

Pool Project Update

Come along to the Pool on Heritage Day, Sunday 20th September, for a rare opportunity to take a walk along the pool side. Members of the project group will be on hand to chat about what's been done so far and some of the options for future improvements to the Pool and its surroundings. Entrance will be on Park Edge, at its corner with Ravenhurst Road. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

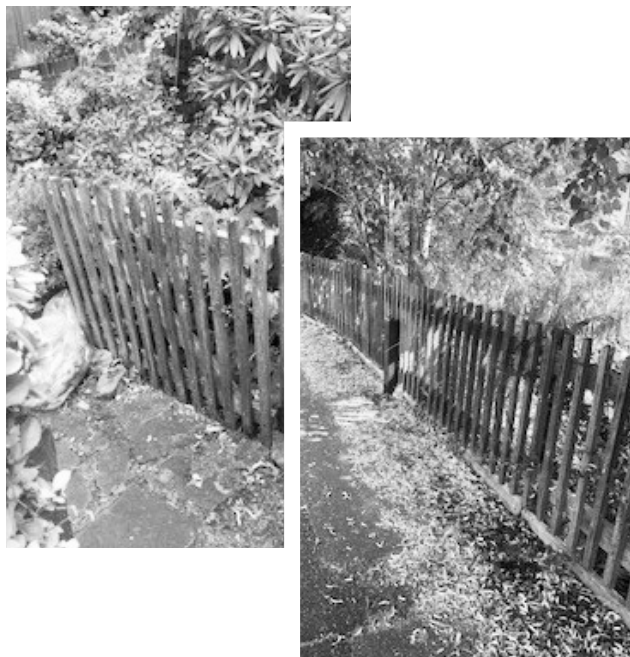
Cathy Underwood on behalf of the Pool Team

Seen On The Estate

Picket Fences. A resident writes:

I am fascinated by these fence survivors at the top end of Moor Pool Avenue – They are clearly made of oak and now 'silvered' with age. Does anyone know what age they are?

It's a shame that a fair amount of fencing has been lost. Glimpses of the past.



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Moor Pool Events Diary

Sunday 6th September 10-1pm - Moor Pool Clean-Up Day

Help tidy the pond area, meet members of the working group and contribute to the care of this much-loved local feature. Even an hour of help would make a real difference, and everyone is very welcome to come along and lend a hand.

Sunday 6th September 7.15pm - Circle Cinema: The Penguin Lessons

Moor Pool's resident film club. Tickets on the door are £6 for non-members or £1 for members.

Saturday 12 September 10.30-11.30am - Traintime - A

fun-filled hour of playing with trains! Book tickets at www.traintime.co.uk/stay-play/harborne

Sunday 13 September 10am-3pm - Harborne Handmade Autumn Market - 25 of the best local makers selling their unique and handmade products, as well as cake and hot drinks.

Sunday 20th September 11am-3pm - Moor Pool Heritage Festival

Join us for this annual celebration of the unique heritage and vibrant community spirit of the Moor Pool Estate! Taking place in the heart of one of Birmingham's 'best kept architectural secrets' (according to English Heritage), the festival offers a fun-filled day for all ages. Explore the charming architecture, lush green spaces and heritage buildings that make Moor Pool so special.



Saturday 26th September 10.30am-12pm - Macmillan Coffee Morning - Join the Moor Pool Residents Association for their annual Macmillan Coffee Morning, with all proceeds going to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Saturday 26th September 7.15pm - Fish & Chip Quiz

Gather the gang and get competitive for our ever-popular fish and chip quiz supper! Tickets £15 per person (incl. your choice of fish or halloumi and chips), must be booked in advance at www.moorpoolhall.org.uk/shop. Bring your own drinks.

Tuesday 29th September 7-8pm - Heritage Talk:

Birmingham's Dad's Army - With Paul Jaques and Dave Vaux from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Tickets £3 on the door. Refreshments from 6.30pm.

Saturday 3rd October 7.15-10pm - Silent Disco - Dance like no one is watching, sing like no one is listening! We will have three different music channels to choose from so there will be something for everyone to groove to! Tickets are £10 per person. Tickets must be pre-booked at www.moorpoolhall.org.uk/shop.

Sunday 18th October 7.15pm - Circle Cinema: Film TBC - Moor Pool's resident film club. Tickets on the door are £6 for non-members or £1 for members.

