

THE MOORPOOL DUCK

Residents' Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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AND TO START IT OFF... A

RESIDENTS COFFEE MORNING

THIS SATURDAY 19th JANUARY
in the Lower Hall: (by the Tennis Club-room)
10.30am-12.30pm

Many Residents have raised the idea of a coffee morning—a wonderful way to meet up with old friends and neighbours and meet new ones. The Residents Association have arranged a first coffee morning in the Lower Hall this coming Saturday 10.30am to 12.30pm. We should love to see as many people as possible. Please come along if you can and tell all your friends and neighbours. This is an invitation to all residents of the estate, whether members of the Residents Association or not.

The committee are looking forward to the event and we shall be serving tea and coffee with cake and biscuits. There will be a small cover charge to go towards the hire of the hall and the refreshments.

We hope to make this a regular monthly event and would welcome any suggestions you have to make about this or any other events you would like the Residents Association to promote.

Looking forward to seeing you this Saturday.

Gill Morgan (Treasurer MRA)

NEWS FROM GRAINGER plc

GRAINGER: LATEST PLANS

See them on

SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY

From

10.00am - 12.30pm

in the

**LOWER HALL, MOOR POOL
HALL, THE CIRCLE**

Grainger plc is hosting an Information Session for local residents to see how the development plans have changed following public consultation. Please come along and see the plans for yourself before they are submitted to the City Council.

For further information please contact Simon Hoare on 01993 869294

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Residents

Welcome to the latest issue of the Duck. I hope you will take time to read it and respond on any issues which matter to you.

Elsewhere you will see that Graingers are having an information day to show the plans they will be submitting to Birmingham City Council. I have been told the day will not be for consultation with residents. This seems a great pity. Both Andrew Hackett of the MRG and I have been given a preview on the understanding that the details remain under wraps until the 26th, but I can tell you they are significantly different. I have asked Grainger that at least there should be an opportunity to reflect and comment before submission.

It is very important that you take the time to go and look at these plans and ask any questions you wish. It will probably be your last opportunity before submission.

*See **Contact Numbers** for the Residents Association and MRG websites also the Moorpool blog, as some of the various ways to feed your opinions back.*

We have yet to see a draft Character Appraisal from the Council re the 4(2) directive. Looking back at my CAMP committee minutes, this was supposed to have happened in March 2007!

Rob Sutton. Chair MRA : Tel 426 5669

SUBS REMINDER

As mentioned in the last Duck, the finances of the Association at the moment rest on the subscriptions of Residents, of whom only 100 households out of about 520 have paid the subscription. At £5 per household or £3 per head for a year we feel more Residents should make their contribution. Subs can be paid directly to the Treasurer, Gill Morgan, at 80 Moorpool Avenue. (Please include your name and address so that a receipt can be sent.)

CONTACT NUMBERS

Anti-social behaviour: 0121 303 1111

Graffiti, Vandalism, Fly tipping, Abandoned cars: 0121 303 1112

To report crime anonymously: 0800 555 111

Police: For immediate response where an emergency or offence is taking place call 999 and for general ASB problems ring 0845 113 5000

MOORPOOL WEB SITES

Residents Association : www.moorpool.com

Regeneration Group: www.moorpool.org.uk

“ blogsite:

www.savethemoorpoolestate.blogspot.com

MOORPOOL PLAYERS

The next production will be “Death and the Maiden” a drama by Georgina Reid. The play will be directed by Mark Reynolds who played the Bishop of Birmingham at the Centenary Celebrations and will run from Wednesday 14th - Saturday 16th May at 7.30pm with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.00pm.

Tickets will be available from the usual outlets and further details will be announced later.

The Moorpool Players website is www.Moorpool.org and the email address is moorpoolplay@hotmail.com

FINAL QUACK

As we enter 2008 the future course of life on the estate is still in flux. Whatever decisions are taken and made about the estate the essence of the estate remains in its mix of residences and Residents. You the Residents ultimately determine the character of the estate so please do become fully involved in the life of the estate - support our local shop, join in the coffee mornings and other events as they occur. To keep the spirit and feel of our estate needs us all to partake fully in it as a community.

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