



From the Chair

Those of you who attended the Residents Association's A.G.M. will know that because of a few health problems. I decided to resign from my position as Chair. Sadly then, this is my last contribution to the Duck whilst holding that office.

After I was elected in January 2020, I remember saying that my principal worry was going to be able to find enough stuff to write about for this piece. Shortly afterwards, Covid came along, the world was a different place and there was plenty to write about. For a while, Moor Pool and everywhere else ground to a halt and then suddenly it seemed, the roads were traffic free and there were people on the streets. I joined them, whilst observing a safe distance, and realised that there was a whole lot more to this Estate to discover. I suppose that spending nearly forty years with Moorpool Players, and being tucked away in my Margaret Grove outpost, had something to do with it. I was able to write, along with other ramblings, about the flora and fauna, particularly the huge variety of flowering shrubs and of course, cats, badgers, birds and foxes. Over the last three years I've discovered footpaths (some blocked), allotments and open spaces, revealing how 'green' this Estate of ours is.

Continuing then I can report that: Angus the cat has been observed, clearly enjoying the fame that he achieved as a result of his mention in the last issue; Basil the Fox has made spasmodic appearances of late, possibly due to romantic interests elsewhere, whilst the woodpigeons, magpies and crows continue to perch menacingly in the beech tree.

Looking back to before Christmas, the Seniors' Christmas lunch organised by Rob and Jan Sutton was a great success and thanks are due to all who helped out on the day. After many years of resistance, I was finally persuaded to don an elf's costume and join Santa and his sleigh for a tour of the Estate. We were joined by a large number of excited children and their equally enthusiastic parents on what was a very happy hour or so. The annual carol walk took place in the Hall because of weather conditions which didn't deter a good number of people from attending. The event was brilliantly led by Jules Bellingham and Geoff Salminen,

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and children and adults joined together with some lusty singing and a few dodgy descants.

Looking ahead, the Committee will be considering ways in which the Coronation can be celebrated and I'm sure that details will be published in due course. They will I know, continue to do whatever is possible to deal with enquiries and concerns raised by residents.

The Residents Association has, with others, lodged its objections to the City Council's proposals for traffic calming measures in Ravenhurst Road and will be working to ensure that a safe solution is found for all users.

Thank you to all residents who agreed to the proposed changes to the procedure for the payment of subscriptions, making things much easier for Maureen, our Membership Secretary.

Finally, it's been a privilege to sit in this chair for the last three years and I will always be grateful for the kind words and encouragement that I've received along the way. I'm also in debt to my fellow Committee members for their very active support. Thanks too to our brilliant Editor Andrew, for his patience and willingness to provide space, often at the last minute.

It's been a pleasure.

John

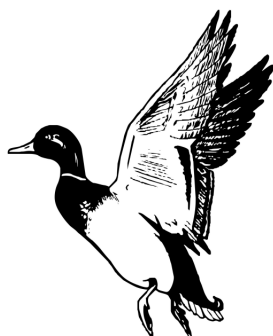
Forthcoming Events

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| Coffee Mornings (except December) | Last Saturday of the month, 10:30-12:00 |
| Circle Cinema | Sunday, February 12th |
| Circle Cinema | Sunday, April 23rd |
| Heritage Talk | Tuesday, April 25th |
| Coronation Celebration | Saturday, May 6th |
| Circle Cinema | Sunday, June 25th |
| Heritage Talk | Tuesday, June 27th |
| Heritage Talk | Tuesday, July 25th |
| Residents' Association AGM | Saturday, January 27th 2024 |

DON'T GET IN A FLAP!

If your Duck does not arrive, gets eaten by the dog, you want an extra copy or live off the estate, then the current issue can be downloaded from www.duck.moorpool.com.

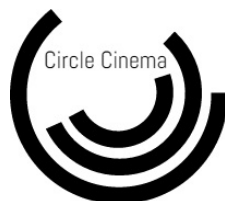
Past issues are also available from www.moorpool.com.



It's official, traffic is bad in London. The worst cities in the world for congestion are found in the US and Europe as traffic has grown along with a preference for private over public transport, INRIX Research has found. London ranks as the most congested, with car drivers spending an average of 156 hours stuck in traffic during 2022, up 5% from before Covid. It's closely followed by Chicago, the most congested city in the US, with drivers losing 155 hours last year. Paris (138 hours), Boston (134 hours), and New York (117 hours) round out the top five. 42% of urban areas in Europe had more congestion than before Covid; 39% of those in the US did.