Sunday 25th October 10.30-11.45am - Pitstop Playtime -

With a wide range of exciting car-themed equipment to fuel endless fun! Book tickets at www.pitstopplaytime.co.uk

Thursday 29th October 10am-12pm - Let's Do Lego! - No

need to book, just turn up! We have lots of different bricks so there's something for everyone to play with, from toddlers to teens.

Friday 30th October 10am-2pm - Halloween Craft Party

- Join us for spooky-themed crafts and ghoulish games this Halloween! £5 per child (Under 2's go free). No need to book, just come along.

Friday 30th October 5-6pm - Nettlefold Spooktacular -

Nettlefold Garden are holding their fifth annual Spooktacular, with refreshments and a children's pumpkin competition. Prizes for everyone who comes in fancy dress!

Saturday 14th November 7.15pm - Fish & Chip Quiz Supper

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Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd November 10am-4pm -

Harborne Christmas Craft Market - Featuring 40+ sellers of artisan craft, original art, gifts and cards, and raising funds for Gumboots Foundation.

Sunday 29th November 10am-3pm - Harborne Handmade

Winter Market - 25 of the best local makers selling their unique and handmade products for Christmas, as well as cake and hot drinks.

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th December - Santa Comes to

Moor Pool! - Save the date for our annual festive weekend! Follow Santa's sleigh tour of the Estate on Saturday evening and then visit his Grotto on Sunday. Grotto tickets will be available to book online in November, priority access for Friends of Moor Pool (<https://www.moorpoolhall.org.uk/get-involved/friends-of-moor-pool/>)

Sunday 6th December 7.15pm - Circle Cinema: TBC - Moor Pool's resident film club. Tickets on the door are £6 for non-members or £1 for members.

Sunday 13th December 2-4pm - Carols in the Hall - Join the Moor Pool Residents Association for sing-along carols and festive tunes with mince pies and mulled wine. Child friendly.

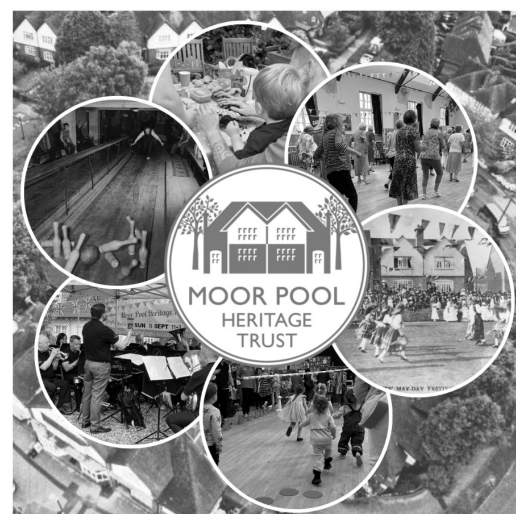
MOOR POOL HERITAGE FESTIVAL Sunday 20th September 11am-3pm



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HERITAGE
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CLUBS
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BAND

KIDS'
CRAFT

Join us as we open the doors of our heritage community facilities to celebrate life on the Moor Pool Estate. This year's Heritage Open Days theme is 'Everyday Working Lives' and you can discover what the original residents of Moor Pool did for a living, as well as exploring this unique garden suburb's history, hidden spaces, clubs and societies. Fun for all the family with demos, performances, tours and trails across the Estate, with its green spaces and Arts & Crafts buildings.

Find out more at www.moorpoolhall.org.uk



Birmingham
Heritage
Week

Nettlefold Garden's Fifth Annual Spooktacular



SANTA COMES TO MOOR POOL 5TH & 6TH DECEMBER



From the Chair of the Residents Association | www.moorpool.org.uk

As I write we are in the ‘dog’ days at the end of August when thoughts turn to the new term starting soon for school children and students and we think about returning to our clubs and society activities after the Summer break. Our gardens of course are ‘crispy’ after the drought and it looks as though Autumn will be early as trees have already started to shed their leaves. What better way to start the Autumn than by attending the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Saturday 26th September in the main hall. There will be cake!

