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Dear Residents

Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to raise the funds needed to purchase the community facilities. It was a magnificent achievement. Moorpool Heritage Trust's responsibilities now include both halls at The Circle and the Builders' Yard as well as other amenities such as garages. Funds will be needed to cover the future costs of maintaining, refurbishing and modernising the facilities as the need arises and realising the educational aims of the Trust. So, we shall have to continue raising money and if you can help in any way with this email fundraising@moorpool.co.uk or contact a member of the Moorpool Residents Association committee.

Thank you, Paula
 Email: paulamariamcg156@gmail.com

31 st January	February
31 st March	April
31 st May	June
31 st July	Late August/ September
30 th September	October
20 th November	December

Are you a Grainger tenant?

Thank you to everyone who responded to my request in the June 2014 Duck but I think there are probably more people than have replied. If you have not yet got round to this please either email me or leave a note in the post box in the shop.

I have passed on concerns raised by tenants to the Moorpool Residents Association Committee.

Regards Paula
 Email: paulamariamcg156@gmail.com

Dates for your diary 2014

Event	Date
Carol Walk	14 th December

MRA Committee members 2014

Sally Bourner	Maureen Mauser
Sarah Copley	Paula McGee Duck (Editor)
Mike Foster	Jayne Millicheap
Mike Frost	Helen Nicholas
Jill Howes	Rob Sutton
Norma Mason	

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24 th November	December

Rubbish matters: Birmingham City Council has announced that the 2014 Garden Waste Service will finish at the end of November. Subscriptions to the 2015 service will be available from 1 December 2014; the price will be £35.00. An Early Bird Discount of £5.00 will be available from 1st to 31st December 2014. Further information will be available, from December 1st, at

<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/greenrecycling>

Please report any dumped rubbish or garden waste to Birmingham City Council at

<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/flytipping>

Planning applications: There has been considerable discussion locally about plans to build houses on the former Ravenhurst playing Fields; Planning Application - 2014/06660/PA.

If you would like to express your opinion about this or any other planning application please see

<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/planningapplications> or contact Simon Turner e-mail: Simon_Turner@birmingham.gov.uk

Birmingham City Council Planning
Alfa Tower
Suffolk Street Queensway
Birmingham B1 1TU Has your club or society been featured in The Duck?
Does your club want new members?
Contact the Editor
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Opening hours: Monday to Friday 8:45am to 5:15pm (Friday 4:15pm)
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General enquires:
planning.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk

Clubs and societies

As the volunteer Clubs Co-ordinator, on behalf of the Moor Pool Residents Association, a big thank you to you all for pulling out all the stops on Sunday 14th September for our bigger than ever Moor Pool Heritage Festival. We wanted to make this the best festival to date and it certainly was. There was so much going on: dancing on the tennis courts, a brass band under the trees on The Circle, Roger Brown's BBQ Steve Jones' Tai Chi demonstration and, on stage, Moor Pool's Got Talent winners. To make it even more authentic, Edwardian costume characters mingled with the crowds together with John & Margaret Nettlefold look-a-likes (courtesy of Moor Pool Players). I think there was something there for everyone - even the bouncy castle! So, I can report that we made a total of £2,479 from the various events and stalls throughout the day, which will go towards Saving Moor Pool Community facilities.

Thank you again for all your extraordinary efforts and generosity, well done.
Jill Howes
MRA Committee Member

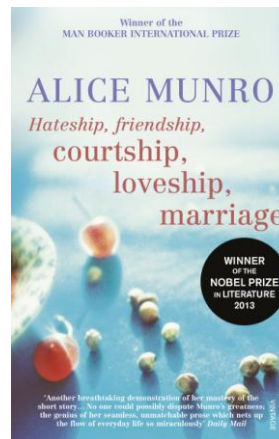
Moor Pool Reading Group



**Thursday 13
November 7.30-
8.30pm in the
Small Hall**

Philomena by
Martin Sixsmith

To be introduced
by Jenny Boucher



**Thursday 15
January 7.30-
8.30pm in the
Small Hall**

*Hateship, Friendship,
Courtship, loveship,
marriage* by Alice
Munro

To be introduced
by Jean McEntire

New members welcome: contact
triciacusack@gmail.com or just come along.
There is a small annual charge of £10.

