

The Moor Pool Duck



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Residents' Newsletter for Moor Pool Garden Suburb. No 49 June 2010

John Nettlefold Honoured!

Letter from the Chair

Hello Everyone,

A blue plaque was unveiled at Winterbourne House, Nettlefold's home to celebrate his achievements as a pioneer of town planning particularly during his time as the first Chairman of the town planning committee. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet his grandson, Richard Carter and learn more about the life of this important individual in Birmingham's history. Residents will know of course, that Nettlefold was the inspiration and founder of the Moor Pool Estate which has survived as a lasting testament to his vision. Pictures of the plaque and the event are on the website. Winterbourne's botanical gardens are a delight, but now with the restoration work of the house including Nettlefold's original study complete, there is even more reason to visit.

We are seeing patches of beautiful sunny summer weather, all of which is prompting our gardens to flourish. Well, if you have too many plants then the Plant Fair is an opportunity to pot some plants up and help us raise some funds.

Later in the month we have been invited by BCC to a meeting to discuss the Trust and Viability study. We have asked Cllr Whitby to give us what information he can on whether Graingers are interested in a £1m + buyout or not.

Preparations are in full swing for the Moor Pool Festival in September with a busy programme of events developing. We are also putting on a Festival eve dance on the Saturday night.

50th Duck! Yes, a golden Duck is coming up and we are hoping you can give us some stories, anecdotes, articles or advertisements which will make it a really special one. The Moor Pool Tennis Club celebrates its Centenary this year and we hope to have an article from them.

Rob Sutton.

Moor Pool in Bloom Plant Fair.

Are you green fingered but jealous of the gorgeous blooms in your neighbour's garden? Or perhaps you're stuck for planting ideas? Moorpool in Bloom and the MRA are holding a plant fair opposite the Moor Pool on Saturday 19th June at 11am. It's the perfect opportunity to pick up some stunning plants at terrific prices or to share the secrets of your success!

As well as hoping you will come down and support us, we'd like your donations of plastic plant pots (if you're anything like me they'll be multiplying in your shed!) and any plants that have equally multiplied and need splitting or any seedlings that we could sell on. You can leave donations in the front gardens of 43 Margaret Grove (Rachel's), 23 the Circle (Hazel's) or the grassy side of the Square or if you have anything you need collecting please call me, Rachel, on 0121 426 3134. We'd like to start the collection from 12th June on so we can see how much there is and price things up - so please leave plants anytime that week.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 19th for what we hope will become an annual celebration and sharing of the fabulous gardens and plants we have here on The Moorpool Estate

Rachel New (07976 396 735)

Liz Muir (07792 473 975)

Royal Horticultural Society Entry.

Competition judging is expected to take place from Carless Avenue, around the Circle, along Park Edge and down Margaret Grove during the first 2 weeks in July. If you can start to prepare your roads then fantastic! If anyone needs information or help, please contact Liz Muir 07792 473 975

Summer Annual Planting

We will shortly be planting out summer bedding and require willing helpers. After the planting is done and if the dry weather persists, then watering by nearby residents would be greatly appreciated. Even if you have not been involved in the planting, residents are encouraged and welcome to take an interest in the ongoing care and maintenance of the plants.

Japanese Knotweed

A petition was presented to the recent Ward meeting (see update below). We apologise to residents who may have tried to sign the petition at the shop. When we went to collect it, it had unfortunately been mislaid. Ed.

As most of you know from the paper, the petition about the removal of Japanese Knotweed was presented at the Ward Meeting on 10th May (203 signatures). The response from Cllr Whitby was that it would be taken to full Council and that there would be action. Jane Tyler from the Birmingham Post interviewed me on the spot and the next morning a photographer rang and arranged to come down to the Circle where she took a lot of pictures of Hazel, Gill and I amongst the JKW. In due course, Hazel and I appeared cowering among the knotweed in her raspberry patch and the picture and article were on the inside of the Mail and on the front page of the Post Lite. So far as I know, nothing further has been heard. Usually petitions are checked so this may account for the delay. I'm going on a Japanese Knotweed eradication day on 12th June and lots of residents are telling me they've read about the techniques in various places. Meanwhile the knotweed flourishes at the Circle, the Square, Bowling Green and Orchard. It is a great deal more

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luxuriant than on 11th May. But its day will come!

Liz Muir.

