

News From Around The Estate

Congratulations

Happy 69th Wedding Anniversary to Gillian and Geoffrey Whittaker, residents on Carless Avenue since 1958. This photo shows them leaving St Peter's, Harborne after their wedding.



Work Experience at Moor Pool

Justine Marklew, Moor Pool's Education, Engagement & Outdoors Officer asked the recent work experience student Theo Williams a Year 10 pupil, to write an account of his time at the Trust.

My work experience at Moor Pool by Theo Williams Year Ten.

When I first heard about Moor Pool, I wasn't sure what to expect. I was honestly blown away by the experience being much more than what it seemed. My jobs for the week were a mix of computer work, poster design, admin jobs in the office and some jobs around the estate. It was a lovely experience, and I learnt so much about the lovely community at Moor Pool. To start off, the jobs I was given were challenging enough to make me feel like I was truly working, with a mix of indoor and outdoor tasks for me to do. The indoor were a mix of making posters, laminating, designing quizzes, laminating or putting books in an order.

These jobs were simple and done in a lovely environment which made it enjoyable and set a tone for how working will be in real life while being much more interesting than some office job.

The outdoor work was a refreshing break and consisted of jobs like putting up flyers and gardening. The latter was made a joy because of the amazing staff at Moor Pool and volunteers, who really made this work experience special. The treatment was incredible, and really helped settle me in and not make the work too

stressful giving the experience a comfortable feeling and having a good amount of freedom, like being able to have lunch whenever and always having the freedom of having a biscuit and a cup of tea. Overall, I would, highly recommend this as a work experience due to its relaxed and wide range of jobs that test many skills, making it a fantastic experience like I've never done before.

Fallen Tree Drama in Carless Avenue

This photo shows the lime tree that high winds blew over in Carless Avenue on April 15th. Nobody hurt thankfully nor any cars damaged or the lamppost which it missed by a few feet!



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



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 the Moor Pool Residents Association Chair

Cake Coffee and Chat at the Carless Eco Centre was held on April 13th

After all the rain over the last few months we were pleased to welcome a fine Spring day for our event. We had indoor space there for the cake table and activities but mainly everyone was outside chatting and enjoying the tea, coffee and homemade cakes. Justine Marklew, the Education Engagement and Outdoors Officer of the Moor Pool Heritage Trust told us that after the event people were very positive about the Centre and thought it a good venue. For those of you who have never visited the Centre, pop up the next time there is an event there and see what goes on. Now that there is a toilet there it is an even better venue!



Garden Party July 7th

Our next social event is a Garden Party at Nettlefold Garden (bottom of Margaret Grove) see further details below...

Verge Repairs

The pressure has been kept up on the Council and the contractors to get the verges properly repaired where work has been done. You may also have seen that some reseeded of the verges has been done by residents at the bottom of Margaret Grove. We need the contractors to fulfil their legal requirement to reinstate and the battle to get that done goes on.

If there is damage outside your house caused by large vehicles or delivery vans you may have to make some repairs yourself and in fact if it is accused by your contractors it is your responsibility. We are advised that stones should not be put on the verges and any sticks put in to protect must be well set back from the edge.

Who knew that the law and regulations about verges was so detailed and complex?

Consult the MRA if in doubt. chair@moorpool.org.uk

MRA Website and email

After some months of work on the website and email we now have access again having lost it for a while after the sad passing of our friend Andrew Hackett. The MRA can be contacted by email at chair@moorpool.org.uk / www.moorpool.org.uk

Subscriptions and Membership

Maureen Mauser, the Membership Secretary, is still chasing up members who owe their annual subscription of £8. This was due on January 1st and covers the calendar year. Bank details can be found on the website. Go to the membership application form to find them.

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. In future we hope this will be an interactive form but at the moment you will have to print and complete. Scan it or photograph and email to Maureen. www.moorpool.org.uk

Membership subscriptions enable us to put on the community events which are so popular and administer our website.

Margaret Harrold chair@moorpool.org

MRA Events 2024

We recognise that some residents were disappointed that the regular coffee mornings have been discontinued but hope that you will enjoy the events we have planned.

Summer	Garden Party At Nettlefold Garden Sunday July 7th In partnership with the Nettlefold Garden Committee we will offer a traditional garden party. Bring a picnic and something to sit on. Summer Punch to drink with your picnic Childrens Fancy Dress with a garden theme Games Tombola (we will need prizes for the tombola. Leave them at Moor Pool News clearly labelled and we will collect them. Bottles; chocolates; toiletries)
Autumn	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Main Hall September 28th 10.30 – 12
Winter	Carols in the Hall with mulled wine and mince pies Sunday December 15th 2 – 5

What's On - Regular Moor Pool Classes and Activities

Friday 3rd May - Co-working lunchtime estate tour. Join a mini estate tour looking at the founders of Moor Pool. Included in your co-working rate. Book your desk at www.moorpoolhall.org.uk/hire/hackett-suite

Thursday 16th May, 7.30-8.30pm - Moor Pool Reading Group. Meet in the Lower Hall over a glass of wine to discuss Janice Hallett's 'The Appeal'. It is a laid back group and everyone is welcome.

