to attend along with Amey and local BCC Officers was extremely productive. Amey offered to fit heritage lighting throughout the Estate and at no additional cost to Birmingham Council. The option is also open to install original cast iron lampposts at the Circle but these would need to be refurbished at an additional cost. That cost needs to be considered and agreed by Councillors, but we think would be a fine opportunity to retain part of Birmingham's heritage locally. Sadly, committee member Dave McGee who

contributed so much to this project recently passed away, but I am sure he would have been very pleased at the result. The lamps will have a lantern type top, with low energy LED lighting modules. The electronics allow the dimming and time of operation to be varied as well as reporting faults back to a central control.



Heritage lighting will significantly raise Moor Pool and Harborne's profile and will in so doing assist the Trust in its future applications to funding agencies.

Rob Sutton.
Chair. Moor Pool Residents Association

Banner Planning Applications

The applications went before the planning committee on Thursday 21st June. After our productive discussions

with Banner, Rob Sutton representing MRA and Trust spoke before committee. With approval inevitable, the thrust of our argument was to ensure that the s106 planning obligations attached to the permissions were clear and did not impede both our and Banners aspirations regarding transfer of community assets. Banner reiterated this intention to the Committee. This time Cllr Douglas Osborn actually spoke in support whilst there was general approval voiced on how 'localism' seemed to be working here. The plans were approved. Subsequent discussions with BCC Officers and Banner have hopefully resolved any issues with the s106.

Work clearing the garages has now started and the Valley Site probably cleared by mid July with construction beginning around September. Further meetings will take place with Banner and lines of communication put in place to resolve any issues as they arise during the build.

Details of the planning obligations are on the MRG website.

Diamond Jubilee Street Parties

If you attended any of these parties we hope you had a great time. In fact the Moor Pool party was so good that the 'Queen' herself decided to attend! The organisers would like to thank all those who came along and especially those who organised and helped at the events. The Moor Pool street party achieved a small profit and half each will be donated to the Winterbourne Centenary Event and the Moor Pool Heritage Trust.

Pictures are on the website but anyone with additional pictures please email to rob@moorpool.com so that we can add to the archive.

Winterbourne Centenary Event

The Residents Association held its final Centenary event marking the completion of the Estate in 2012. The guest of honour was the Honorary Alderman Peter Hollingworth J.P. who served Harborne as Councillor for 51 years and John Sutton Nettlefold's grand daughter-in-law Wendy Carter, along with her daughter Juliet. After an entertaining speech by Peter, Wendy cut the superb centenary cake which had been produced by local resident and professional cake maker Caroline Smith. The cake was beautifully designed with all the names of the estate's roads and hand decorated pictures of local houses. Not only that but it was delicious too with barely a crumb left. Over 100 people can vouch for that! Guests

were also entertained by an ensemble from King Edwards Camp Hill School for Boys who played during the evening. Many thanks to them and the School for their involvement. Anyway, enough from the Editor and here is a piece on the evening from one of the guests, Pam Frost.

'Having lived on the estate for just over 90 years, married a childhood sweetheart who was also born on the estate, and having raised my own family here on Moor Pool, I have a great love for this lovely spot and so many fond memories. It was thus a great thrill for me to attend at the end of last month the final Moor Pool Centenary Celebration at Winterbourne House – the home of John Sutton Nettlefold who was the leading figure in the Estate's formation.

It seemed very appropriate that the 5 year celebration, covering the length of time it took to build the estate, should conclude in the home and gardens of Nettlefold's house. Like the estate, but on a larger scale, Winterbourne is a lovely house set in beautiful gardens which are peaceful and relaxing -attributes which I have always felt were intrinsic to the feel of the estate.

During the celebration we had a chance to look around the house and gardens as well as in the more formal session acknowledge the roles so many have taken in running, maintaining and looking after our beautiful home area – the Moor Pool Estate. It was lovely to see many old friends and also new, younger members of our community at this celebration, and I hope that the next 100 years will give as much pleasure, enjoyment and friendship to those who live and will live here, as I and my family have had during its first 100 years. It was a wonderful event and fitting tribute to the Moor Pool Celebrations'.

Pam Frost.

Pictures of the event and the Centenary cake are on the website. If you have any more pictures please email to rob@moorpool.com for the archive.

