

History Corner

Moore Pool Avenue 1908

The scene pictured is looking down Moore Pool Avenue towards Park Hill Road. The houses in the centre are at the end of Margaret Grove. Behind can be seen the Harborne Railway line and also the chimney of the Weekin Works. A Steam Roller is puffing away, maybe either hauling materials or rolling the road surface. A horse and cart are parked just behind. On the left are a group of workmen. The setts at the edge of the road are in place but piles of materials lie distributed around. Gas lights are already in place in the verges. Somewhat incongruously, 3 ladies in their finery are walking up the pavement on the right accompanied by a child. Perhaps Mrs Nettlefold with one of their children on an inspection visit? Who knows. At the time the temporary Estate Office was at the last house on the left.

There is a suggestion curtains are in the properties but no chimney pots. Would houses be occupied without a working fireplace at the time?

Above the roofs of the houses on the left can be seen the top of a property on Westfield Road. All this of course before trees enveloped the bank of the railway



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The Moor Pool DUCK Newsletter



From the Moore Pool Residents Association Chair

Midsummer Garden Party July 7th 2.30-4.30

Summer has finally arrived and the estate is in full bloom. We are so lucky to live in this quiet oasis with our own green spaces. The Midsummer Garden Party is the Association's Summer Event in the Nettlefold Garden at the bottom of Margaret Grove. Cake and Summer Drinks (no not that kind but a zesty non alcoholic punch!) with fun and games for the children.

Holiday Activities

School holidays start soon – there are children's activities on the Estate at the Carless Eco Centre, in the Hall and The Orchard. The entrance to The Orchard is off The Circle next to Number 6 - follow the path and you will find a gate leading into a large open space. Details of activities with dates and times are in the Calendar following.

Verge Repairs

The Reinstatement Officer from the company sub-contracted by BCC to repair any verges damaged when work is done by the Utilities, recently visited the Estate to see for himself first hand why this has been such an issue. Rob Sutton gave him a guided tour. This is a very useful contact to have made and we will now keep in touch.

If you have driven or walked up Carless Avenue recently you will have seen that the tree stump from the lime tree that was uprooted in April has finally been removed and the pavement is being reinstated and the verge reseeded.

MRA Email Address

Until recently as Chair I was using my own personal email address but thanks to Carl Parkes who is developing our IT we now have our own MRA email address. chair@moorpool.org.uk

So if you need to get in touch with the MRA with a question or a comment, this is the email address to use.

MRA Membership

Carl is also bringing both our website and our membership records up to date and we plan to have an interactive membership application form.

If you haven't joined yet and would like to do so please contact the Membership Secretary maureen_mauser@talktalk.net or complete the form on the MRA website. Information about the annual subscription of £8 which covers the calendar year starting on January 1st and the Associations bank details are also to be found on the associations website www.moorpool.org there. At the moment you will have to print and complete. Scan it or photograph and email to Maureen.

Your membership subscriptions enable us to publish The Duck, put on the community events which are so popular and administer our website.

Margaret Harrold chair@moorpool.org

Future MRA Events

Autumn Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Main Hall Saturday September 28th
10.30 – 12

Winter Carols in the Hall with mulled wine and mince pies Sunday December 15th 2 – 5

The Duck Flies In (to your letterbox)

But how does it get to you? A big thank you to Jenny Buchan who counts out the copies for each road and the volunteer residents who then deliver to every house on the estate.

Are You a Grainger Tenant?

The Association has been in touch with Grainger PLC who are the landlords of the approximately 50 houses still owned by them on the estate. Their tenants have been notified of the intention by Grainger's to sell these properties. Unsurprisingly this announcement caused anxiety to some tenants.

Phil Nelson their Portfolio Manager has offered to meet any tenant who would like to speak to him by prearranged appointment on Tuesday July 30th.

We have booked the meeting room at the Estate Officers. However this is not a drop in or open meeting but by appointment only for any tenant who lets us know in advance. The meeting slots will be between 11 and 16.00. Contact me by email to arrange your meeting at chair@moorpool.org.uk or 07798 837684

COMING SOON

Moor Pool Heritage Festival September 15th 11.00-15.00

This year's **Moor Pool Heritage Festival**, will be on **Sunday 15th September 2024 11.00-15.00**.

The Moor Pool Heritage Festival is a well-established event and this year will be the 15th year that Moor Pool has been involved with the Heritage Open Days which are organised all over the country and Birmingham Heritage Week.

This year we will be tying in with this year's in with Heritage Open Days 30th anniversary theme exploring the 'Routes, networks and connections' and paths to Moor Pool's past, celebrating how people and ideas have moved around and come together through history. Clubs will be open, Sovereign Brass Band returns playing at the Circle and you can enjoy activities from our regular groups, craft, trails and fun for all the family.

Thank you to those of you who have already confirmed that they would like to be involved. **Please let me know if you would like to be involved and volunteer on the day.**

Please let me know if you have any queries or would like further information.