The charity screening in November was a great success and raised £860. Circle Cinema match funded this enabling a total donation of £1,600 to this worthwhile cause.



Moor Pool Residents' Association Subscriptions

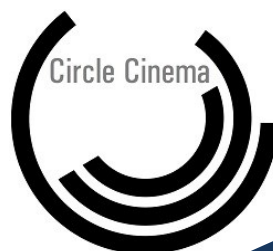
If you usually pay your annual subscription by cash at coffee mornings or similar events, could we encourage you to switch to payment by standing order? The modest sum of £5 per household, due January 1st each year and helps to pay for the printing of The Duck and to fund the Easter, Christmas and other activities.

If you have not done so already, please consider joining. There's a form on the back page with details.

Publication Dates

| Closing Date | Publication Date |
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| 25th March 2023 | April 2023 |
| 27th May 2023 | June 2023 |
| 29th July 2023 | August 2023 |
| 30th September 2023 | October 2023 |
| 25th November 2023 | December 2023 |

Please send letters and articles for inclusion to duck@moorpool.com before the closing date.



Presents...

Operation Mincemeat (12)

Sunday 12th February

Directed by John Madden
with Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen and Kelly Macdonald

7:15pm (doors open 6:15 pm)

Selection of refreshments, including hot food available, so why not join us for a bite to eat and a chat before the film. B.Y.O.D.

Tickets £5 (£2 under 16). Member tickets £1. Available on the door or reserve on-line through tickets@circlecinema.co.uk.

See page 4 for more details and our web site for trailers and membership details.

info@circlecinema.co.uk

www.circlecinema.co.uk

Are you a member of the Moor Pool Heritage Trust?

It costs nothing and will give you a chance to contribute to the running of the estate. If you have lived on the estate for over three years you can download further details and a joining form from:

http://www.moorpoolhall.org.uk/images/MPHT_individual_application_for_membership_2017.pdf

MOORPOOL NEWS & WINE

Please support your local shop

Trailer - free to a good home

Approx. 4ft by 5ft. Will need new tyres and a bit of TLC, Otherwise sound. Needs to go before Feb 25th. Contact Phil on cefn54@mac.com.



Vampire Devices

There has been a tsunami of energy saving tips in the press and on the media, ranging from the obvious (turn down the heat) to the superfluous (TV on standby only uses 1.3W) to the downright wrong (a phone charger does not draw power unless a phone is connected).



In the brief hiatus between forecasts of £6k energy bills and Liz Truss crashing the economy, I bought one of those plug in devices that check the usage of individual appliances.

My old freezer (coming up to its 18th birthday) was working perfectly well but I discovered that it was chewing up 113W/hour which totted up to an eye-watering £335pa running costs. Needless to say it has now departed to the great freezer graveyard and replaced with one costing a quarter of this to run. Strangely, my fridge freezer of similar vintage is as economical as a modern one.

If you bought a new fridge or freezer, and moved the old one to a shed or garage for overspill or drinks, my advice is to check you do not have an 'energy vampire' lurking in your outhouse.

HADLEIGH
PROPERTY . PERSONALLY



The Director of Hadleigh is so passionate about the Moor Pool Estate, he lives here.

Hadleigh have been part of the Moor Pool and Harborne Community for over 35 years and have helped raise funds for the Moor Pool Trust.

If you are looking at selling, letting, after a residential survey or just wish for general advice on the property market Hadleigh doors are always open for you to come have a chat.

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Birmingham, B17 9QG
Sales Tel: **0121 427 1213**
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Moor Pool Wildlife Group

The dark, damp days of February are a great time to start planning what to plant in our gardens for the summer. But what plants? There's so much choice.



It is well known that the number of pollinators (butterflies, moths, hoverflies and bees) is dropping rapidly in this country. Many of the causes of this, such as intensive farming, are out of our control. And yet there is something we can do to help save the pollinators - we can make careful choices about the plants we put in our gardens!

The plants available to us nowadays come originally from all over the world, often brought back by the 19th century plant hunters. Many have been cultivated by the horticulture industry purely for aesthetic reasons – we love big, brightly coloured blooms. But many of these don't support our UK pollinators. Bees can't get into very double flowers and many of these don't produce nectar anyway.

So what kind of plants can we choose if we want to make a difference?

