



**Issue no 68 December 2013**

**Dear Residents**

Thank you to everyone who has supported me and The Duck during my first year as editor. I hope you've enjoyed reading it and found it useful. This includes Andy Hackett who organises the printing and the residents who give up their time to deliver Ducks all over the estate. There was a good response to my request for some extra delivery people but if there is anyone else able to help do get in touch.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to every resident and I look forward to hearing from you in 2014.

Best wishes, Paula  
[paulamariamcg156@gmail.com](mailto:paulamariamcg156@gmail.com)

**To publish in the Duck please send items by**

31 <sup>st</sup> January 2014	February
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	April
31 <sup>st</sup> May	June
31 <sup>st</sup> July	End of August/early September
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	October
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2014	December

**Dates for your diary**

Event	Date
Coffee mornings in the lower hall	30th November 2013. 25th January 2014
Square Spaces Draw	30 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 at the coffee morning
Carol walk	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2013
MiB plant sale	10 May 2014

**What's happening?**

**A cold and expensive winter ahead?**

We are all concerned about the rising cost of gas and electricity and the sensible advice is to look for a cheaper tariff and fix this to offset any further rises over the next year or two. The saving can be considerable, particularly if you are currently on a legacy account. Switching is a painless process but if you do not have internet access this can be all but impossible.

To help residents in this situation, the Moorpool Heritage Trust is offering help through a network of internet connected neighbours who can help you find the best tariff. All you will need are details of who your current supplier is and what you are paying. This will produce a list of alternatives and you will then have the choice of switching to one of these cheaper tariffs if you wish.

To find your nearest contact please call Margaret on 0121-689 7368 or Andrew on 0121-426 4535.



**From Betty Wright**

This year I will be making a donation to the Moor Pool Heritage Trust in place of sending individual Christmas cards. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my friends and neighbours for their support and wish them a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2014.

## Moorpool Residents' Association Annual General Meeting

This took place on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The Chair presented the annual report which summarised all the events and developments that have taken place during 2013.

### *Changes in committee membership:*

Janine Sutton, Becky Maxwell and Shelia Preece stepped down. The Association thanked them for all the work they have done.

*Newly elected members:* Sarah Copley, Sally Bourner.

### *Other memberships continued unchanged:*

Rob Sutton, Mike Frost, Mike Foster, Jill Howes, Helen Nicholas and Paula McGee as Duck Editor.

Full details of the meeting will be available in the minutes.

## Rubbish matters: Christmas collections

### *General waste*

Wednesday 25 December: no collection

Thursday 26 December: no collection

Wednesday 1 January: normal collection

Residents who normally receive a collection on a Wednesday or Thursday will receive a collection on January 1<sup>st</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### *Recycling waste*

Residents who would normally receive a collection on a Wednesday or Thursday will receive a collection on January 8<sup>th</sup> or January 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Caroline's Cake Company**

Moor Pool based cake designer creating tiered and sculpted cakes for those special times when only cake will do.

Contact:

[www.carolinescakecompany.co.uk](http://www.carolinescakecompany.co.uk)

**Infant Nativity Play:** Saint Thomas' Primary School, Wednesday, 18th December. The school has offered to collect residents at 1.30pm from The Circle and return at approximately 3-3:30pm.

Tickets £2.00 available from Jayne Millicheap [millicheap@msn.com](mailto:millicheap@msn.com) Tel: 0121 427 1673



## From Rob Sutton for Moor Pool Heritage Trust

The Trustees and fundraising team of the Moor Pool Heritage Trust would like to thank all those residents who have been generous with their time and donations over the past year. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and success next year in securing our community facilities. Rob Sutton

## Clubs and societies

Has your club or society been featured in The Duck?

Does your club want new members?

