

THE MOORPOOL DUCK

Residents' Newsletter

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Time has passed so quickly since our last AGM and now it is here again. Your Committee has been much involved with matters affecting the Estate, in particular with Conservation, planning development and rent issues. We are involved with the Council Planning department in watching developments on the estate.

This is an area where you as residents of the estate can help (whether you are tenants, or leasehold / freehold owners.) Whether you have lived here for years or are a recent arrival the possibility is becoming stronger that a two story extension may be erected next to your property cutting out light, removing your privacy and replacing a green hedge with a brick wall. The Committee can help with information as to procedures to be taken if you are faced with this sort of problem.

The Committee feels that the traditional look of the estate should be maintained (but not as a museum piece) - it is probably one of the main reasons that many of us moved here in the first place. If you are concerned with the future look of the estate—and it is something we as both individuals and as a residents' group can influence, **do** come to the **AGM**. Give us your views and ideas, express your worries and fears if you have any, and let us explain to you what we know of future developments on the estate.

I hope to see you all at the AGM. Jackie Holder. (Chair, The Moorpool Residents' Association)

AGM

THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER 2005

**The Moorpool Hall
The Circle**

**7.15 pm for 7.30 pm
All Residents are Invited**

PLANNING & BUILDING BLIGHT HITS THE MOORPOOL ESTATE

Rumours abound on the Estate of imminent development of the "Orchard" site (behind Moorpool Avenue and Wentworth Gate), of the "Valley" garage site, and various houses across the estate putting up two-story extensions either with or without planning applications / permission.

Discussions and investigations with the City Council and the Land Registry have shown that seemingly all properties on the estate (leasehold, freehold, or rented) are governed by a legally enforceable set of Restrictive Covenants. Copies of these pertaining to each household are available from the Land Registry at £4. Enforcement of these Covenants is by the Lands Tribunal. These Covenants detail what is or is not permitted in the way of property development.

If you are worried about potential developments and changes to the character of the estate please do come to the AGM.

The Estate lies within the "Moorpool Harborne Conservation Area" (the controls of which are enforced by the City Council). The City Council is considering upgrading the Conservation status of the Estate, a process which would involve consultation with Estate Residents.

The Committee feels that an upgrading would be beneficial to the Estate but we need to know the views of Residents. As we are discussing matters which will not only affect those of us living on the Estate now but also Residents of the future, we have invited all three of our local City Councillors who have all promised to attend; our MP, Gisela Stuart, has also promised that, provided she is not required in the House of Commons, she will also attend; also coming will be members of the Harborne Society and Council Officers connected with Conservation.

Most important of all though is the attendance of as many residents as possible. As a Resident this is your Estate - **PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING** - and let us know **YOUR VIEWS**.

SPORTING MOORPOOL IN PRINT !

Malavan Media, in conjunction with English Heritage, will publish two books later this year which may be of interest to residents. "Played in Birmingham" by Steve Beauchampe looks at sporting venues within the City, and includes a full chapter on sports activities within Moorpool. "Load Of Old Balls" by Simon Inglis examines the origin and development of the ball in sport, including the unique and historic Moorpool skittles alley.

AN ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.

Moorpool allotment holders are invited to participate in the formation of an Allotment Association for the estate. The association will be affiliated with the National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd., who provide a range of services including cut price seeds, legal advice, insurance, and self-management schemes. The annual affiliation fee is currently £1.70 per member.

For further information, please contact Mike Frost on 0121 427 1235 or register your interest at the **AGM**.

MOORPOOL PLAYERS

The Players' next production will be "Day of Reckoning" by Pam Valentine and will run from 22nd to 26th November at the Moorpool Hall. Curtain up is at 7.30 and the doors open at 6.45 for the serving of hot and cold refreshments.

The play, which is directed by Norma Mason, has been described as a not so everyday story of countryfolk, but lovers

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Sun. 7.30 - 1.00
Tel: 0121 428 1061

or haters of a certain long running radio serial should not be deterred. Tickets will be available from Moorpool News, The Dove Bookshop in Vivian Road and from the Box Office on 0121 426 2134.

THANKS

To Chad Vale Primary School (Nursery Road) for kindly printing this issue of the "Duck" and the attached Contact Sheet. Also to Steve Pitchford for his ongoing help in designing and setting up our new

....WEB SITE

The site is under construction and will be gradually added to over the coming months. We hope that it will be interesting and will provide extra information for which the Duck does not have space. Its address is as follows:- < www.moorpool.com >

We hope that the contents of the site will include the Contact Sheet, forthcoming events, recent copies of the Duck, and most importantly any information which you as Residents would either like to have or would like to let others know about. If you would like to enter anything on the Web Site or in the next edition of the "Duck" please contact the Duck Editor. (Address below)

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