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Siobhan Collins - McCarthy
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Letters to the Editor

No letters this month. Surely you have something you would like to share with fellow residents. Email rob@moorpool.com or drop a note at the MRA post-box at Moorpool News & Wine.

Chair: Rob Sutton. 426 5669.

City of Culture Bid. Moor Pool Jewel in the Culture Crown?

Just a reminder that as part of the Birmingham City of Culture bid, Council leaders have started a public appeal to nominate the most memorable buildings in Birmingham. If you would like to submit a nomination for 'The Moor Pool Estate' go to :

<http://flickr.com/groups/birminghamarchitecture/> and upload your pictures of Moor Pool.

Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning is on Saturday 26th June in the **Bowling Clubhouse** starting at 10.30am. The turnout for the last coffee morning was an improvement but we do need additional volunteers for behind the counter, especially to provide cover when the holiday season approaches. If you would like to help occasionally, please let us know. The coffee morning is an opportunity to meet and introduce new residents. Do feel free to bring along friends, and invite neighbours to come along too.

Verge Damage

The Committee has looked at a sample of grass reinforcement material which is first laid then seeded with grass. This has been put forward to BCC via Cllr Mike Whitby. We will also raise this at a meeting with BCC in mid June.

50th Duck Newsletter.

Would you like to send a message in the golden duck? (Not too rude). A 1/8th page panel will cost £5 for this edition with all funds towards this years events and publications. Email rob@moorpool.com or drop a note with wording at the MRA post-box at Moorpool News & Wine.

Website News.

Have you looked at the pictures of recent events? Have you navigated to the information on the other garden suburbs or Moor Pool's clubs and societies? There is information on the new development and the Trust. It's all there ready and waiting! The

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Anyone for Skittles?

Are you interested in playing the traditional game of skittles, or just learning more about the game? During the summer months, Moorpool Skittles is open to non-members, so why not call in and see what it's all about – you can be sure of a warm welcome! The historic alley is situated within Moorpool Hall, and opens between 7.30 and 9.30 pm on Wednesdays.

For more information, please contact Mick O'Malley on 0121 427 5051, or e-mail mromalley@hotmail.com.

Hedges & Footpaths

Keeping the hedges trimmed and footpaths clear is generally the responsibility of the tenant or owner. With rapid recent growth we would ask that all residents bounded by hedges ensure access is kept clear.

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Subscriptions

There is a full programme planned for this year and although we have funding for Moor Pool in Bloom we still have to raise funds for the other events such as the Festival. Subscriptions of £5 per household or £3 per single person are extremely reasonable and show your support and commitment.

Please make your payment to either Gill Morgan (Treasurer: 80, Moorpool Ave) Rob Sutton (Chair: 64 Margaret Grove), or Mike Frost (Duck Editor: 1 Carless Avenue).

Moorpool Players

The MOORPOOL PLAYERS will be staging

'Summer Days and Nights'

Friday 9th to Saturday 10th July at 7.30pm.
Come and enjoy an evening of Theatre, Music and Dance in the company of one of Birmingham's leading amateur stage companies.

Tickets at £4 are obtainable from Moorpool News and Wine or via the Box Office on 0121 426 2134 or on the door.

Crime

The following number can be used for reporting minor incidents to Rose Road Police Station. 0845 113 5000

Advertising

A scale of charges is available for placing an advertisement in the Duck newsletter and on the website. The Duck is delivered to over 500 homes on and around the Estate. Details can be downloaded from the website. Sponsors are also invited for the forthcoming events.

Dates for your Diary

Coffee Mornings
Sat 26th June 10.30 **Bowling Clubhouse**

Sat 31st July 10.30 **Bowling Clubhouse**

Moor Pool Plant Sale.
Saturday 19th June. 11.00 venue t.b.a

Wild Life Trust Day
Saturday 17th July. 11am to 4pm Moor Pool Hall.

Moor Pool Festival Dance 2010
Saturday 11th September.

Moor Pool Festival 2010.
Sunday 12th September. 11am to 4pm Various venues.

Hall Centenary
Friday 5th November 2010.
Unveiling of Civic Society Plaque.

Winterbourne Botanic Gardens.

CLAIRE BENSON AND AMY NIGHTINGALE
'The Winged Secrets of Winterbourne'
May 14th – June 30th
Sisters Claire and Amy are known as Particle Article. They have captured curious make-believe winged creatures, discovered at Winterbourne House and Gardens. These members of unclassified species came to life when people were absent, and evolved in response to the activity and environment of human being.

Street Parties

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