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Dear Residents

This issue of the Duck reports on the sterling work of residents to raise the money required to purchase the community facilities. The effort, time and commitment involved have been tremendous and all those concerned deserve our congratulations.

The 6th Moorpool Heritage Festival will take place on 14th September 11am -5pm. This will have an Edwardian theme reflecting the era in which the estate was founded by John Sutton Nettlefold 107 years ago. Please support this in any way you can.

Our Heritage Festival is our chance to showcase and celebrate the fabulous heritage of the Moor Pool garden suburb estate. The day will include many activities and fun ways to really engage with our community and the amazing facilities we have.

Attractions will include

- live performances throughout the day in the Moor Pool Hall.
- a range of stalls selling local vegetables, produces and all sorts of lovely Moor Pool themed things.
- opportunities to find out about the wide range of clubs and social activities available to residents. If you have recently moved to the estate please come along and see what's on offer.

If you'd like to volunteer to help please let us know via jcbmoorpool@gmail.com or drop a note through the door at 52, Moor Pool Avenue with your contact details.

The Moorpool Heritage Festival is a fantastic day for all the family. Proceeds will contribute to securing the community facilities by the end of September 2014.

Best wishes, Sal Bourner

Thank you to those residents who responded to my request in the June 2014 Duck. For anyone who missed it, the Residents' Association would like to know if you are a Grainger tenant as we do not have a list. Please let us know who you are by sending me an email or leaving a letter, addressed to me, in the shop.

Thank you, Paula

Email: paulamariamcg156@gmail.com

Dates for your diary 2014

Event	Date
Moor Pool Festival	14 th September
Carol Walk	14 th December

MRA Committee members 2014

Sally Bourner	Maureen Mauser
Sarah Copley	Paula McGee Duck (Editor)
Mike Foster	Jayne Millicheap
Mike Frost	Liz Muir
Jill Howes	Helen Nicholas
Norma Mason	Rob Sutton

To publish in the Duck in 2014 please send items to the editor by

Closing date	Publication
30 th September	October
20 th November	December

To publish in the Duck in 2015 please send items to the editor by

31 st January	February
31 st March	April
31 st May	June
31 st July	Late August/ September
30 th September	October
20 th November	December

Rubbish matters: Birmingham City Council is taking steps to prevent fly tipping on the estate. In The Square a notice warns that fly tipping carries a potential £20,000 fine and leaflets have been distributed as reminders about the new arrangements for disposal of green waste.

Please report any dumped rubbish or garden waste to Birmingham City Council at <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/flytipping>

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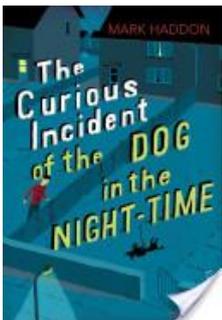
Does your club want new members?

Contact the Editor

paulamariamcg156@gmail.com

Moor Pool Reading Club

At our July meeting, Kirsten introduced Peter Carey's *Oscar and Lucinda*. This is an exceptionally long book at over 500 pages, and even Kirsten was surprised on returning to it. We all agreed it is an intelligent book and very nicely written. The protagonists' habits and temperaments are not the most attractive although there were different degrees of empathy with them. I think we agreed it is well worth reading but could have been edited a little. We had a lively discussion and apple juice as usual.



**Thursday 4th
September**

*The curious
incident of the dog
in the night- time* by
Mark Haddon
To be introduced
by Joy Brain



**Thursday 13
November**

Philomena by Martin
Sixsmith

To be introduced
by Jenny Boucher

The next meeting will be in the Small Hall, The Circle, 7.30-8.30pm. New members welcome: contact triciacusack@gmail.com or just come along. There is a small annual charge of £10.

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MiB is setting up part of the Wentworth Gate allotment for gardeners with arthritis and other disabilities. We have created a raised bed and are looking for tools that will make tasks easier. Do get in touch and share your experiences. We are in contact with a number of organisations and we need your expertise. Contact Liz Muir 07792473975 or 01214273973

Co-ordinator Moor Pool in Bloom

Tubs at the Shop

Moor Pool in Bloom wishes to thank Patrick and Hilary Everard who have looked after these tubs for over three years. It's a big commitment and they have used an original

and colourful range of plants which we have all enjoyed. They would now like to hand over to someone else and I am sure the whole estate would like to thank them for their work.

I'm delighted to say that Yvonne and Trevor at the Circle will be taking over the planting of the tubs and I know they have plenty of ideas. There's a few things to be sorted out yet so it may take some weeks to get going but I am sure you will all welcome Trevor and Yvonne's enthusiasm and ideas.

Liz Muir
Moor Pool in Bloom
For information about MiB contact Liz Muir
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Moor Pool Wildlife

Summer greetings! The group has recently been enjoying insect-themed evenings, including a fieldtrip to Harborne Nature Reserve, led by local entomologist Pete Boardman. Wild-flower seeds planted by children from Arden School earlier this year bloomed beautifully on the Wildlife allotment; planned autumn projects include food-plants for caterpillars, pond-building, and work towards the example Wildlife garden.

