

Trust buys Builders Yard!

Fundraising in full swing.

Hello Everyone,

A lot has been happening since the last Newsletter. The auction signs are up with 4 plots due to be sold on the 21st July. One of these was the former Builders Yard off Wentworth Gate. As you know, we have been circulating plans to turn this into a learning centre and we made an offer which was accepted to secure it prior to the auction. This was made possible by 2 residents coming forward who are prepared to loan the purchase price and to whom we are extremely grateful. So, subject to contract, we have our first piece of the jigsaw. The income from the garages attached to the Builders Yard should be sufficient to fund basic outgoings and in time provide additional income to support the Moor Pool Hall and other community assets.

The other important news is that following the intervention of Mike Whitby, the auction of the Hall and community facilities has been put off until September. Not only that, but the Ward Committee chaired by Cllr Alden with Cllr Whitby and Cllr McKay, also granted a further £7000 to set up the Moor Pool Heritage Trust. We are very grateful for this generous support.
Rob Sutton. Chair.

PS Thanks to Diana Dunn for the new Duck header.

**FUNDRAISING.....From Jules Bellingham:
Chair Moor Pool Heritage Fund Committee.**

Now we really have something tangible to raise funds for with the purchase of the Builders Yard! This will be a fantastic project not only for residents but local children who we hope will use it from the nearby schools. This will attract additional funding with the intent that the surplus will help support the community facilities. But that's not all. We have submitted our Heritage Lottery fund application for **£825,000** and should know within the next 3 months if we have been successful. This will not only allow us to buy the Hall but pay for the essential conservation works. We are working hard on a business plan which will allow us to make an offer for all the community facilities to keep them together for the benefit of all as originally intended.

We have had an amazing response so far from people who want to fundraise to save Moor Pool and the various ways you can help are explained below.

- **Fundraise** – hold a fundraising event for us! See the Moor Pool website and Community notice board by the shop for brilliant ideas.
- **Volunteer** – We need you! It is likely we will need volunteers as the fundraising progresses. We would like to build up a list of people who have the time and energy to help out. It won't be a regular thing requiring long-term fixed commitment (well not yet anyway!).
- **Donate** – If you would like to make a donation please make cheques payable to Moor Pool Heritage Trust.

There will be a variety of jobs that need doing. If you are willing to join our army of volunteers, please drop a note with your contact details into the Moor Pool post box at the Circle (*mark*

correspondence for attention of "Fundraising Committee"). However much you can help – we would really appreciate it.

For more information about fundraising, or helping us out, visit the Moor Pool website (www.moorpool.com), email us at fundraising@moorpool.com or contact any of the following people:

- Jules Bellingham – 52 Moor Pool Avenue
- Margaret O'Hara – 74 Margaret Grove
- Jane Millicheap – 55 Carless Avenue

Moor Pool Skills Bank

Learn something new or buy a service from one of your neighbours - the multi talented people of this Estate are offering their time for a donation to the Moor Pool Heritage Trust. The Moor Pool Skills Bank now has 37 skills and services on offer, including lessons in languages, music, computers, sports, crafts, dance and services like housework and ironing. We need more people to donate services and skills and to request them. Payment for a skill or service is made using vouchers called 'duckets' which you can buy from Raj at the shop. A ducket costs £5 and skills and services will cost between 1 and 3 duckets. If you have a computer, see www.moorpoolskillsbank.co.uk. If you don't, ask Raj at the Circle shop for the folder of information, or call 689 7368.

The Moor Pool Recycle Network.

If you are throwing away something that someone else may want, don't just bin it before you've offered it to the Moor Pool Recycle Network. This network works like the Freecycle or Freegle networks that operate around the country, where you make an offer and the taker comes to pick up the item. The only difference is that instead of giving it away for nothing, the taker will make a donation to the Moor Pool Heritage Trust fund. Accessible via the fundraising page on the MRA website or call 689 7368.

Ebay for Moor Pool Fundraising

We ebayed a sofa for a generous resident and raised £95! Have you anything we can sell to raise funds? Give us a call on 689 7368

"Buy a Brick" scheme.