Sunday 19th May, 2-3pm - Moor Pool Heritage Trust AGM, Lower Hall

Tuesday 28th May, 6.30-8pm - Heritage Talk. Paul Jaques from the Royal Warwickshire Regiment joins us to discuss the Birmingham Blitz. Main Hall, tickets £3, includes refreshments.

Thursday 30th May, 10am-midday - Let's do Lego! Free half-term play session. All you need to bring is enthusiasm and imagination! Main Hall.

Friday 31st May, 10am-midday - Muddy Moor Poolers Forest School. Join our Education Officer, Justine, for fun at the Orchard, with quizzes, games, mastering knots and making mini forest people. £6.50 per person.

Friday 7th June - Co-working lunchtime estate tour. Join a mini estate tour looking at the volunteers and community of Moor Pool through the decades. Included in your co-working rate. Book your desk at www.moorpoolhall.org.uk/hire/hackett-suite

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Tuesday 25th June, 6.30-8pm - History Talk: Matthew Murray, 'Concorde, Pele, my compact Camera'. Main Hall, tickets £3, includes refreshments.

Sunday 30th June, 10.30-11.30am - Traintime Stay and Play. For little ones who love trains. Main Hall. Book at www.traintimeuk.co.uk/stay-play/harborne

Sunday 15th September 11am-3pm - Moor Pool Heritage Festival. Save the date for our annual Heritage Festival which delivers a village fête vibe and is an opportunity to discover more about Moor Pool's history and activities. Part of Heritage Open Days and Birmingham Heritage Week. Further details below and in July's Duck.

Saturday 29th June, 7.30pm and Sunday 30th June 7.30pm The Luke Players present *An Experiment with an Air Pump* by Shelagh Stephenson

1799 – On the eve of a new century, the house buzzes with scientific experiments, furtive passion and farcical amateur dramatics.

1999 – In a world of scientific chaos and genetic engineering, the cellar of the same house reveals a dark secret buried for 200 years.

Further details and ticketing information to follow soon

Heritage Day

We are starting to plan for this year's **Moor Pool Heritage Festival**, which will be on **Sunday 15th September 2024 11.00-15.**

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.

This year is Heritage Open Days 30th Anniversary and we will be tying in with this year's 30th anniversary theme is exploring the 'Routes, networks and connections' in Moor Pool's past, celebrating how people and ideas have moved around and come together through history.

Please let me know if you would like to be involved as a club or as a society/ association and you would like to have a stand or participate in some way.

If you regularly hold classes at Moor Pool please let me know if you would like to have a table and a demo.

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

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From Streetwatch

Check out this police advice on keeping your home safe from burglary.

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/your-options/residential-burglary/#prevention>

To report crime or anti-social behaviour please call 101 or text live chat for non emergencies or 999 for an emergency.

For all other matters please visit West Midlands Police online.



News From Clubs and Societies

The Circle Cinema Club

Next Showing

Sunday 23rd June

Moulin Rouge

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

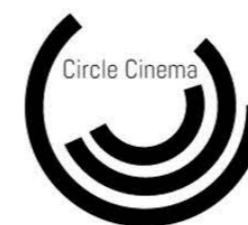
Forthcoming Cinema dates for your diary

· Sunday 8th September

· Sunday 20th October

· Sunday 1st December

www.circlecinema.co.uk



Moor Pool Skittles Club

The Club meets on Monday evenings from 7.30 until about 9. Though we are a small, informal and friendly group, there is an element of competition for Club members but that doesn't stop us welcoming visitors and prospective new members - just come along, have a go and see if it's for you. Please be aware that the Club is for over 16yrs only, due to insurance and that access is via a number of steps to the lower hall and then up into the alley, which can be awkward to negotiate. For more information contact tina-tszuanne444@gmail.com or 07757967264



Moor Pool Reading Group

At our last meeting, the Reading Group discussed **Mansfield Park** by **Jane Austen**. Most people struggled with it and preferred other books by Jane Austen, however, we soon moved on to other topics, over a glass of wine. Our next meeting will be **16th May at 7.30pm** in the Lower Hall. We will be discussing **The Appeal** by **Janice Hallett**. We are a relaxed, easy going group and welcome new members. Please contact Gillian Morgan if you would like to come along gillianmorgan1952@gmail.com



Moor Pool Bowling Club

Have you ever thought of trying Crown Green Bowling? It's 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 or come along to our open weekend from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May. From April we will be offering 2 free lessons, bowls will be provided. To book your first lesson email moorpoolbowling@gmail.com



Nettlefold Garden - a great place to relax The garden can be found at the bottom of Margaret Grove. Summer opening hours (since March 25th) are 10-6 every day.

Nettlefold Garden will host a special **Tai Chi session** on Saturday 11th May, 7am - 8am, attendance £3. Join us for this one-off class to greet the Spring and enjoy the early birdsong!

Normal classes take place in Nettlefold Garden every Tuesday morning 10am - 11am, £3 attendance.

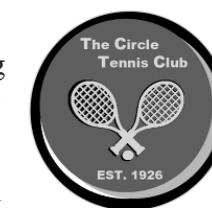
contact nettlefoldgarden@gmail.com

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 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.



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. Please contact either Glyn Davies on 0121 426 3034 or Derek Massey on 07941 570689 Or visit www.harbornesnookerclub.wixsite.com/home