Our next meeting will also serve as an AGM – all are welcome at 8pm, Tuesday 26th August, Lower Hall, The Circle. For more information please contact Mike Foster (new Chair) or Jenny Hiley (jennyhiley@gmail.com), or visit our stand at the Moorpool Heritage Festival 14th September. Roseanna Ghinnai.

Cake bake challenge

Please see below the link giving information about the 20th Anniversary Cake Bake Challenge on the Heritage Open Day website. <http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/news/join-the-celebration-anniversary-cake-bake-challenge>



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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. As agreed at the AGM on 11 November, subscriptions for 2013/2014 will remain £5 (individual) and £8 (family).

Membership form

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

You can pay cash.

Cheques should be made payable to **Moor Pool Residents Association**. Please complete the form with your cheque to

The Treasurer, C/O 4, High Brow.

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Our dynamic fund-raising committee continues to hold first rate events and we are more and more hopeful of achieving our aim of raising £50,000. We thank all our donors who include someone in New Zealand saw the recent *Birmingham Post* article and whose grandparents used to live on Moor Pool Avenue. The Lillie Johnson Charitable Trust granted us £5000: two other grants of £10,000 have also been received.

Some difficult discussions and negotiations will be inevitable as we approach the end of September when we will have a clearer idea of whether we have achieved our target.

Allotments: The acquisition of the allotments, the Orchard and the proposed Community Garden from Banner Homes is imminent. Most allotments have now been allocated in preparation for issuing leases: there are just a few good allotments left, so do please contact the Secretary if you are interested.

Community Garden: Jim Tucker is leading a team to consider how best we can use this. Residents will be fully consulted as the designs for this area are further developed.

Schools: Jayne Millicheap has been leading on some excellent work with Schools. We need to develop this work further as it is through education and heritage that we will gain access to further grants, once we own the Community facilities. This is an absolutely essential part of the charitable work of the Trust.

Builders' Yard garages: We are working our way down the waiting list as garages become available. We are in the process of acquiring

the twelve new garages and three parking places from Banner Homes. If you are interested in a garage at The Spinney, The Builders' Yard or one of the new garages, please contact the secretary. There is a waiting list for all three areas, but we have found that some people do not take up offers when garages become available.

For all enquiries concerning MPHT please contact the Secretary
Igor Cusack,
137, Ravenhurst Rd
Telephone 01214262462
Email: ticusack@blueyonder.co.uk

Fundraising

If you can hold an event in aid of Moor Pool the fundraising committee would be pleased to support you in any way it can. Please contact Margaret O'Hara at 74 Margaret Grove, or email fundraising@moorpool.co.uk further details are on the website: www.moorpoolfundraising.co.uk

The fundraising committee are always looking for more volunteers to help out with all these events and delivering flyers and information packs on the Estate and beyond. If you have any spare time please get in touch with any member of the committee c/o 74 Margaret Grove or via fundraising@moorpool.co.uk

The relationship between the Moor Pool Residents' Association (MRA) and the MPHT (Moor Pool Heritage Trust).

These are my personal thoughts on this and apologies to those of you who know most of this already. The MRA set up the MPHT as a charitable body to acquire the community assets. We have 115 members at present. If you have lived on the Estate for more than 3 years, you can join the Trust; clubs can also join. There is no cost to you to join the MPHT.

Fundraising activities and the effort these require have meant that some of the usual events held by the MRA have not gone ahead this year. There is only a certain amount all of us volunteers can do and we always need more help. We need to slowly separate out

MRA and MPHT activities and I withdrew as a committee member of the MRA last year, as part of that process. We need some new active members to join the MRA so that this process can continue. Both organisations need to work really closely together, but, as the MPHT becomes more of a landlord and has to survive financially, there will be a crucial role for the MRA in representing residents' views. The Trust will have to make difficult decisions about, for example, allotments, clubs and garage rents and hall bookings. It needs to develop educational and heritage ventures. It will need to consult closely with residents, working with the MRA on the various projects such as the Community Garden and the Builders' Yard. Meanwhile the MRA needs to continue supporting the community in various ways. The Moor Pool Duck is an MRA production. The successful MRA coffee mornings for all ages – from 2 months to 90 plus – continue, on the last Saturday of each month. Anyone on the Estate can join the MRA: it costs £8.00 per family and £5.00 for an individual.

As we rush forward it is not always easy to keep everyone informed. Those of you online can follow events on the MPHT and Fund-Raising websites and on Facebook and Twitter. We have plans for an MPHT newsletter, but again it is a question of somebody finding the time to do all the work.

Message from Raj My family is proud to have served the Moorpool community from this corner shop for nearly a decade. In light of recent changes on the estate we are keen to extend a warm welcome to the many new residents and invite them to come in and see everything we have to offer as there really is something for everyone. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal customers for their continued support and ask any remaining residents who have yet to shop local to please... just give us a try because **WE RELY ON YOUR REGULAR CUSTOM.** We are open Mon to Fri 7am - 7pm, Sat 7.30am - 7pm & Sun 7.30am - 1pm. Tel: 0121 428 1061.

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