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Supported by the Moor Pool Residents Association

Moor Pool Main Hall
10:30 – 12:00
Saturday 26th September

All donations to Macmillan Cancer Support

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (281017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (804). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

‘Hedge’ Letters

Everyone on the Estate received a letter from Grainger plc who are the legal holders of the Estate Covenants to which we are all subject. Very overgrow hedges have been affecting the allotments and pathways and the letter was to remind householders that hedges need to be trimmed on both sides. If you regularly cut your hedges or your hedges do not back onto an allotment or pathway you can disregard the letter. The letters were delivered on behalf of Grainger by a local resident who had raised the issue with Grainger.

Thank you for looking after the hedges which are an important and recognised feature of the Estate’s character.

Traffic Calming Proposal for Ravenhurst Rd

In the Spring of this year there was a consultation carried out by Birmingham City Council as to how a traffic calming scheme in Ravenhurst Rd, should be implemented. The money, which has been earmarked and ring fenced for the scheme comes from a fund built up from fees and fines levied in the Clean Air Zone. Councillors were invited to bid for some of this money on behalf of their wards and the Ravenhurst Rd scheme in the Harborne Ward was destined to be put in place. However, there was a last-minute petition against it and then the Council Elections fundamentally changed the political composition of the Council. The scheme in the form it had existed was postponed until after a new consultation.

In advance of that new consultation some new proposals were circulated to affected residents to get their comments. The MRA is grateful to Cllr Carmody who shared the proposal drawings with the MRA. Previously the Area Engineer had promised after I had made the case, that we would be included in any consultations, but this did not happen.

Cllr Carmody held an informal meeting beside the Moor Pool on August 5th to sound out residents’ views.

There are differing ideas about what should be done to slow the traffic, and these were put forward robustly. There is an invitation to respond to the preliminary proposal and the MRA will do so reiterating our position which is that we support the aim of slowing traffic by the installation of raised crossing points and /or road narrowing beside the pool but have reservations about the effect on the amenity of parking and the upkeep of new green spaces which would be created. The closing date for responses to the questionnaire sent out to seek residents’ views was August 28th after which it appears there will be a formal consultation on a revised plan. It is to be hoped that there will be good notice of this so that we can keep everyone informed via The Duck and Social Media and our website. www.moorpool.org.uk

Banking Hub

This is now open on the High Street. 93A High Street (between the Post Office and Timpsons) 9.00am-5.00 pm Monday to Friday. You can pay bills, check your balance, pay in cheques and cash. On your bank’s day you can see a representative from the Bank.

Margaret Harrold chair@moorpool.org.uk

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News from Clubs and Societies

Book Club

Our next meeting will be held on 17th September where we shall be discussing **A Flat Place by Noreen Masud**. We are a friendly group and welcome new members.



Please contact gillianmorgan1952@gmail.com for further information.

We last met on 2nd July and discussed A Long Winter by Colm Tobin. This intimate, emotionally charged, novella follows Miquel, a young man who returns to his family in the Catalan Pyrenees mountains, after completing military service. It covers his Mother’s alcoholism, his emotionally distant Father, the isolation of his family and his desire and potential for new life brought about by Manolo, an orphaned servant boy. It concludes on an unresolved, introspective note. The book was greatly enjoyed by the group and especially the descriptive writing technique of Colm Tobin

Circle Cinema Club

Circle Cinema’s next screening will be **The Penguin Lessons** on Sunday 6th September.



Our next screening after that will be on Sunday 18th October, film tbc.

Moor Pool Skittles Club

Our Summer season is well under way, offering a friendly welcome in a usually cool environment much appreciated during the recent overly warm times! So do come along and join us for some mild exercise, good fun and lots of good humour! We generally play on Monday from 7.30p.m finishing around 9p.m. We have the occasional session on a Wednesday evening and a variety of social evenings throughout the year. During the evening hot drinks and biscuits are available for a modest sum. Within the club there is a competitive element, though fairly light hearted and visitors are always welcome to join the fun.



Please be aware that the club is for over 16yrs only and access to the alley is via steps down to the Lower Hall and then up steps from the kitchen area, all of which can be difficult to negotiate.

It’s a good idea to contact before coming along as we do sometimes have to cancel a session at short notice.

For more information contact Tina at tsuzanne444@gmail.com or 07757967264

MOORPOOL BOWLING CLUB

AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday 17th October 2026
11.00am – 4.00pm

Crafts * tombola * bric-a-brac * homemade produce
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Places are **limited** so booking in advance is **essential**
Book here www.xpress-yourself.co.uk/dance-classes

Tuesday’s 13:30-14:30
Moor Pool Hall, The Circle, Harborne
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