

# THE MOORPOOL DUCK

Residents' Newsletter

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In anticipation that this may be the last Duck before the Christmas holidays may we take this early opportunity to wish all Residents and Readers a very

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year  
2009.*

We don't like to encourage the early arrival of Christmas but Ducks are very wary of being around too close to Dec 25th !! (Ed)

## *UPCOMING FESTIVITIES*

### *Residents Coffee Morning*

We have our next Coffee Morning on the 29th November in the Lower Hall starting at 10.30. As usual any donations of cakes will be welcome but more importantly do come along yourselves and join in.

### *Carol Walk - Sunday 14th December*

All residents, young and old, are invited to come carolling around the Estate, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the hall. Starting at 4.45pm we will walk at a leisurely pace around the Estate stopping to sing as outlined below. In the event of bad weather we will "carol" in the Hall. So please come along and join us either from the start or tag on along our route. Festive dress is encouraged. (music and song sheet provided).

Meet at 4.45pm at Moorpool Hall, for a first carol and then up Carless Avenue to the junction with High Brow for a second carol. Along High Brow to the corner of North Gate and Ravenhurst, and our third carol. Over

Ravenhurst Road to Margaret Grove and on to the willow tree at the junction with Moorpool Avenue. Two or three carols here before heading up Moorpool to the crossroads with Ravenhurst for our next song. Over the road, a quick carol at the end of West Pathway and then finally back to the hall for well deserved refreshments. We aim to be out for about an hour so please come and join us and help to make this a Very Happy Christmas.

### *Christmas Cards*

Written your Christmas cards yet? Hold on ! Moorpool's very own card will soon be on sale, designed by John Crane, the talented artist who produced our wonderful centenary picture. The card depicts The Circle as it looked c.1920s. (with a few extras). Cards are sold in aid of MPRA for £3.99 per pack of 10. So don't delay. Pick up your pack today. On sale at the coffee morning, The Circle shop and all performances of the 'Players' forthcoming production.

### *Moorpool News and Wine*

As we are all only too aware we are living in financially tremulous times. Small businesses in particular are very vulnerable. So may the Duck please encourage everyone on the estate to make use of our very valuable shop at the Circle - Raj has many special offers available and is very happy to get in purchases for you that may not be on the shelves. The shop is a vital part of our community - **do use it**. We would be very much poorer without it.

### *MOORPOOL PLAYERS*

The Players' next production at The Moorpool Hall will be '*Separate Tables*', Terence Rattigan's celebrated play exploring

human love and the many forces that prevail upon it. Set in a residential hotel in Bournemouth in the 1950s, a small group of permanent residents deal with what are for them, important everyday events and unexpected problems.

The play runs 26th -29th November at 7.30pm with a matinee performance on the 29th at 2.00pm. Tickets priced £5.50 are available from: Moorpool News; Edgbaston and Harborne Observer, High Street; Dove Bookshop, Vivian Road, and the Box Office on 0121 426 2134.

Some recent performances have been sold out in advance. Purchasing tickets ahead of the performance is the only way that a seat can be guaranteed.

The Players will present their annual Christmas Charity Show on 10th December. More information will be given at the play and by posters at the Hall and at Moorpool News.

### *A letter from the Chair.*

Dear Residents

Grainger have now submitted the Flood Risk Assessment. The MRA, MRG and Moorpool Allotment Association will all be submitting comments for BCC to take into consideration. In view of the amount of documentation to review, it may be after Christmas before we know anything further. If you wish to look at this document it is on the BCC website at S/00872/08/FUL in planning online.

Some of you will know that a meeting took place with Phil Nelson of Grainger late in October. In agreement with the MRG, I went prepared to have an open discussion without precondition on Grainger's proposals for Moorpool. Sadly this meeting was fruitless and we agreed that the planning application should run its course. Quite frankly I have had enough of trying to negotiate a solution to this prob-

lem and being rebuffed. There are ways of clearing up the untidy areas on our Estate without building houses and I hope you will support our efforts to do that.

On a more positive note, don't forget the events being organised for residents - the coffee morning, the carol singing and of course the play. Certainly dates for your diary and I hope as many of you will attend as possible.

And finally: If you want an organisation that will keep you up to date with a regular newsletter, fight to keep our Estate the way it should be, take up issues on your behalf and put on events for the benefit of residents then please do pay your subscription. It's not a lot but without it we cannot do what we do.

Rob Sutton. Chair.

### *MRA Subs*

As Rob Sutton mentioned in his letter, the Residents' Association needs your subs to carry on functioning and providing the help and activities which we hope are wanted. At the moment fewer people have paid their subscriptions than last year (about a fifth of households at the moment). At £5 per household or £3 per single person it is not extortionate, and when paid gives a small base from which the Association can work.. Subscriptions can still be paid to Gill Morgan (Treasurer) at 80, Moorpool Avenue, or to Rob Sutton at 64, Margaret Grove, or to Mike Frost (Duck Editor - address below). Please enclose your name and address so a receipt can be given.

### *Moorpool Hall.*

Booking enquiries can now be made to Mick O'Malley at The Hall by way of the following e-mail address:-

grainger.harborne@zen.com

The Hall telephone number remains 0121 428 4644.

### *A Final Quack.*

*Season's Greetings to all*

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