Moor Pool in Bloom

Residents and passers-by have noticed and commented on the sudden appearance of bulbs and plants at strategic places throughout the Estate, but especially the Circle. This was all part of Moor Pool's third entry to the RHS 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Scheme. Judging took place on Thursday 5th July, very fortunately a dry day. The first stop for the two judges was to meet up with residents at the Bowling Green which they had not visited before. They really enjoyed getting a different angle on the estate and admired the planting the bowler-gardeners had done over the large area. The excellent compost produced from grass cuttings was clearly of interest and they had their first close view of the Moor Pool.

Next on the route was the Circle, where colourful containers of hardy perennials suitable for "sun" and

"shade" were on display at Wentworth and North Gate. The plants are to be recycled later in the year for propagation on MiB's allotments. Stopping at the shop to view the begonias and pelargonium for sale and the tubs (at last showing signs of flower), they admired Trevor and Yvonne's colourful display of window boxes and hanging baskets and were delighted with the Children's' Garden. The route then continued down Park Edge, where the planting is now looking very mature (it is three years since this border was created from a tangle of ivy), then on to Lower Moor Pool Avenue, now part of the Spring bulb scheme, which provided the way to the last point, the Willow Borders, created by Mike Foster, which really brighten the entrance to this part of the estate.

We then had an hour's discussion with the judges about the Plant Sale, the Fruit Tree grafting, volunteer issues and publicity. They viewed briefly the folder of activities for 2011/12 and took it away. They gave nothing away as regards results: that happens at the Awards Ceremony on 6th September at Henley in Arden. MiB plans to display pictures, folders and volunteers' comments at the Moor Pool Festival in September.

I would like to thank all those who have taken part in the IYN event, especially in such a difficult season – weeding in torrential rain, growing and caring for plants that refuse to grow, digging overgrown allotments and finding containers for the Circle planting. Can I also add that this whole scheme depends on the groundwork provided by all those who have helped with the open spaces, bulb planting and the plant sale. Liz Muir

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Moor Pool's Olympic Torch

Have you discovered which number house on Moor Pool the Olympic torch designed by a Moor Pool resident for the 1948 games lived at?

Moor Pool Reading Club

Meets bi-monthly, Thursday's 7.30 to 8.30pm. Small Hall, The Circle, Moor Pool. If interested please contact: triciacusack@gmail.com.

Our next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 19th July, when Jennie Nairn will introduce "Night Waking" by Sarah Moss. The following meeting is the 20th September with book to be confirmed.

Dates for your Diary

MPHT meeting. Monday 23rd July 7.30 The Hall.
Coffee Morning. Saturday 28th July 2012. 10.30 BG
Moor Pool Dance. Saturday 15th Sept 2012
Moor Pool Festival. Sunday 9th Sept 2012
BG = Bowling Green not Lower Hall.

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Normally held at Easter, the scarecrow competition has been moved to September so that entries can be viewed at the Moor Pool Festival.

This years theme is:

Great Britons: Fact and Fiction.

Scarecrows must be erected in the front Garden of entrants or in the case of a society in a publically visible location by Saturday 8th September 2012 and Judging will be carried out from 10am onwards on Sunday 16th September 2012. Scarecrows must remain in place between these dates.

All entrants will receive a certificate with cash prizes awarded as follows:

First (£20), Second (£15), Third (£10).

Entry forms available online at

www.moorpool.com.

Moor Pool Dance 2012

This years dance is on Saturday 15th September. The band 'Partners in Crime' will be performing. A bar will also be available. More information on www.moorpool.com Doors open 7.30pm

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Moor Pool Heritage Trust News

A Note from the Secretary

The Trust has decided it would be opportune to hold a Public Meeting to enable residents and all those who have a particular interest in putting questions to the Trust the chance to do so. Information on the meeting is at the end of this Newsletter. The process of acquiring the community assets is a complicated matter particularly as some are owned by Grainger and some by Banner Homes. We won't have all the answers for you but we shall provide whatever information we can. We also need to strengthen the Board of the Trust and prepare for an inaugural AGM. That AGM can only be attended by Members so it's important as many residents become Members of the Trust as possible, so that not only can you support our efforts, but have a voice in the way the Trust moves forward. In the meantime, anybody who would like to join the Trust, please contact me, and I will get an application form to you. If you would like to indicate your interest in renting a garage or an allotment please contact me and I will include you on the relevant list.