Moorpool in Bloom (MiB)

The annual plant sale will take place on 9th May 2015.

Liz Muir
Moor Pool in Bloom
For information about MiB contact Liz Muir
Tel: 07792473975 or 0121 427 3973.
Email: e.muir276@btinternet.com

Toddler Group

The 25th Anniversary event raised £1400. Thank you to everyone who attended. Elise Duncan

The Moorpool Players

The Moorpool Players are recognised as one of Birmingham's leading Amateur Theatre Companies and are based at The Moorpool Hall in Harborne. The Players latest production is a melodrama replete with heroine in danger and wicked villain(s) who will, no doubt, be defeated by the hero.

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paulamariamcg156@gmail.com

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Thanks for all your efforts!

Amazingly, amazingly we have done it! Yes, thanks to a wonderful effort by everyone we have raised the money to buy the Community Facilities from Grainger. The list of people to thank is too long to fit in here so I can only mention a few: Rob Sutton for his vision and belief that this could be done; the chairs of the fund-raising Committee, Margaret O'Hara and then Sarah Copley who generated such amazing dynamism that got us there, and finally Jules Bellingham for her terrific work in putting together all those complicated grant applications. Thanks to our generous donors. I can tell you also that all the directors of the Trust have worked really hard to achieve this. However, the real work, running our little gem of an empire, begins now and we intend to appoint a manager to deal with much of this in due course. We will also need to continue fund-raising and most of this will be for more specific proposals. There will be more news of this soon.

As I write we hope to complete the deal by the end of the month but inevitably there are all sorts of minor, but important, points to sort out. The Trust will very soon own the Community Facilities, including the shops - and all the allotments and the new garages via Banner Homes (now Cala). If you wish to hire either hall please contact

Jill Howes Moorpoolhall@gmail.com

If you have lived on the Estate for more than three years please do join the Trust. We need you. We will drop you an application form if you contact the secretary. There is nothing to pay. It is **you** who will own all these facilities and **you** can elect the directors **you want** at our Annual General Meetings. Have a say on what we do with the Builders' Yard, with the Community garden, with the Halls, with the open spaces. We need anyone who has time to help to join in with the expanding list of projects. The Trust will need to focus on heritage and education as well as the more mundane day-to-day tasks of looking after and improving our assets.

We have been working down the waiting lists of applications to rent various garages in strict date order of application. If you would like a garage please contact the secretary. There are some vacancies for allotments – if you are interested contact the secretary. In particular we could do with a few more enthusiasts for the allotments near The Orchard off The Circle and for those alongside Winterbourne Lane. Thanks again to everyone who has contributed to Moor Pool's success.

For all enquiries concerning MPHT please contact the Secretary
Igor Cusack,
137, Ravenhurst Rd
Telephone 01214262462
Email: ticusack@blueyonder.co.uk

Fundraising

The Christmas hamper will be available to view in our local shop with Raj from Wednesday 3rd December, 2014. The draw will take place on Wednesday 17th December at approximately 3.30pm.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the hamper please contact Jayne Millicheap. Tel: 427 1673

If you can hold an event in aid of Moor Pool the fundraising committee would be pleased to support you in any way it can. Please contact Margaret O'Hara at 74 Margaret Grove, or email fundraising@moorpool.co.uk further details are on the website: www.moorpoolfundraising.co.uk

The fundraising committee are always looking for more volunteers to help out with all these events and delivering flyers and information packs on the Estate and beyond. If you have any spare time please get in touch with any member of the committee c/o 74 Margaret Grove or via fundraising@moorpool.co.uk

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