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The idea is to build a virtual Moor Pool Hall/House through donations. The scheme will have different levels so that everyone can participate. If you buy a brick, you will have the chance to have a name plaque put on a future commemorative community site.

easyfundraising.org.uk website

Moor Pool is now registered to receive funds raised by using this website. It's a FREE service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and at **no extra cost**, raise funds for Moor Pool. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally, but simply by using the links from the easyfundraising site first, each purchase you make will generate a cash back donation to Moor Pool Heritage Trust, instantly raising money for us.

For example, spend £25 with WHSmith on Books and 2.5% will be donated. You will have raised £0.63, at no extra cost to your purchase. Make any purchase from Amazon and 2.5% will be donated.

You can shop with 2000+ brand name retailers and to raise funds you just use the links from the Easyfundraising site first - it's that simple!

If you ALREADY shop online, why not help us at no extra cost from purchases you would make anyway.

It seems very generous, but when you buy online retailers are more than happy to help good causes when new online customers are introduced to them via the website.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Good cause is:- **Moor Pool**

Fundraising Event News

Jan Scotts tea party raised £179

The balloon race raised £166.

June Quiz night raised £126

Many thanks to all those who helped make these events such a success.

Moor Pool Heritage Trust

It has become clear that in order to demonstrate our commitment and be ready to take on community assets we needed to set up a Trust. We began by simply opening a bank account in this name so that funds raised could

be kept separate from normal Residents Association income. After discussions with Mike Whitby and local council Officers we applied for a £7000 grant to legally set up the charitable Trust and this was approved at the last Ward meeting. Many thanks to Mike Whitby for supporting this which is key to moving the process forward.

The point of the Trust is to prevent further fragmentation of the Estate and to preserve the historic community facilities for the benefit of all. Future security for the Clubs, Associations and users is paramount and we sincerely hope this view is shared by all. As the saying goes 'Strength in Unity'.

The Trust will have a steering board to begin with, then formal elections in 6-12 months.

History Plate Unveiling

David Clarke, Chairman of the Birmingham Civic Society visited Moor Pool in June to complete the unveiling of the History Plate on the wall at the Circle shops. The event was also attended by other members of the Society, Cllr John Alden, Mike Jones and Lisa Bampton from Grainger as well as many residents. The unveiling was followed by tea and coffee in the Hall with thanks to all those who assisted. The awarding of the Plate is a great privilege for Moor Pool following the efforts of Eugene Hayden gathering the necessary information.

Moor Pool in Bloom

The RHS Heart of England team are visiting the Estate on 9th July for our second entry into the It's Your Neighbourhood event. The route will be from the Square, around the Circle and along Park Edge. The Square is now grassed and the wildflowers are pretty good even though it is only the first year. The final section has been cleared of ivy and sown with grass and wildflower seed. The grass will be cut in August when the seed has set.

The other side of the Square is not so good. Two strands of Japanese Knotweed have appeared and although the site will be treated again, the agent appears to have poisoned the roots of a large conifer which has turned bright rust. We've planted snowdrops under the beech but there is more ivy (not too dense) to remove. We hope to have a tidy up though we cannot work the JKW area. Park Edge is now in its second year of planting and is progressing well, although the drought is causing real difficulties.

The Circle is a new planting site. We can't make permanent beds here but we are going to make a series of art and planting displays for the judges'

visit to give the area a lift. The theme is Earth, Air, Fire and Water and apart from the container planting (containers supplied by BCC), there will be art displays on these themes.

7th July – visit of Councillors and BCC officers

8th – Final work on route by BCC and MiB

9th July (afternoon) – Visit of RHS Heart of England Judges

Special thanks go to all the volunteers who have worked on these sites and to our friends from WNTC Volunteers. We would love to welcome them to any of these events.

Finally, the Plant Sale was a great success and a very good social occasion. The generosity of residents in donating plants raised a sum of £680 which is pretty impressive. You should see the results around the Estate in due course!

