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Dear Residents

A very small number of residents attended the drop-in session of the Residents' Association meeting on 1st May. They raised a number of concerns about tenanted properties such as having to pay for repairs and maintenance and attempts to raise rents. The Residents' Association will be raising these matters with Grainger and will report outcomes in the Duck.

If you are a Grainger tenant please let the Residents' Association know who you are by

- sending me an email which I will pass on
- leaving a letter, addressed to me, in the shop.

We particularly wish to hear from older residents. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please come along to the next drop-in session in the autumn. This will be advertised shortly.

This is your MRA, here to help you.

Best wishes, Paula

Email: paulamariamcg156@gmail.com

MRA Committee members 2014

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To publish in the Duck in 2014 please send items to the editor by

Closing date	Publication
31 st July	Late August/September
30 th September	October
20 th November	December

Dates for your diary 2014

Event	Date
Coffee mornings in the lower hall	Last Saturday in every month
Swimathon at Harborne Baths	14 th June
Moorpool Heritage Trust Charity Ball at Edgbaston Golf Club	5th July SOLD OUT
Moorpool Food festival	13 th July
20ps Around The Circle Fun Day	13 July
Moor Pool Festival	14 September
Carol Walk	14 th December

Estate matters

Roads and pavements: Please report potholes, uneven or broken paving, flooding or any other problem to Birmingham City Council. Please try to report the location as accurately as possible.

Email:

<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/cs/Satellite/pavements?packedargs=website%3D4&rendermode=live>

Text: HIGHWAYS followed by a space, followed by your message to 07786 200 403.

Rubbish matters: Fly tipping continues to be a problem. Please report any dumped rubbish or garden waste to Birmingham City Council at

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

Parking: Many of the roads on the state are narrow and inconsiderate parking obstructs access for emergency vehicles, refuse collection and other services. Parking and driving on the verges and pavements cause damage.

Tree in the Moor Pool: At the time of going to press, Grainger are in discussion with the insurers about the best course of action.

What's happening?

Moor pool mini-food festival

Sunday 13th July 2014: 11am-3pm

This will be a great event, showcasing the best of Moor Pool's growing and culinary talent. All proceeds will go to MPHT.

The day will include:

SMOORgasbord stalls: our own Allotment stalls : selling locally grown fresh produce, locally made chutneys, jams, cakes, homemade wines, spirits and juices.

Grow MOOR: traditional "grow your own" competitions: for home grown fruit and vegetables (adult and children's categories).

Very MOORish: homemade Moor Pool cakes.

Just A Little MOORceau: food and drink tastings.

Please Sir, Can I Have Some MOOR: refreshments: a BBQ hosted by Roger Brown, the butchers, will be on offer, along with tea and coffee.

POOLing Resources: sharing recipes: the opportunity for Moor Pool recipe swapping, and a fantastic second hand cookery book stall.

Moor Pool Signature Bake

We are looking to find a signature recipe that reflects the true spirit of Moor Pool.

Anyone can enter, and we hope to discover a dish that is unique to Moor Pool. The recipe should contain ingredients that are locally sourced - and reflect the spirit of the Moor Pool Estate.

(Please note: dishes must not require refrigeration or re-heating as we aren't kitted up for that....yet)

Harborne Village Butchers

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

Open from 8am

So how can you get involved?

Sign up to enter the Grow MOOR or Moor Pool Signature Bake competitions

Entry forms are available from Jules Bellingham jcbmoorpool@gmail.com or Helen

Nicholas hn@valentine58.freeserve.co.uk or via the fundraising website www.moorpoolfundraising.co.uk

Donate:

your excess allotment/garden produce. homemade chutneys, jams, cakes or homemade drinks/wine/spirits and donate.

Moor Pool family recipes for sale on our Recipe Line.

second hand cookery books.

Volunteer to help on the day. We are looking for 20 volunteers to help on the day. Please contact Helen

hn@valentine58.freeserve.co.uk or Jules jcbmoorpool@gmail.com

Open gardens: Sunday 29th June Pereira Road

The gardens of Nos 14, 50 and 55 will be open between 2 pm and 5 pm on. Harborne Nature Reserve will also be open, as will, for the first time, the allotments on Pereira Road. All proceeds to charity.

This could be a good chance for new allotment holders to get some growing ideas and also see the range of goods available at the shop.

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

Duck?

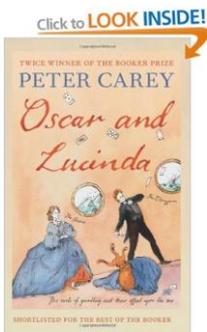
Does your club want new members?