Contact the Editor

[paulamariamcg156@gmail.com](mailto:paulamariamcg156@gmail.com)

**The Circle Tennis Club** is one of the oldest and happiest clubs on the Moorpool Estate. We've had a full season of inter-club matches and, although we are only a small club, we fielded four teams. Our women's team did very well, winning promotion to the premier division. There are three men's teams and all had a creditable season, with the C team just missing out on promotion. We hope they'll make it next year. For less competitive members the monthly Saturday or Sunday afternoon mix-ins are very popular: an afternoon of tennis, tea and cake goes very well with some friendly competition. There is also general club tennis every Sunday morning when the friendly regulars will be pleased to welcome new members. The Club offers junior coaching on Saturday mornings at very reasonable cost.

For details of membership see [http://www.circletennis.net/?page\\_id=6](http://www.circletennis.net/?page_id=6) or phone Robin Rison, the club secretary, Tel: 07870917272

### **Harborne Village Butchers**

Free range meat and eggs  
12 Lonsdale Road B17 9RA  
Tel:0121 426 4424

Open from 8am

### From Steve Wright



I would like to wish everyone, particularly the allotment holders a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Keep planting!!.



### MOOR POOL CAROL WALK

**Sunday 15 December**

**4:15pm**

**Starting from the Moor Pool Hall,  
The Circle**

Get into the festive spirit this year with a candlelit carol walk around Moor Pool followed by mulled wine and mince pies at the Moor Pool Hall

And a prize for the best festive costume

*Visiting Carless Avenue, The Spinney,  
Moor Pool Avenue, East Pathway and the  
Circle*

*Make/bring your own lantern*

### Moor Pool Reading Club

We had a great meeting on 24 October when Lynda Huddleston introduced John Lanchester's *Capital* (2013), and we welcomed two new members Carlyn and Sally. As usual it was terrific to hear the various views on the book, which we concluded was well worth reading, but, despite its many intelligent insights, was strangely un-memorable, perhaps because characters were useful for the plot, but not developed very far.

The next meeting will be Thursday 19 December, 7.30-8.30.pm in the Small Hall, the Circle, Moor Pool. Janine Sutton will introduce Sara Gruen's *Water for Elephants*. The following meeting (same time and venue) will be Thursday 20 February 2014 when our book (title to follow) will be introduced by Sally Bourner.



**Thursday 19  
December**

Water for elephants

Sarah Gruen

To be introduced  
by Janine Sutton

New members are always welcome: email me, or just turn up. We meet in the Small Hall, The Circle, Moor Pool on a Thursday, 7.30pm-8.30pm. There is a small annual charge of £10. Contact: Tricia Cusack ([triciacusack@gmail.com](mailto:triciacusack@gmail.com))

### The Salon

**A long established local hair salon where clients receive a warm and friendly welcome from Michele and her experienced team.**

**6 Lonsdale Road Tel: 0121 428 4284**

**Moorpool in Bloom (MiB)**

Pots of Christmas bulbs will be on sale at the carol walk and at Raj's shop in the next few weeks.

MiB is seeking help from younger volunteers to help with heavy work on the allotments.

For information about MiB contact Liz Muir  
Tel: 07792473975 or 0121 427 3973.  
Email: [e.muir276@btinternet.com](mailto:e.muir276@btinternet.com)

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**Golf Tuition**

Local resident Alison Nicholas is a PGA qualified teaching professional available for lessons at Hagley Golf & Country Club on Mondays & Wednesdays (including evenings). All ages and abilities welcome.

As a tournament professional Alison won 18 events worldwide including the 1987 British Open and the 1997 US Open. Alison represented Europe six times in the Solheim Cup, with victories in 1992, 2000 and 2003. She was the European Team Captain in 2009 & 2011 when Alison captained the European Team to a dramatic and memorable victory over the USA team at Killeen Castle.

To book a lesson telephone: **01562 883852**  
For more information about Alison and prices please visit [www.alisonnicholas.co.uk](http://www.alisonnicholas.co.uk) .

**Membership of the Residents Association**

The MRA works to look after the environment of the estate and provide community social events. You can help by joining the MRA.As agreed at the AGM on 11 November, subscriptions for 2013/2014 will remain £5 (individual) and £8 (family).

