

THE MOORPOOL DUCK

Residents' Newsletter

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More of a Duckling

This issue of the Duck is really to give Residents a quick update on what is happening on the estate at the moment as regards development plans - Centenary Celebrations etc.

AGM Notification

The Residents Association AGM will take place in the Moorpool Hall at 7.30pm on **Monday 1st October**. A full agenda will be published in the next Duck, just before the AGM, but we will, apart from electing a new Committee, be obviously considering the development proposals Grainger are making. The Moorpool Regeneration Group, which Residents set up at the last Special Meeting, will give an update on their work, survey results and progress in meeting the problems arising from Grainger's proposals.

COMMUNITY TRUST

Part of Grainger's proposals is the creation of a Community Trust which would put ownership of allotments, Tennis Clubs, Bowling Green, the Pool and other open spaces and facilities in the Residents control in perpetuity. There are obviously great questions of viability, responsibility for maintenance and upkeep, legal liability etc.

To start to try and get a background of information to clarify matters for Residents, who would have to approve any Trust formation, the Residents

Association and the Regeneration Group have had a discussion meeting with Bournville Village Trust (BVT) which has been working as a Trust for 100 years.

Last week Mike Frost (MRA Chair) and Rob Sutton (MRG & Allotment Association Chair) met with Peter Roach (BVT Chief Executive) and Adrian Millicheap (BVT and an estate Resident). The BVT representatives were taken on a tour of the estate to give them an idea of the work a Trust would have to take on. In a follow up discussion BVT offered to help us with guidance and information about the roles and responsibilities of a Trust. To this end they have offered to host a meeting between the MRA, MRG and Grainger at which we will hope to ascertain from Grainger exactly how they intend to set up a viable Trust for Residents. The Residents Association and the Regeneration Group are very grateful for the assistance of BVT in this information seeking exercise. This meeting will take place before the AGM and a report on what takes place will be given to Residents at the AGM.

REGENERATION GROUP

Since its formation the Moorpool Regeneration Group has been extremely active in ascertaining Residents views on a whole range of topics bearing on the Grainger development plans. The next Duck and the AGM will provide Residents with a full account of their work and achievements to date.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER.**

There will be various celebrations on the 28th. The culmination will take place at the Bowling Green at about 6.30pm when we hope as many Residents as possible will gather around the paths edging the green. The Moorpool Players will re-enact the opening ceremony and this will be followed by the release of 100 Celebratory Lanterns from the Green.

Prior to this there will be an afternoon tea party and opening ceremony in the Moorpool Hall. The proceedings will be opened by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and will include the unveiling of a commemorative landscape picture of the Estate which will be permanently displayed in the Moorpool Hall, a traditional dance display by children of the Estate and the re-enactment of the original turf cutting ceremony by the Moorpool Players.

The size of the Hall and the attached fire regulations etc. means that we are unable to invite every Resident to the first part of the Celebrations. We hope Residents will appreciate our difficulties over this. It was felt that perhaps the best answer is to invite the Residents who have lived longest on the estate (60 years+) and then offer remaining "tickets" to Residents on a first come first served basis.

If you have been a Resident for 60 years or more, or if you know a Resident who has lived here for 60 years or more, who would like to attend the Opening Ceremony and tea party please fill in the form below. If you, or your nominee require an extra ticket for a partner or carer please ask for two tickets.

NEXT DUCK - Coming Soon!

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**MOORPOOL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**

(Initial application for Residents of 60 years or more Residency)

Please reserve me 1 or 2 (circle as appropriate) tickets for the opening ceremony at Moorpool Hall on Sunday 28th October 2007 at 3.45pm.

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 September 30th.