Igor Cusack (Secretary), Moor Pool Heritage Trust.
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email: ticusack@blueyonder.co.uk

Moor Pool Fundraising

Fundraising continues, to raise the money to buy your community facilities for you.

Moor Pool's Got Talent

This turned out to be a great success. Not only did the evening raise £391.77 for the Trust but also £200 for Acorns. The Committee are very grateful to Rachel New from Heart who compered the night and our Judges Mrs Tembe from TV's 'Doctors', Acorns Nigel Evans, Dave Evans and our local Councillor Elaine Williams, Congratulations to our winners Sam and Ellie, Isabelle and Emily. Thanks to Heart, Cadbury World and Chamberlains Fish & Chips who generously provided prizes.

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Volunteers Needed

We still **desperately** need more volunteers to help with fundraising. It could be just a one off or a more regular commitment, anything is welcome. We are urging residents to put on their own fundraising events, or to join the fundraising committee to help organise events. If you can help please email fundraising@moorpool.com or call 689 7368.

Gift Duckets Do your neighbours have a birthday or anniversary coming up? Gift Duckets are available to buy at the Circle shop in denominations of £10 and £5. They can be used as payment for any MPHT fundraising event

such as quizzes and events, for buying skills and services from the skills bank and for buying items on the recycle network. Email fundraising@moorpool.com or call 689 7368 for more details.

Monthly quizzes in aid of MPHT are held on the last Thursday (usually) of the month in the bowling pavilion at 7.30pm. It's £3.50 per head, with teams of up to 8 people. If you don't have a team, you can join with others on the night, it's always very friendly. You can always check dates of quizzes on www.moorpoolfundraising.co.uk or on the notice board at the Circle shop

Easy fundraising - Register now!

For those of you, who shop online, raise funds at no extra cost. Use the link

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/moorpool> and register with the easyfundraising site. From there go to your usual online shops and a small percentage will automatically be credited to the Moor Pool cause. There are 2000+ retailers including eBay, Amazon, John Lewis and 4 major supermarkets so you can be helping Moor Pool while doing your normal weekly shop. So far just 19 registered supporters have raised as much as £62.98. Good cause is **Moor Pool**

Collection Jars

We are regularly receiving collection jars and would like to thank all those who continue to raise funds. If you hand in a collection jar please put a note inside with your name and address.

Skills Bank

Sign up for a lesson or service or donate a skill on the skills bank. <http://www.moorpoolskillsbank.co.uk/>

Moor Pool recycle network - grab a bargain!

This works like freecycle except that instead of getting items for free, you make a small donation to the MPHT fund. Check out what's on offer or submit a request on the fundraising website..

Go to <http://moorpoolfundraising.co.uk/> and click on the recycle network tab or email fundraising@moorpool.com.

Moor Pool History Archive

This was Dave McGee's project and will be continued by Mike Frost. It is essential that the history of the estate is documented and that the information is made accessible to residents and all those interested in Garden Suburb history. Apart from an online resource, copies will be offered to the local library and Birmingham archives. Already a lot of information is accessible on the Moorpool.com website. The Trust intends to work with schools on participation and learning projects supported by the historical information.

Garage Renting.

The Trust continues to collate a waiting list for garages including the new ones to be built by Banner. If you are a resident and wish to use one for the purpose of garaging a car please register your interest to the Secretary of the Trust, Igor Cusack, 137 Ravenhurst Road.

Membership Moor Pool Residents Association

We hope that you support the work of the MRA in making the Estate a fine place to live for people of all ages, whilst preserving its unique character. This takes a lot of time and effort and money. We have been generously supported for special projects like the Trust and MiB from community chest funds but we also need you as residents to do your bit by joining the MRA and paying the very modest subscription of £3 for an individual or £5 for a family, which goes towards our running expenses including printing of the Duck newsletter. There are many ways to spend money but raising funds is far more difficult. If you would like to join the MRA and support our efforts please fill in the attached tear off slip and send to the Treasurer at 80, Moor Pool Avenue.



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We have arranged a meeting at the Hall to update you on progress and proposals. All supporters, residents and members of Moor Pool's Clubs and Societies are invited to attend. Please come along to find out more and show your support.