Barbara Nomikos Hall Manager
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What's On Summer into Autumn Calendar

Thursday 11th July - Moor Pool Reading Group 7.30
See details below

Thursday 25th July 10-12 - Let's Do Lego! Free

Friday 26th July 10.30-12 - Muddy Moor Poolers Summer Forest School £6.50 per child

Tuesday 30th July 7.00 - Heritage Talk: Alison Snowdon, the Arts & Crafts Movement and heirloom evaluation

Friday 2nd August 10.30-12 - Crafts at the Carless Eco Centre £3.00 per child

Thursday 8th August 10-12 - Let's Do Lego! Free

Friday 9th August 10.30-12 - Crafts at the Carless Eco Centre £3.00 per child

Friday 16th August 10.30-12 - Muddy Moor Poolers Summer Forest School £6.50 per child



Saturday 17th August 2.30-6.30 - Extended Knowledge Magic Candles: Your Health is your Wealth Retreat

Thursday 29th August 10-12 - Let's Do Lego! Free

Friday 30th August 10.30-12 - Crafts at the Carless Eco Centre £3.00 per child

Sunday 8th September 10.30-11.30 - Train Time

Sunday 8th September 7.15 - Circle Cinema: One Life

Sunday 15th September 11-3 - Moor Pool Heritage Festival

Sunday 22nd September 11-3 - Harborne Handmade Autumn Market

Tuesday 24th September 6.30 - Heritage Talk: Irene DeBoo, 'Louisa Ryland'

News From Clubs and Societies

The Circle Cinema Club

Next Showing

Sunday 8th September

One Life a biopic of the "British Schindler" Nicholas Winton, starring Anthony Hopkins and Johnny Flynn.

Doors open 6.15 for refreshments. You are welcome to bring your own drink. Tickets: £5, Members £1. Available at the door or contact info@circlecinema.co.uk

Future Cinema dates for your diary

· Sunday 20th October

· Sunday 1st December

www.circlecinema.co.uk



Moor Pool Skittles Club

If you have not yet seen our wonderful skittle alley with both a flat and crowned playing surface, then do come and pay us a visit. We are a small but friendly club, always happy to show off this amazing asset.

We play most Monday's from 7.30p.m. till about 9p.m.

Within the club there is an element of competition for members but you are welcome to come and have a go. Please be aware that the club is for over 16 yrs only for insurance reasons; access is via the steps to the lower hall and then up steps from the kitchen area, which can be difficult to negotiate.



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

Moor Pool Reading Group

Gill Morgan writes 'The Reading Group met on the 16th May '24 to discuss *The Appeal*, a whodunnit, by Janice Hallett. On the whole, the group felt a little frustrated by the novel, which although clever was somewhat overly complicated and rather unrealistic. Some found the first part of the book gripping but in the end we were all generally disappointed with the identity of the murderer.



Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on the 11th July, Moorpool Lower Hall, and we will be discussing *Slow Horses* by Mick Herron. If you'd like to come, please contact: gillianmorgan1952@gmail.com. New members are very welcome.'

Moor Pool Bowling Club

Have you ever thought of trying Crown Green Bowling? It is a great way to meet new people and do some gentle exercise in a beautiful setting.



For more information use Google and search for Moor Pool Bowling Club.

We are offering 2 free lessons for which bowls will be provided To book your first lesson email moorpoolbowling@gmail.com

You will find us in Ravenhurst Road behind the pool.

Janet Smart Moor Pool Bowling Club

Nettlefold Garden - a great place to relax

The garden can be found at the bottom of Margaret Grove.

Tai Chi classes take place in the garden every Tuesday morning 10.00 – 11.00 £3 attendance.

contact nettlefoldgarden@gmail.com



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The Circle Tennis Club

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

Membership starts from the 1st April 2024 and runs until the 31st March 2025, so if you are interested in joining, please contact us.

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.



Snooker Club

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

Great News, the 6*REDS SNOOKER HANDICAP SERIES 2024/2025 will start again in September. There is also a Ladder League and a regular Billiards mix-in. Come and join the fun.

Membership runs from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, so please contact us if you are interested in joining. Contact either Glyn Davies on 0121 426 3034 or Derek Massey on 07941 570689 Or visit www.harbornesnookerclub.wixsite.com/home



Moor Pool News & Wine - at The Circle

Mon-Sat 7.30 - 7.00 Sundays 7.30 - 2.00

Wide range of wines, spirits, fresh and frozen foods, greetings cards, sweets, chocolate and lots more

Your Local Shop

Join us for **Keep Dancing** at Moor Pool Hall, on a Tuesday 13:30-14:30. £5.50 per class



Booking in advance essential. You can book your place at www.xpress-yourself.co.uk/dance-classes

Keep Dancing is a gentle dance class suitable for adults over 55. You'll learn dances from around the world with no need for a partner.

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From tech to law, I empower people with psychological DNA secrets.

Locally based here in Moor Pool, trusted by Deloitte, The British Army and DPD UK.

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Contact: hello@danigrieverson.com

