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Dear Residents

I hope everyone had a pleasant summer, enjoyed the sunshine and found time to relax. September looks set to be a busy month with the Moorpool Festival and the work of the Heritage Trust. This issue of the Duck contains lots of news about what is happening and usual, information about what is happening.

If you have any news, gardening tips, information you would like to share please email or leave a letter at the post box in Raj's shop. Letters are welcome. Please provide your name and an email address for the published version. If you do not have email please let me have your addresses/telephone number in case I need to contact you. This information will not be published.

I look forward to hearing from you. Best wishes, Paula
paulamariamcg156@gmail.com

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What's happening?

Open garden: Mr Pearson, a resident of The Circle, opened his beautiful garden over the summer to raise money for the estate. Mr Pearson has developed his garden over 60 years with many unusual plants. Even if you are not a gardener, his work is still worth going to see – just follow the signs at the Circle.

Moorpool Festival: This will take place on Sunday 15th September and promises to be a great day for adults and children alike: a wide range of stalls, produce, plants, refreshments and entertainment. Please do come along, bring your friends and join in the fun

Can you spare some time to help with fund raising? Funds are needed to support the cost of Moorpool's many amenities, including this newsletter. The Heritage Trust is also trying to raise money to take over the community buildings.

Margaret O'Hara has done an amazing job in leading the fund raising so far but new volunteers are needed to support her work. For more information about fundraising please contact fundraising@moorpool.com

Moorpool in Bloom plant sale: The final figure for the plant sale was £1025! Well done to Liz Muir and her team for such a fantastic effort.

Rubbish matters: If you are struggling to put your wheelie bin out for collection, you can apply for assistance at <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/recycling>. Any problems with the assisted collection service should be reported to

Kevin Mitchell
 Assistant Director
 Fleet and Waste Management
 0121 675 0648
kevin.mitchell@birmingham.gov.uk

Councillor James McKay
 Email: james.mckay@birmingham.gov.uk
 Tel: 0121 303 2039

Security: Just a reminder to all residents to make sure that your vehicles are always left secure and there are no valuables left on display inside. We are experiencing a lot more opportunistic crime at the moment and we need to work together to combat this problem. This also applies to your home, do not to leave windows open when you are not there. If you hear a noise at night look out of the window if possible and if you see anything suspicious please call 101 or in a emergency (i.e., you see a crime being committed) 999. If you require any support or advice please contact me.

PCSO Charlotte Alcock 31047
Harborne Team
101
Ext 7863 6667

What's on?

Coffee mornings: take place in the small hall or bowling club, 10am-12, on the last Saturday of every month except December. Everyone is welcome.

Dates for your diary

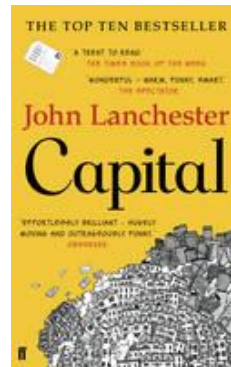
Event	Date
Moorpool Festival	15 th September 2013
Carol walk	15 th December 2013

Clubs and societies

Moor Pool Reading Club

At the June meeting we had a great discussion about Marina Lewycka's *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* (Penguin 2006), introduced by Kate Nottingham. Most of us were rather critical of this book, which seemed to combine several writing styles, not altogether successfully and which lacked

characters with whom to fully empathise. But this is part of the fun of the Reading Club - we don't always like or agree on a book, but the reasons why it was chosen and why some might not take to it remain fascinating.



**Thursday 24
October**

Capital

John Lanchester

To be introduced
by Lynda
Huddleston

New members are always welcome: email me, or just turn up.

Contact: Tricia Cusack
(triciacusack@gmail.com)

Moorpool in Bloom (MiB)


Maintenance of open spaces: Residents have invested a considerable amount of time and effort in clearing and improving the two large open spaces at The Spinney and The Square. Both spaces now look far more attractive particularly when all the spring flowers are in bloom. Both spaces require mowing at regular intervals and Graingers has agreed to provide half the cost of this. MiB is very grateful to Graingers for this generous offer.

Unfortunately the Hit Squad which used to clear away the results of MiB working parties is no longer available. A meeting is planned with James McKay to ascertain alternative arrangements.

For information about MiB contact Liz Muir
Tel: 07792473975 or 0121 427 3973.
Email: e.muir276@btinternet.com

Wildlife conservation group:

We are a small group committed to protecting and enhancing Moor Pool’s natural areas. We meet monthly - all are welcome (cake and lemonade provided)! We’re just finishing an application for funding for practical and educational tasks, so that we can enjoy the wildlife on our doorsteps even more! If you’d like any further information or to come to the next meeting, please email rag@doctors.org.uk. We’ll keep in touch and hope to see you at our stand at the Heritage Open Day.
Rosanna Ghinai.



