

THE MOORPOOL DUCK

Residents' Newsletter

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THE CENTENARY APPROACHES 1907- 2007

The Centenary celebration of the Estate is almost upon us. The opening event of what will be a rolling programme of events matching the five years of the Estate's building takes place next weekend on Sunday 28th October. The Opening is planned to run as follows:

In the Hall

(Ticket holders only)

Doors open: 3.30pm
Lord Mayor arrives: 4.00pm
Childrens' Dance display: 4.10pm
Moorpool Players re-enactment: 4.20pm
Unveiling of Centenary Painting: 4.35pm
Tea and Cakes: 4.45pm – 5.30pm

On Tennis Courts

(all welcome to attend)

Moorpool Players re-enactment: 5.45pm
Celebration Lanterns Release : 6.00pm
Close: 6.15pm

(Please note change of venue for the Lantern Release from Bowling Green to the Circle Tennis Courts.)

THE NEXT CENTURY APPROACHES 2007- 2107

The Moorpool estate is now at a major turning point and plans for the development of some of the open spaces on the estate will shortly be presented by Grainger, the landlords. Whether your views are for outright opposition, fearing that this represents a fatal attack on the nature and fabric of the estate which has been so important in forming its character, or whether you feel that the areas involved are an eyesore and that sympathetic redevelopment would improve the condition of the estate, (and views at both ends of this spectrum are held by residents of the estate), or whether your position is in between, what is vitally important is that you become involved in the process which will take place and which will fundamentally affect the future of the estate. Make your views known! Help take the estate into the next century.

NEW CHAIR OF THE MRA

At the recent AGM of the Association Rob Sutton was elected as Chair. The Duck asked him for a few

words to introduce himself to the Residents:-

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the latest issue of the Duck. I am honoured to have been elected your new Chair and hope I can in some way at least, follow in the able footsteps of Mike Frost and those that have gone before.

As I said at the AGM we have an eventful year ahead. Firstly on the 28th October we have the Centenary Celebrations. The indoor event at the hall is ticket only, so check for application details elsewhere in the Duck. Afterwards the lantern release will take place which I hope as many of you as possible will attend.

I must place on record the thanks of the Association to Grainger who have stepped in and increased their funding of the event after our Lottery bid failed. Without that help we could not have put on the scale of event that has been organised.

The other big issue is development. This will affect all of us on the estate in some way or another. The Grainger plans at the moment are not in a form which I believe is acceptable to the majority of residents. Maybe with some real discussion we could get there yet. I have written to Rupert Dickinson the Chief Executive of Grainger to ensure he is aware of the situation. Will he respond? We shall see. In

the meantime the MRG are doing a lot of hard work on this issue. See you on the 28th.

Rob Sutton. Chair Moorpool Residents Association. Tel 426 5669

MOORPOOL NEWS and WINE

We would once again urge you to continue to support your local shop run by Raj and Dip. They have various special offers running , including any 3 bottles of wine for £10 from an extensive selection. There is also a fax machine available now as well as an ever widening stock of goods. It is good to see our shop looking as flourishing as it is. So many urban and rural communities are losing their local shops - let's keep ours.

Use it!

MOORPOOL HALL NEWS

Mick O'Malley has now joined the team at The Circle offices to look after the day-to-day administration of The Moorpool Hall. Mick has been a resident for 23 years and has taken an active role with clubs and associations on the estate. He will be responsible for bookings, maintenance, publicity, and general assistance to customers.

Mick says, " *The Moorpool Hall has always played a major part in the life of the estate, and is a valuable and historic resource. Over time, I hope to enhance it's use by the local and wider community, and would*

welcome any thoughts from residents about possible ways forward.

Caretaking will continue to be carried out by Sheila Preece, who has provided a loyal and dedicated service for a number of years.

And finally, my gratitude and thanks to Kim Ling, who has done a superb job administering The Hall for the last 12 years, and will now be extending her other duties at The Circle."

Should you wish to make a booking, or discuss any issues concerning The Hall, please contact Mick on 0161 929 3196, or e-mail mo'malley@graingerplc.co.uk.

MOORPOOL PLAYERS

A reminder for readers of the next production by the Players. This is a hilarious examination of the art of Coarse Acting written by Michael Green. The show entitled 'Coarse Acting Strikes Back', comprises three one act plays;

'Trapped' which has been described as "A thriller that keeps you guessing"

'Pride at Southanger Park', a "Gripping Regency drama": and

'Oedocles King of Thebes', "Greek Tragedy that tears your heartstrings".

The show will be directed by John Healey and runs from 21st-24th November at 7.30 pm with an additional performance on the 24th at 2.00 pm.

Tickets will be available from the usual outlets; Moorpool News, The Dove Bookshop in Vivian Road and the Box Office on 0121 426 2134. (Wine and the usual range of refreshments will be available at all performances.)

Additionally The Players will be presenting their Annual Charity Christmas Show at The Moorpool Hall on Wednesday 12th December. Admission at the door will be £3 which will include wine and mince pies.

PLUS ! Don't forget the Players re-enactment of the Estate's opening ceremony on the 28th October at the Centenary Celebration at the Moorpool Hall and then (weather permitting outside on the Tennis Courts.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Running the Residents' Association requires funding. For those of you unable to attend the AGM the fee for a year's membership is £5 per household or £3 per single person. If you haven't paid this year it would be appreciated if you could join and pay your sub to the Treasurer, Gill Morgan, 80 Moorpool Avenue. Please put it in an envelope with your name and address so we can issue a receipt. Thank you.

**THE CENTENARY
CELEBRATIONS**

One week left until our Centenary programme begins its celebrations on Sunday 28th October.

Once again we would like to say to Residents that we are sorry that we cannot open the first part of the Celebration to everyone, but the fire regulations mean we are limited to the numbers we are allowed to have in the Hall.

However there are still some tickets left and these are now available to any Resident on the estate, from newest arrival to long standing Resident. So if you would like to come to the opening celebrations in the Hall, please fill in the attached form. The tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Everyone is invited to the Circle Tennis Courts to see the lantern release. The lanterns will be released from the Courts and viewing can be done from the paths around the outside of the courts and from The Circle itself. Originally we were going to use the Bowling Green but "Health & Safety" concerns made this impractical. We are grateful to the Circle Tennis Club for the use of their courts for this finale to our opening Centenary event.

FINAL QUACK

We look forward to as many Residents as possible joining in this and future events. Do come along and enjoy the event. Fingers crossed for a fine day and evening!!

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**MOORPOOL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**

SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER 2007

Please reserve me 1 or 2 (circle as appropriate) tickets for the opening ceremony at Moorpool Hall on Sunday 28th October 2007 at 3.30 pm.

NAME/S.....

ADDRESS.....

Number of Years Resident on the estate.....

Please return replies to the MRA post box at the shop "Moorpool News and Wine" or Mike Frost, 1 Carless Avenue, by October 25th.