**Membership form**

I/We wish to join the Moor Pool Residents Association. I enclose my payment of: £5.00 Individual..... or £8.00 Family..... (Tick which applies)

**You can pay cash.**

Cheques should be made payable to **Moor Pool Residents Association**. Please complete the form with your cheque to **The Treasurer, C/O 4, High Brow.**

**You can pay by standing order**

Complete the form below and send it to your bank.

To ..... Bank

Please pay the sum of £8/£5 (delete inapplicable) annually on .....to:  
Lloyds, University of Birmingham  
Sort Code 30-19-14

For account of Moor Pool Residents Association A/C 03808193  
Quoting reference .....  
(No of house & initials of road e.g.190 High Brow = 190HB)

.....  
Signature

..... Account Name

..... Account Number

### Moorpool News & Wine

Raj and her family stock an excellent selection of foods and household necessities, and also provide an unbeatable range of services, now including the Health Lottery and UPS parcel drop & collect, all right at the heart of our community. From fresh samosas, mobile top-ups, stamps, and dry-cleaning, to cash facilities, medicines, a copier / fax, and tempting offers, there really is something for everyone, so please... shop local. Credit cards accepted. Orders welcome. Deliveries made.

Open Mon to Fri 7am - 7pm, Sat 7.30am - 7pm & Sun 7.30am - 1pm.

Tel: 0121 428 1061.

Email: [moorpoolnews@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:moorpoolnews@hotmail.co.uk)



### Fundraising events

Monday 16th December - Christmas Lunch, in the upper hall. 12:30 - 2:30pm (Children under 3yrs free)

Price includes drink on arrival, children from Saint Thomas' Primary School's Nativity Choir, sandwiches, crisps and salad, Xmas pudding with bandy sauce, mince pies and a glass or two of sherry followed by tea/coffee with mints. To end the afternoon there will be a fun game of "Open the Box".

Tickets available from Raj's shop or Jayne Millicheap. [millicheap@msn.com](mailto:millicheap@msn.com) Tel: 0121 427 1673

### Advertise in the Duck

The Moor Pool Duck newsletter is delivered to over 500 houses on the estate which is a conservation area.

Pre designed adverts should be supplied as a jpeg or in Word for formatting.

Advertisers are responsible for ensuring they have rights to any copyright images.

The Moor Pool Residents Association reserves the right to withdraw or refuse adverts.

For further information contact [paulamariamcg156@gmail.com](mailto:paulamariamcg156@gmail.com)

To arrange payment contact [mikefosterwork@gmail.com](mailto:mikefosterwork@gmail.com)

**Raj says "Please... SHOP LOCAL at the Circle"**

# MOORPOOL NEWS & WINE

**Your friendly family-run franchise with competitive prices and regular promotions**

### We offer a wide range of goods:

fresh fruit & veg | samosas & onion bhajees (orders next day) | groceries & frozen foods | bread, milk & eggs | hot & cold drinks | snacks, sweets & ices | household items & hardware | toiletries & medicines | stationery & stamps | cards & gifts | newspapers & magazines | beers, wines & spirits | tobacco

### We also provide the following services:

orders & delivery | dry-cleaning | mobile top-ups | photocopier & fax | credit cards accepted | cash machine | cashback up to £20 | rents, rates & utility bill payment | small ads & notices | residents post box | Health Lottery | UPS parcel drop & collect

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## Give as you Live

MPHT is now on Give as You Live. Shop at your favourite stores online and they will donate to Moor Pool Heritage Trust.

See

<http://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/moorpool>

MPHT is now on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/MoorPoolHeritageTrust](http://www.facebook.com/MoorPoolHeritageTrust)

## It's Now, or Never!

This is our chance to buy the community facilities -

the halls, tennis courts, bowling green, pond & shops

## THE CHALLENGE

Raise £325,000 in one year.

## Why?

If we don't, the community assets will be broken up and auctioned or sold.

## We need your help and support

by donating, supporting events or organising your own event.

Contact us:

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