Look out for 'native' plants. These are plants that have occurred naturally in the British Isles. These are often good for the lifecycle of pollinators – a place to lay eggs or become a chrysalis. These include lily-of-the-valley, pasque flower, snakeshead fritillary as well as the whole range of wildflowers. There are many examples in Nettlefold Garden.

Aim to have something in flower through all seasons, not just high summer. Shrubs such as daphne and viburnum flower during the winter. Early crocus and primroses are in flower now. Hawthorn and cotoneaster take us into early summer. Perennials such as hylotelephium (formerly called sedum) and some varieties of aster flower late into autumn.

Choose single flowers over doubles. You don't have to compromise on colour – Bishop of Llandaff is one of many vivid coloured dahlias to give a riot of colour.

Fill the garden with flowering plants! Some of the best are: hellebore, foxglove, cosmos, geum, lavender, buddleja, wallflower, as well as those listed above.

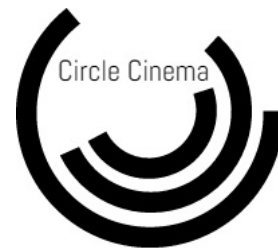
There's lots of information online but I always start with the RHS:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/conservation-biodiversity/wildlife/plants-for-pollinators>

Cathy Perry
Wildlife Group

Circle Cinema

We held our charity screening at the end of November by which time the December Duck had gone to the printers. I am pleased to report that it was an amazing success, with over 60 people attending, raising £865. Circle Cinema agreed to match this enabling us to donate a total of £1,600 to the Trussell Trust. A big thank you to all our helpers and supporters.



On 12th February we will be showing **Operation Mincemeat** (12). Directed by John Madden and starring Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen and Kelly Macdonald. During WWII, two intelligence officers use a corpse and false papers to outwit Germany. Doors open at 6:15pm for a 7:15pm screening.

Future screening dates are 23rd April and 25th June. Films will be chosen by member ballot so keep an eye on your inboxes.

The membership year runs from January so what better time to join or renew to take full advantage of the discounted ticket price for the year and partake in the member ballot for the April and June films.

We trialled subtitles at our last film and this seemed to meet with general approval so we will continue to show these in future films.

We are also now geared up for the "cashless society" and can take card payments in addition to coin of the realm.

As always, we will keep everyone updated through our web site, social media, mailing lists and, of course, this publication. If you are not already on our mailing list and would like to be, please contact us through the link below.

info@circlecinema.co.uk

www.circlecinema.co.uk

The Circle Tennis Club

Great News, Membership is at an all-time high, with Mix-ins, competitions, social events, coaching etc, there has never been a better time to play.



Membership starts from the 1st April 2023 and runs until the 31st March 2024, so if you are interested in joining, please contact us and get your name down now.

See our website for all the up to-date news, www.circletennisclub.net. Also if you have any questions, please contact us at circletennisclub@gmail.com.

The cost of the Moor Pool Duck is supported by our advertisers. If you use their services, please mention us.

Moorpool Skittles Club

Winter seems to be well and truly with us but thankfully the alley is warm - both in temperature and welcome. We are still only playing on Mondays from 7.30p.m. The new refreshment system is working well and it's lovely to see some new faces. Due to the limited ventilation in the alley, we remain cautious regarding Covid-19 but the companionship and laughter is as good as ever. We are always pleased to see visitors so please do come and pay us a visit. There are times when we have to cancel a session at short notice so it is a good idea to check before arriving. Entrance to the alley is via the Lower Hall, with a number of steps to negotiate - please take care.

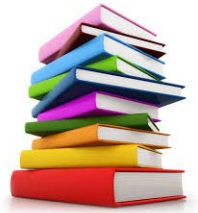


For more info contact tsuzanne444@gmail.com or 07757967264. Updates on Twitter@MoorpoolSC.

Inmates aged over 50 now make up 17% of the prison population in England and Wales, up from 7% in 2002. The number of over 60s has trebled in the past 20 years from 1,511 to 5,176.

Moor Pool Reading Group

On Thursday 12th January, the Moorpool Reading Group meet for their AGM and to discuss Isabel Allende's book *Of Love and Shadows*. Whilst the subject of the novel: brutality under the military junta of an unnamed South American country was felt to be engaging, the consensus of group members was that Allende's writing style made the plot a little inaccessible. The cast of characters however was well received and the group particularly liked how some characters were resolutely intractable whilst others were able to surprise us with their empathy. On the whole we felt this was not one of Isabelle Allende's best books and other, more recent novels were more enjoyable.