Liz Muir. Co-ordinator MiB

Moor Pool Allotments to Be Sold

These will ALL be sold to whoever buys the Valley Site A development area.

We have tried hard to negotiate with the Council Planning Department to withdraw the renovation condition and accept instead the transfer of the allotments to a local Trust. Why does that matter? Because with the wording of the condition attached to the planning consent, the only requirement is renovation. After that there is no guarantee what will happen to the allotments. There is no obligation to let them or give them to the Trust or sell them to the Trust. Whoever owns them might decide there is potential for development and if they are run down and some compensation is offered elsewhere they could get away with another building application. We are not talking about Grainger but a new owner. Grainger have been prepared to discuss the transfer options but Birmingham City Council Planning have been totally intransigent. Grainger have said instead they will put in the sale contract a first option for the Trust to buy the allotments if they are put up for sale.

We will pursue this matter vigorously with BCC and the new owner. We have done so much to secure Moor Pool's environment and it is a further travesty that an agreement that could properly secure these open spaces for the future should be blocked. Despite this, the offer remains to the new owner: **Transfer the allotments, Orchard and Site B to the Trust and we will support lifting the renovation requirement.**

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Restoration Works

With the imminent sale of the development sites, we have had enquiries about some of the conditions attached to the planning consent as compensation and mitigation for the effects of the new build. Renovation of the allotments has already been discussed and we will be monitoring the works very closely and expect to be consulted on what takes place. The other significant condition is the building of new garages and repair of existing ones and what follows comes from the legal agreements.

Site A

A maintenance specification for the Garages and the Parking Bays to be agreed in writing with the Council prior to service of the Implementation Notice.

Subject to Implementation the Owner covenants with the Council that the Garages and the Parking Bays shall be (i) constructed in accordance with the Planning Permission and any applicable approved plans and thereafter (ii) offered at no cost to Moor Pool Estate Residents on a long leasehold interest (which shall mean a leasehold interest in excess of 99 years) and (iii) subsequently maintained in accordance with the Maintenance Specification AND FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT the Garages and the Parking Bays shall not be made available to occupiers of the Residential Units.

The Owner shall not carry out any Implementation Works or demolish any of the garages pursuant to the Conservation Area Consent unless it has first

- (a) employed at its own expense an Ecologist ("the Ecologist") approved by the Council in writing and;
- (b) attended a briefing with the Ecologist on carrying out a hand search for the presence of amphibians beneath the garages and in vegetation on the Development Site and;
- (c) agreed with the Council a suitable Off-Site Habitat ("the Off-Site Habitat") in the event that any amphibians are found and;
- (d) agreed with the Council the exact details and location of the exit – only site fence to be provided at the Development Site ("the Site Fence")

During the carrying out of any Implementation Works and any demolition referred to in paragraph 1 of this schedule, the Owner shall carry out a hand search in accordance with the Ecologist's briefing. The Owner shall ensure that any amphibians found during this hand search shall be transported by the

Ecologist to the Off-Site Habitat within [] days of their discovery or such other period agreed in writing with the Council

The Owner shall provide the Site Fence for the amphibians prior to their relocation and shall retain the same until the Development is completed

Site C

5.1 The Owner covenants with the Council not to carry out any Implementation Works unless the Off-Site Garages* and the Lighting have been repaired in accordance with the Repair Specification and are available for use and have been offered in accordance with clause 5.2 hereof

5.2 The Owner covenants with the Council that the Off-Site Garages shall be offered for the principal purpose of parking a motor vehicle, prior to the carrying out of any Implementation Works, at no cost to Moor Pool Estate Residents on a long leasehold interest (which shall mean a leasehold interest in excess of 99 years) and subsequently maintained in accordance with the Maintenance Specification AND FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT the Off-Site Garages shall not be made available to occupiers of the Residential Units.