Contact the Editor

paulamariamcg156@gmail.com

Moor Pool Reading Club

We had another lovely meeting on Thursday 8 May, attended by 14 people, including two new members, Roger Cobley, and Moira Herborn, who were welcomed into the group. Carlyn Freeman introduced *Purple Hibiscus* by the Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Carlyn reminded us of the book's main themes and then put a series of thoughtful questions. This resulted in a lively discussion which illuminated the story, characters, setting, and language in unexpected ways. We had some useful specialised commentary too, from those knowledgeable about Nigeria, and about the psychology of children in dysfunctional families. I think everyone really enjoyed both the book and the wide-ranging discussion.



Thursday 3rd July.

Oscar and Lucinda
by Peter Carey
To be introduced
by Kirsten Lacey

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

Framing the Ocean, 1700 to the Present
Envisaging the Sea as Social Space
Edited by Tricia Cusack, Ashgate Publishing
ISBN: 978-1-4094-6568-3 £60

Looking for a home

I have lived in Moor Pool for about two years, work locally, and I'm actively involved in local community groups. I'm very keen to stay in the area. I am a cash buyer with no chain, interested in a two-bedroom house, up to

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Moorpool in Bloom (MiB)

The plant sale on 10th May was another great success. Thank you to everyone who supported us and thank you also to the plant sales team who set up an impressive display of plants and who coped with selling in the cold and wet for up to six hours.

Sales

Plants	673.00
Vegetables	80.50
Wildlife group	72.00
Cakes and teas	157.00
Presales	25.00
Total	1007.40

The remaining plants are being sold on but more importantly will also be used for summer planting on the estate at the Circle and the open spaces.

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



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 .

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.

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All the latest news

It is a considerable challenge to generate that £325,000 but this is an opportunity for our community which may not occur again. Please help in any way you can by donating or attending the numerous fund-raising events. Jules Bellingham has made a dozen or so grant applications for us, and we hope to hear the results of some of these soon.

We hope to be able to announce in the next Duck that we have finally acquired the allotments, the orchard and the proposed community garden from Banner Homes.

Allotments: Most allotments have now been allocated in preparation for issuing leases but there are vacancies in the Valley and a few others elsewhere. If you are interested in having one, please contact the secretary. As soon as the Trust owns the allotments we will start issuing leases as we will have legal costs and insurance to cover.

We are very grateful to the two groups of 30 volunteer gardeners from Mondelez, formerly Cadbuys, who helped to clear three allotments behind Northgate and High Brow on 9th and 16th May. We now have tenants who have been able to start planting on these allotments. Photos on the website.

Community garden: Jim Tucker is leading a team to consider how best we can use this facility.

The Orchard is still being used by Harborne Junior School for Forest Schools work.

Garages: Letting of the **Builders' Yard** garages continues and we are working our way down the waiting list as garages become available. We hope also to do some work in the Yard (The Square end) as we have some monies available which need to be spent. This is held by Birmingham City Council, as a consequence of the Banner and Severn-Trent planning applications in the Valley.

We have appointed solicitors to acquire the twelve new Banner garages and hope that this can progress quickly. If you are interested in a garage – at The Spinney, The Builders' Yard or one of the new garages – contact the secretary. There is a waiting list for all three areas, but we have found that some people do not take up offers when garages become available.

Membership of the Trust:

If you have lived on the Estate for at least 3 years, please join the Trust. It will cost you nothing, and it will give you a say on what we are doing. For those clubs that have not yet joined us, please do so; we need your expertise and involvement.

For all enquiries concerning MPHT please contact the Secretary

Igor Cusack,
137, Ravenhurst Rd
Telephone 01214262462
Email: ticusack@blueyonder.co.uk

Fundraising

June 14th Swimathon at Harborne Baths:
We still need swimmers between 4.30 - 6.30 pm. Sponsorship forms are on the fundraising website

Tel: Jill on 426 2575

July 6th - 25th Anniversary Tea Party for Moor Pool Mother and Toddler group. Elise Duncan is looking to bring together Mothers who used the Toddler Group over the past 25 years, to celebrate in the Hall. All proceeds in aid of MPHT

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

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: fundraising@moorpool.com

Message from Raj My family is proud to have served the Moorpool community from this corner shop for nearly a decade. In light of recent changes on the estate we are keen to extend a warm welcome to the many new residents and invite them to come in and see everything we have to offer as there really is something for everyone. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our loyal customers for their continued support and ask any remaining residents who have yet to shop local to please... just give us a try because **WE RELY ON YOUR REGULAR CUSTOM.**

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