During the AGM, Gillian Morgan and Kirsten Lacey retained their positions as Chair and Treasurer respectively.

The next meeting of the Moorpool Reading Group will take place on Thursday 9th March 2023 in the lower hall at 7.30pm. The book we will be discussing is *Three Hours* by Rosamund Lupton.

If you enjoy reading and discussing books over a glass of wine, then please get in touch with Gillian Morgan - gillianmorgan@blueyonder.co.uk for further information.

Harborne Tenants Snooker Club

Harborne Tenants Snooker Club, one of Harborne's best kept secrets.



Great News, the '6*REDS SNOOKER HANDICAP SERIES 2022/2023' has started in September, with some great games already. Regular friendly Mix-Ins are now up and running, just turn up and play. Or want to play Billiards, we have a mix-in for that too. Joining couldn't be easier.

Membership runs from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024, so please contact us if you are interested in joining.

Please contact either Glyn Davies on 0121 426 3034 or Bob Boucher on 0121 427 4200.

The golden poison frog, also known as the golden dart frog or golden poison arrow frog, is a poison dart frog endemic to the rainforests of Colombia. It is considered one of the most toxic animals on Earth. A single specimen measuring two inches has enough venom to kill ten grown men.

Moorpool Bowls Club

Crown Green Bowls
Give it a Try!

**A New Year dawns –
A New Season looms.**

Whilst we remain closed we are available for enquiries from potential new members or those who are just looking for an opportunity to try something new during the new season, which starts **at the end of March 2023.**

We would love to see You!

For more information call:-
Margaret Green - 0121 429 6343

Or You can find us opposite 106 Ravenhurst Road,
Harborne, B17 9HP, down beside the Pool.

The latest enhancement to our garden is a living willow tunnel. This runs from the woodland path into the bosk, making it even more secret and surprising. At the moment the woven sticks look very thin but we hope they will flourish in the spring and become an inviting green and 'special' entrance.

Tai Chi meetings have continued throughout the winter. One was rained off and another nearly didn't happen because the padlock was frozen(!) – but this was solved – so 14 of us enjoyed a session in bright winter sunshine with everything sparkling white around us.

Funding has now ceased but we hope to continue, paying a fee of £3 on attendance.

Watch this space!

Slugs!!! They don't like winter but they'll be back!! There is a large variety of slugs on this country – but only three are 'harmful' to our garden plants. The rest are either benign – clearing up large quantities of decaying matter - or actively (like the large 'tiger' slugs) hunting the 'bad' ones. So massacring all slugs in sight is perhaps not a good idea – much better to think about discouraging the 'bad' ones from attacking prized plants! There are many ways of doing this.

Conservation in Moor Pool. The article in the last issue prompted me to remember that when I moved onto the estate I had no idea it is as old as it is, as the architectural style is more or less 'ageless' – unlike Bourneville. In fact the only detail which really fixes the period of building are the original letter boxes – so many of which have now been discarded. True, they are now completely impractical, but surely they should be actively conserved and alternative post-boxes put nearby.

Burnage Garden Village

With a parallel history and ethos to Moor Pool, Manchester Tenants Ltd completed their Burnage estate with 136 (MP=505) houses. Every house was to have its own garden patch, and each to be arranged with a due regard to the general appearance of the whole. The roads were either 22 (MP=16) feet or 18 feet wide. The layout in the manner of a garden suburb was designed by J Horner Hargreaves loosely designed to Arts and Crafts principles, chiefly on account of being low set and having catslide roofs.

The estate was laid out with characteristic hedging, front gardens, grass verges and trees on every street. Approximately 89 trees were planted on the grass verges on both sides of the highway. Manchester Tenants was formed under the auspices of the Co-partnership Tenants' Housing Council, of which Mr Henry Vivian, M.P., was chairman, its purpose being to promote better housing accommodation for the clerks and artisans of Manchester. Burnage Garden Village was declared open by The Lord Mayor in September 1910, the 11 (MP=54) acre site, had been laid out as an object lesson in town planning with at the centre of the garden village a resident's recreational area comprising a bowling green, club house and tennis courts along with a village hall and post office. A village association had been formed with rents varying from 5s. 3d. to 11s 6d.

Moor Pool History & Preservation Society

www.moorpoolgardensuburb.co.uk



Welcome to 2023 from all at Moor Pool Heritage Trust and wishing everyone the best for the New Year.