5.5 Subject to Implementation, the Owner covenants with the Council that the On-Site Garages and the Parking Bays shall be (i) constructed in accordance with the Planning Permission and any applicable approved plans and thereafter (ii) offered for the principal purpose of parking a motor vehicle, at no cost to Moor Pool Estate Residents on a long leasehold interest (which shall mean a leasehold interest in excess of 99 years) and (iii) subsequently maintained in accordance with the Maintenance Specification AND FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT the On-Site Garages and the Parking Bays shall not be made available to occupiers of the Residential Units

*eleven of the existing garages which are shown on drawing number 06.176 P-50 annexed hereto as Appendix 4 the exact location of which is to be agreed between the Owner and the Council prior to the carrying out of any Implementation Works.

(Protection of amphibians)

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4. The Owner shall provide the Site Fence for the amphibians prior to their relocation and shall retain the same until the Development is completed

There are of course many other conditions attached to the sites and these can be downloaded from the Moor Pool websites or BCC's website.

The Circle Grass Reinforcement

The new grass has until now struggled to get a hold and more soil is needed to raise the levels. Sadly a measure intended to prevent verge damage is already being abused and used for parking. There is no excuse for this, particularly when parking spaces exist on the inside of the Circle.

MOOR POOL DANCE

Saturday 10th September 7.30pm

Back by popular demand are last years swing, jive, rock n roll band:

The Starlites.

The tickets cost £10 including food with a bar available. This was a great night last year and this year will be even better, so put a date in your diary to come and have a great night out and raise funds for the Trust. Tickets will be available at the shop or ring 0121 427 6795

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QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 21st July 2011

Lower Hall

7.00pm

Teams of 4-6 but teams can be made up on the night.

Next month another 'True or False' Quiz.

MPHT FUNDRAISING

Coffee Morning + 100 Club Draw.

Alderman Hollingworth kindly drew the winning number at our June Coffee Morning. The next Coffee Morning and 100 Club draw will be on Saturday 30th July 2011. Do come along for a cuppa, a cake and a good chat. It will be in the Lower Hall as usual from 10.30am.

Dates for your Diary

Coffee Morning. Saturday 30th July 2011.

Quiz Night. Thursday 21st July 2011.

Book Sale. Sunday 21st Aug at 5 Park Edge

Moor Pool Trust Dance. Saturday 10th Sept 2011

Moor Pool Festival. Sunday 11th Sept 2011

Moor Pool News and Wine

As well as a wide range of foods and household necessities, don't forget the other services that Raj provides. Cash machine, fax and photocopier, stamps and stationery, newspapers and magazines with delivery, a dry-cleaning service, medicines, as well as wines and beers with tempting special offers. Samosas are also available daily. So with such a range available at the Circle shop, please remember SHOP LOCAL! The shop also has the MRA letter box inside where you can post correspondence to us. Opening times are on the website. You can call the shop to order items on **0121 428 1061**

The Circle Kids Club, Moorpool Hall, Harborne.

Sessions this summer run from 8th-26th August.
Club open to children aged 3-12 yrs old.

The Circle Kids Club is an activity club focusing on arts 'n crafts, traditional games and play. We're not a sports camp, but we do build dens from cardboard boxes, play tig and create magnificent pieces of art from recyclable items.

Full day sessions = £25 9-5pm
Half day sessions =£15 from 9-1pm
2 hour sessions = £10 from 10-12pm OR 1.30-3.30pm- NO NEED TO BOOK
Early bird sessions = £5 from 8am
Late pick up =£5 until 6pm.

Highlights this year include:

- * Star wars workshops, making Yoda finger puppets & Wookie Bird boxes.
- * Make your own Jibbit for your Crocs or Scoobit for your Scooter.
- * Angry Birds workshop & real life game.
- * Den Building
- * Mini Olympics

Contact details: Elise Duncan 0755 444 7332,
Email: thecirclekidsclub@yahoo.co.uk
To secure a place for your child/children please contact before 22nd July.

BALLOON RACE WINNER

WYNN & PETER RICHARDS 220.2KM

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Alex's 100 Club

Buy a number from 1 – 100 for £1
£25 prize draw each month

April winner: David Hemsoll

May winner: Bunty.

June winner: Mike & Helen Hemming
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**Alex and Sydney have now raised
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