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Recipe slot: Blackberry and apple jam

- 3 ½ lbs apples
- 3 1/2 lbs jam sugar
- 2lbs blackberries
- 1 teacupful of water

Wash the blackberries, drain and set aside.
 Peel and core the apples and cut them into thin strips.
 Place the apple strips in a saucepan with the water and simmer until tender.
 Add the blackberries and boil for 5 minutes.
 Add the sugar and boil for 25 minutes.

Remove from the heat and allow the jam to cool for about 10 minutes before pouring it into jars.

Membership of the Residents Association

The MRA works to look after the environment of the estate and provide community social events. You can help by joining the MRA.

 I/We would like to join the Moor Pool Residents Association. I enclose my payment of: £5.00 Individual..... or £8.00 Family..... (Tick which applies)

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Raj says "Please... SHOP LOCAL at the Circle"

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Moorpool Heritage Trust news



Acquisition of community facilities: By now many of you will know that, at meeting of Members of the Trust, the decision was taken to accept Graingers' proposal for the acquisition of the community facilities. This includes all the property at the Circle, excluding for the moment the Estate Office, but includes all the community sporting facilities and various open spaces. With the transfers already in progress or promised by Banner Homes and the nearly completed acquisition of the old Builders Yard, we, the local community have a once in a lifetime opportunity to secure Nettlefold's historic Garden Suburb once and for all.

The cost is £325,000, the price of a single house, so we must not let this opportunity slip. We all benefit from living in this unique urban environment. English Heritage called it '*an exceptional survival*' and so it is. We should be proud that we live here and that we have the opportunity to save it for the future. We have a strong Trust board. We have a business plan but we now need you to do your bit to complete this final stage. This is an affluent area with residents who possess a wide range of skills and expertise. If we fail and the facilities are broken up and privatised or even lost to us then it will be nobody's fault but our own.

That's the challenge to rise to. We expect to raise this money in various ways including donations, fundraising events, grants and commercial loans. Small villages can raise similar amounts to build new community halls or save their local pub so what we seek to do is nothing new. Read elsewhere how you can help and please do your bit and encourage your friends and neighbours to do theirs too.

Rob Sutton. Chair Moor Pool Heritage Trust.

Heritage Lighting: We submitted a limited petition requesting that Amey honour their agreement to install heritage lighting. The results of this petition have been totally ignored. This is not the end of the matter and we will be looking at the whole manner in which the process has been dealt with as well as continuing to press for the installation. We suggest that you visit Bournville to see the lighting that has been installed there. We counted around 70 or more posts installed. Perhaps they are Moor Pool's. Maybe, in Bournville, there is a better understanding and appreciation of what's needed in a conservation area. Remember Bournville and Moor Pool were built within a year of each other, on much the same Garden Suburb principles yet we are treated quite differently. We have also requested some of the very old lamp posts for future projects and to preserve part of Birmingham's heritage. These we are told are unsuitable although we have offered to pay for them through a donation. Despite this the same lampposts Amey have removed are available through a reclamation yard for £250 each.

The Builders' Yard: Thanks to Moor Pool in Bloom, Birmingham City Council apprentices have started work there, tidying up the yard area nearest to

Wentworth Gate, and clearing an area for next year's Moor Pool in Bloom plant sale. The Trust will do what it can to begin development work at the Builders' Yard, but, as it will need to focus on the acquisition of the Community Facilities, progress may be slow this year. Once we have possession, the Trust will want to renew the leases on as many garages as possible in both the Wentworth Gate end and The Square garage blocks.

Banner Homes: Contractors are refurbishing the allotments, The Orchard and the Community Garden (the green area between Margaret Grove and the Tennis Courts). They are doing the larger scale works, for example, taking out self-sown Sycamores, cutting back some overgrown hedges, putting in some fencing and removing rubbish. We hope that this work will be soon finished: there has been a gap in activity while birds have been nesting in certain trees and shrubs.

Allotments: Many have now been earmarked for those on the allotment waiting list, so that, once they come into our possession, we can again issue leases/lettings on these. If you want an allotment and have not got onto the list do contact Igor Cusack as there may still be some available. The Trust has appointed a solicitor to deal with the transfer of these areas from Banner Homes. We have also had help from Business in the Community (<http://www.bitc.org.uk>) and, in particular, Lloyds Bank, whose volunteers did some excellent work helping to clear the allotments next to The Orchard. We have two other possible volunteer groups in the pipeline that may have done more work on other allotments before you read this.

Igor Cusack

Tel: 0121 426 2462

Email: ticusack@blueyonder.co.uk.

Garages: If you want a garage at the Spinney, the Square, Wentworth Gate or a new one, please contact Igor Cusack.

Membership of the Trust: If you are not a member of the Trust and have lived on the Estate for more than three years please do join us. If you are a member of a club do encourage your club to join as well. It will cost you nothing and give you a say in how we move forward. We hope to hold our next AGM in the autumn and look forward to seeing you there.

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