We look forward to Moor Pool activities throughout the year. Barbara Nomikos details the programme in the Hall through the week and it continues with its very full usage both on weekdays and weekends.

Our toilets and disabled access project in the Hall has been long in the making, straddling the lockdowns and recovery from Covid. We are now moving ahead with the disabled ramp. We have received the arboricultural survey of the trees on that side of the Hall and will be submitting a paper to discharge the planning permission conditions. Then it is on to tenders for the construction.

Justine outlines the education and community programme coming up. We were given a new cherry blossom tree for planting by the National Trust's Blossom Together in Birmingham campaign, and this has been planted on the green space on East Pathway. Over time this will be lovely and will be very fitting for Moor Pool.

We have submitted a planning application to provide toilet facilities at the Carless Ecology Centre. Awaiting the Council's say-so, hopefully in the next couple of months as this scheme is ready to go.

Some may have noticed the two stretches of fencing down on Park Edge as you look towards the pool and the bowling green. One was caused by a falling tree; the other as a result of a replacement electricity meter now encased in a very un-lovely and un-Moor Pool like cabinet by the power company (obviously no heritage electric meters!). Replacement fencing will be fitted in the course of the next 6 weeks and before the lighter nights.

**Supporting the Trust:
Fund Raising through on-line shopping
easyfundraising**

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out, so please sign up if you haven't yet. You can get started at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/moorpoolheritagetrust/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n2 or just search for Moor Pool Heritage Trust.

Amazon

Fund raising through Amazon Smile is being discontinued on February 20th. I understand that the donation route through easyfundraising may be reinstated. Our thanks to those who raised funds for the Trust in this way.

I, my fellow Trustees and Barbara Nomikos are always delighted to answer questions or look at suggestions. Do get in touch – I'm on simon56.stirling@gmail.com or 07757 790539.

Wishing everyone a very happy and safe New Year.

Simon Stirling

Chair

Moor Pool Heritage Trust

Carless Ecology Centre disabled toilet provision

Since our AGM in May we have opened the Carless Ecology Centre on the site of the former builders yard. It has proved very popular with many groups both young and old. Unfortunately there are no toilet provisions at present, particularly for our disabled visitors from special schools, so we can't develop it to its full potential. To address this we have launched a crowdfunding campaign to provide these facilities, the details and link are below:

www.spacehive.com/disabled-toilets-at-our-eco-centre (or scan the QR code)

First, a big 'Thank You' to everyone who has contributed so far.

We are also pleased to report that the Council has assessed our project and are offering to fund 60% of the cost, subject to planning consent. We are very grateful for this support which gives us a great boost towards our target.

The Trust is always looking to support and improve the many facilities on Moor Pool by obtaining grants and financial support from many different sources. We are acutely aware of how many pressures there are at present so in making this appeal to you we are hoping for a final push to achieve the target to provide this much needed facility.

Any money is lodged in a holding account and only released to the Trust if the funding target is reached. The Trust will also be able to reclaim the tax element through Gift Aid if you choose that option.

Thank you so much



Four of Britain's prime ministers from the 20th century became prime minister more than once. They were Stanley Baldwin (1923-4, 1924-9, 1935-7), Ramsay MacDonald (1924, 1929-35), Winston Churchill (1940-5, 1951-5) and Harold Wilson (1964-70, 1974-6).

It has been a very busy start to the year!

December seems a distant memory, we had a lovely series of Christmas events as well as welcoming back the annual Christmas fairs to the hall.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas events and a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out and made it possible particularly those that stepped in last minute as elves, and our wonderful Gen3 volunteers! We also held the Volunteer Thank you party for the first time since before covid, a social event with food and drink as a thank you to the hard work of our volunteers throughout the year, thank you to all our new and long-standing volunteers for all their support without which the events and activities that take place wouldn't be able to happen! I am looking forward to another eventful year and what 2023 will bring, and the calendar at the hall is filling up quickly already.

Events at Moor Pool Hall

Traintime stay and play sessions are now regularly held in the Main Hall and book up very quickly- for little ones who love trains the next ones are **Sunday 5th March** and **Sunday 30th April** 10.30-11.30 (these can be booked at www.traintimeuk.co.uk)

Harborne Handmade will also be holding 4 seasonal markets at Moor Pool Hall this year with the first coming up on **Sunday 19th March**. Find out more at <https://claregetscrafty.wordpress.com>

We have welcomed back all our groups this year and are excited to have new **Capoeira (Brazilian dance) for Children** starting in February for kids aged 6-10 years old in the Lower Hall! You can find out more below:

ADULT CLASSES:

Pilates: (Monday ****new time**** 18.00pm & Wednesday 15.30) contact Nicola www.nt-pt.co.uk 07935927685

Jen's Line Dancing: (Monday & Wednesday) Contact Jen on 07486 511146

Rifle Club (Monday and Wednesday evening)

Yoga: (Monday 19.30) Contact Amy on 07554 654 007 www.myyoga.tips

Harborne Village Women's Institute: (2nd Tuesday of the month)

Female Fitness Matters: Pregnancy and Post Natal fitness (Wednesday) Contact Kerry www.femalefitnessmatters.co.uk (**off in August**)

Yoga: (Thursday 19.30) Contact Abi on 07866481954 abi@yogahart.co.uk

Keep Dancing (Tuesday 13.30) over 50's dance contact Faye www.xpress-yourself.co.uk

Senior Ladies Keep Fit (Thursday 14.00) contact Shirley 07530244417 (**Term-time only**)

Capoeira (Saturday 10am) Brazilian dance contact Mathew at cenoura@hotmail.co.uk

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:

****NEW******Capoeira for Kids:** Capoeira is an art form from Brazil that mixes elements of martial arts, dance, acrobatics and music and there are benefits for children both in physical body and mind. Contact Samuel 07812991769 info.cdob@gmail.com or book a free trial at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trial-capoeira-classes-for-children-harborne-tickets-517650264877>

Bilingua-Sing: French & Spanish children singing (Monday & Tuesday) https://bilinguasing.com/birmingham_south lucy@bilinguasing.com 07539863024 (**Term-time only**)

Little Kickers: Football for under 7 years olds. Toddler sessions (Tuesday am) Pre-school and after-school sessions (Tuesday pm) Call 07545236917 email: westmidlands@littlekickers.co.uk

Baby Glowbugs: (Thursday) <https://www.babyglowbugs.co.uk/> (**term-time only**)

One Day Theatre (Monday & Thursday after school) 5-14 year old performing arts please email hello@onedaytheatre.org or call 07792811562 (**Term-time only**)

Baby Ballet: (Thursday am) www.babyballet.co.uk (**Term-time only**)

Rhythm-Time (Friday): Music classes for babies to pre-schoolers 0121 447 7632 www.rhythmtime.net (**Term time only**)

Mezzo Dance: commercial and ballet classes for children and young adults. (Friday after school) <https://www.mezzodancecompany.co.uk/>

Moor Pool Toddler Group Stay and Play (Friday 10.00-11.30) drop in £3.50

Thank you to everyone who has supported us and attended events this last year and thank you to those who have hired and used the hall. A huge thank you all our volunteers for their support throughout the year and looking forward to what this year brings. Wishing you the very best for 2023.

Barbara Nomikos (Hall Manager)

manager@moorpoolhall.com

Hall Office: 0121 426 2908

www.moorpoolheritagetrust.org.uk

Forgotten English

DIPSOMANIA

An inordinate or insane craving for alcoholic stimulants. Lately, English medical men have come to the opinion that an inveterate drunkard is to be regarded as habitually under the influence of an insane impulse, and which, therefore, renders him a fit subject for confinement or restraint. From Greek *dipso*, thirst, and *mania*, madness.

T. Elwood Zell's Popular Encyclopedia, 1871

ODOUR OF SANCTITY

The Catholics tell us that good persons die in the odour of sanctity, and there is certain truth in that phrase, for when one honoured by the Church dies, it is not unusual to perfume the room with incense.

Ebenezer Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, 1898

DIGITORIUM

A small, portable keyboard used for [silently] exercising and strengthening the fingers in piano-playing; a dumb-piano.

Stainer & Barrett's Dictionary of Musical Terms, 1876

TOOTH-SOAPE

Of the heads of mice being burned is made that excellent powder, for scouring and cleansing of the teeth called tooth-soape, unto which if spikenard [lavender] be added or mingled, it will take away any filthy scent or stronge savour in the mouth.

Edward Topsell's History of Four-Footed Beasts, 1607

DEATHWATCH

A little insect inhabiting old wooden furniture, which makes a ticking noise in such manner, by a certain number of distinctive strokes, as formerly to be considered ominous to the family where it was heard. This circumstance gave rise to its vulgar name.

George Crabb's Dictionary of General Knowledge, 1830

They strike their horny heads against the wood by way of calling their companions.

James Barclay's Dictionary of the English Language, 1848

A little insect that makes a noise like a watch.

Nathaniel Bailey's Etymological English Dictionary, 1749

DRUNKARD'S CLOAK

In the time of the Commonwealth, the magistrates of Newcastle punished drunkards by making them carry a tub with holes in the sides for the arms to pass through, called the drunkard's cloak, through the streets of the town.

W.C. Hazlitt's Faiths and Folklore of the British Isles, 1870

FAUSE-HOUSE

A vacancy in a stack for preserving corn. When the corn is in a doubtful state, by being too green or wet, the stackbuilder, by means of old timber, makes a large apartment in his stack with an opening in the side which is fairest exposed to the wind; this he calls a fause-house.

John Jamieson's Etymological Dictionary of the Scottish Language, 1808

Nathaniel Bailey's Etymological English Dictionary, 1749

Farmer & Henley's Slang and Its Analogs, 1904

Being straight at Cambridge University now a minority. Fewer than half of students at Cambridge University identify as heterosexual, a survey has suggested. Of the 600 undergraduates who took part in Varsity's online poll, 49.7% said they were heterosexual, 11.9% identified as homosexual and 29.7% as bisexual. The results echo those of a survey at Oxford University, which found that 49% of its students were heterosexual and 32.8% bisexual.

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Well, we had a great Christmas at Moor Pool with Santa’s sleigh, being a roaring success, with so many people braving the cold to celebrate with us. Santa’s Grotto kept the elves and Father Christmas very busy. There were nearly 80 children visiting Father Christmas each receiving a book to go home with. Some children even began reading their books in the hall, which is always lovely to see. It’s a massive thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the festivities and of course to all the volunteers and the MPHT trustees who put in so much hard work to ensure our Christmas celebrations were a roaring success. None of this is possible without their hard work, passion and dedication.

We had a very busy Christmas craft session as well, with children making Tree decorations, Santa faces, Rudolph with his red nose, a tissue paper tree and lots of colouring.

On Friday 27th January we planted Bird Cherry blossom tree on the grass verge of the East Pathway. This was gifted to MPHT by the National Trust as part of their Blossom Together programme. The spot was chosen to ensure it is in a place where as many people as possible can see it and enjoy it through the seasons. If you live near to a young tree that looks like it needs watering through the summer months, please water it with grey water, trees need our help to survive, especially young trees.

Back by popular demand we have another free half-term Lego session on Thursday 23rd of February between 10-12pm. Be there and be square!

On Friday 24th of February, the last day of half-term we are having a community spring clean at the Carless Eco Centre from 10-4pm. We would love you to come and join us for a general tidy up and community event. We will be serving tea coffee and biscuits and you can join us for however long you would like, whether it is half an hour, an hour or three, we will be very grateful for any help you can provide. All ages welcome and as well as helping us tidy up the Carless eco centre in preparation for our colourful planting programme. You can learn about the eco centre and everything we do. Please come and join us we would love to see you there.

We will be joined again by the amazing students and staff from Victoria School in Northfield for a weekly programme of planting throughout the month of March.

Heritage talks arranged so far -

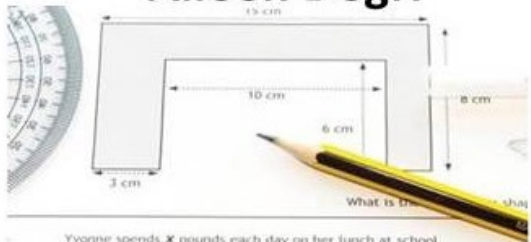
The BCS Blue Plaque Legacy by John Gale, designer of Birmingham Civic Society’s Blue Plaques and a member of the BCS Heritage committee – Tuesday 25th April 2023 6.30 – 8pm

The History of Mary Quant by Ruth Lowe, one of the country’s major collectors of Mary Quant fashion and accessories working in conjunction with the 2019 Mary Quant touring exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum currently touring the world and in Shanghai – Tuesday 27th June 2023 – 6.30pm – 7pm

Wythall Transport Museum – Denis Chick, WTM Press Officer and Volunteer Tuesday 25th July 2023 6.30pm – 7pm

As always we are always looking for volunteers to help us in any way you can, for as little or as long as you can. Don’t forget #AN HOUR CAN EMPOWER, please email education@moorpoolhall.com if you would like to volunteer with us or you would like more information about volunteering. Thank you.

Aileen Degri



What is the area of the shaded region?

Yvonne spends x pounds each day on her lunch at school. She spends y pounds each week on a bus pass to get her to and from school. How much does Yvonne spend altogether in 6 weeks? Place a cross in the correct box.

A. $30y + 30x$

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Answers to February Crossword

Across: 5) Quire, 8) Practise, 9) Abuse, 10) Cavalier, 11) Gnome, 14) Ate, 16) Fatal, 17) Futile, 18) Bit, 20) Bison, 24) Anecdote, 25) Tibia, 26) Shilleto, 27) Repel
Down: 1) Speck, 2) Halve, 3) Stale, 4) Assent, 6) Urbanite, 7) Resemble, 12) Feminine, 13) Chlorine, 14) Alb, 15) Eff, 19) Ignite, 21) Scald, 22) Booty, 23) Venom



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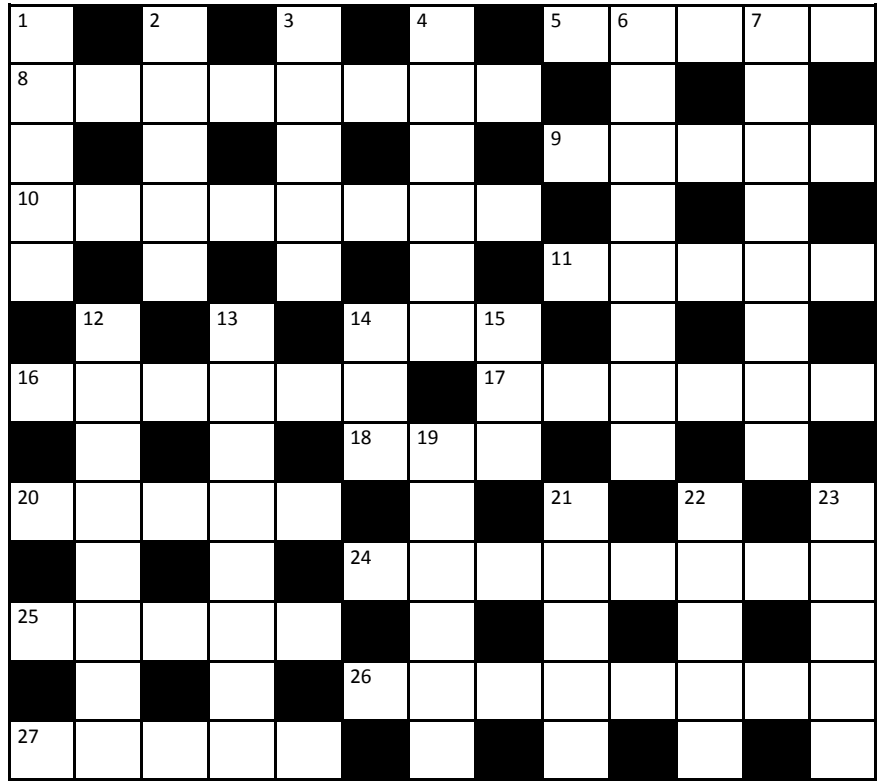
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CROSSWORD

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Across

- 5) Singers reported some paper (5)
- 8) Rehearse act among the broken piers (8)
- 9) Sailor confuses Sue to treat her badly (6)
- 10) Offhand royalist? (8)
- 11) Some bring no men in the garden (5)
- 14) Consumed a turkey egg first (3)
- 16) Fat man is doomed (5)
- 17) Totally ineffective flute I broke up (6)
- 18) Little chunk of habitat (3)
- 20) Big son loses great big animal (5)
- 24) Amusing story from one cadet (8)
- 25) Somehow I bit a bone (5)
- 26) Change titles to something sharp (8)
- 27) Drive off quietly during Scottish dance (5)

Down

- 1) A small kiss is a small thing (5)
- 2) Fried hot veal, cut in two (5)
- 3) Second story is no longer new (5)
- 4) Agree when shipped (6)
- 6) A resident is in a Northern Beirut disturbance (8)
- 7) Be like part of the Empire's emblem (8)
- 12) Womanly artist seen in good weather (8)
- 13) Church in role could make gas (8)
- 14) White garment from the lab? (3)
- 15) Newt left as lake disappears (3)
- 19) I get in drunk and start a fire (6)
- 21) At the start something caused a little dark burn (5)
- 22) Footwear said to be stolen goods (5)
- 23) Have no medicines containing poison (5)

Sudoku

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