

The Moorpool Duck

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Residents' Newsletter for Moor Pool Garden Estate: No.45: November 2009

MOOR POOL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2009

in the

MOOR POOL HALL THE CIRCLE

7.15 pm for 7.30 pm

Life on our estate has changed over the years and is possibly on the brink of further change. The AGM is a chance for you to hear what is happening, what is being planned and what may be planned. This is your opportunity to express your views and ideas as to the way the estate should progress. The Residents' Committee represents all residents - freeholders, leaseholders and tenants - and it invites your attendance.

PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING AS WE NEED TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP THE INTERESTS OF ALL RESIDENTS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE MANY DECISIONS BEING MADE AT THE MOMENT

All Residents welcome

Several guests have been invited to attend including your local Councillors and MP.

At the start of the meeting the Chair will ask for a moments silence to remember those residents who have passed away. If there is someone who you would like mentioned please contact the Chair or Committee before the meeting starts.

Would you like to be on the Committee? There are places for full Committee and co-opted members. We need support to run the various events and the programme of renewal on Moor Pool which Moor Pool in Bloom has initiated. The Duck is published more frequently and events do not always run at a profit which means we need to generate funds wherever possible. Committee meetings are once a month so if you would like to help or be involved please come forward at the AGM.

Pre-Christmas Events

Moorpool Players.

25th-28th November. Moorpool Players presents **Pygmalion** by Bernard Shaw at 7.30pm plus a Matinee on November 28th at 2.00pm at The Moorpool Hall, The Circle, Harborne. Directed by Norma Mason. Tickets At £5.50 from Moorpool News, The Circle, Harborne, or Box Office 0121-426 2134

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Christmas Charity Show.

Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm. This charity show has been going for over 20 years and comprises sketches, readings, poems and carol

singing. Admission is £3 and includes mince pies and wine. This is a chance to join in a festive sing along and share a lovely evening. Raffle tickets will be available and proceeds are divided between Birmingham Open Christmas who provide shelter for the homeless over the period and Diabetes UK. No tickets are sold in advance as payment is on the door. Come along and have a great time!

Moor Pool Carol Walk & Cinderella.

On Sunday 13th December at 3.00pm in the Lower Hall, Major Mustard will present a puppet theatre version of "**Cinderella**" a show for all ages, adults and children. Following this performance and leaving the main Moor Pool Hall at 4.15 will be the **Carol Walk**.

Last year this event was very successful and we hope to at least match it again this year. The planned route for the carol walk weather permitting is as follows:

Moor Pool Hall to East Pathway (carol)
East Pathway to junction of Park Hill and Moor Pool Avenue (carol)
Moor Pool Avenue to Park Edge (carol)
Park Edge to Wentworth Gate (carol)
Return to Hall.

Please dress warmly and wear something bright as we shall be crossing several roads and a large number took part last year. If you can bring lanterns or torches it would be appreciated.

Song sheets will be provided and also available to download from the website nearer the time which will assist us with printing costs.

The Hall will remain open during the walk for those who wish to remain

behind or if the weather is too bad for the walk.

Admission to Cinderella is £3 children and 50p for adults. We are asking for a donation of £1 per person towards the mulled wine and mince pies at the Hall following the Carol Walk.

Queen's Park Sinfonia.

Saturday 19th December at 4.00pm in the Moorpool Hall. "**Classics at Christmas**" with Queen's Park Sinfonia and soprano, Lucy Harvey. Tickets available on the door £6, £5 concessions (under 16's free) - tickets include mulled wine and mince pies.

The concert will feature a chamber ensemble from Queen's Park Sinfonia with guest soprano soloist Lucy Harvey of St. Chad's Cathedral Choir. The performance will include festive music by Corelli, Bach and Vivaldi, there will also be the opportunity for the audience to join in with a carol or two!

Queen's Park Sinfonia
www.queensparksinfonia.org.uk
Tel 07989 718221

MRG Judicial Review Update.

Andrew Hackett, Chair of the MRG will be updating residents on the Judicial Review.

Moor Pool One Way.

The signs are up and from a conversation with Bill Taylor the Senior Constituency Engineer, this is imminently due to come into operation. Some changes to road markings are necessary then a final inspection.

Moor Pool in Bloom.

You can't fail to have noticed the mass planting of bulbs which has been

taking place recently. This is ongoing with the recent poor weather making itself felt. If you haven't taken part this year the planting will continue to fill in the 'gaps'. Many thanks for the efforts of everyone who has helped to plant 150 kgs of daffs and 4000+ miniature daffs and tulips around Moor Pool. We are also very grateful for a very significant private donation we have received towards the cost of these bulbs.

Apart from the bulb planting anyone who walks along Park Edge cannot fail to notice the clearing of rubbish and vegetation from the length of the wooden fence and the replanting of shrubs. This work is ongoing and will continue next year with a project involving the residents of the Square.

On the back page of the Duck is a summary of various ideas for projects and events for 2010 following on from the meeting of the 22nd October. The MiB Committee are looking at ways to raise finance through grants and awards to support some of these projects and at the same time seeking approval of Grainger or BCC if their land is involved. If you have an idea or would like to donate plants or better still your time please get in touch.

Residents Coffee Morning.

The next coffee morning is on Saturday 28th November in the Lower Hall starting at 10.30am. As usual, any donations of cakes will be very welcome on the day. Please come along and join in.

MRA Subs.

Once again it is time that subs to the MRA are due. These are £5 per household or £3 per single person. They can be paid at the AGM or at any time to either Gill Morgan (Treasurer: 80, Moorpool Ave) Rob Sutton (Chair: 64 Margaret Grove), or Mike Frost (Duck Editor: 1 Carless Avenue).

Balloons for a Party.

The MRA still has a helium cylinder and some red, white, blue and yellow balloons that are for sale. Cost 36p per balloon. Help us recoup the cost of hire before the cylinder is returned.

Moor Pool News and Wine.

Please give the shop all the support you can. Times are of course difficult, and the recent fire has not helped. If we can all use it a little, it will hopefully ensure it continues to exist. The shop also has the

MRA letter box just inside the door where you can post correspondence to us.

Final Quack.

The MRA has a very fine new Xmas card available at the AGM. Please also support as many of the Christmas events as possible.

Finally do come along to the AGM. It is your chance to have your say.

(M.Frost Editor.)

MOOR POOL IN BLOOM 2010		
These ideas were put forward at the MiB meeting on 22nd October 2009. They are the basis of the programme for 2010 and the basis for fundraising.		
January 2010	Tidy up and maintenance work	Local Volunteers
February	Road Sign improvements	
March	Plant buddleia, shrubs and honeysuckle in lanes Wisteria replacement? Ask residents to grow annuals for summer planting	Volunteers by road Seeds offered
April	Verge trimming by road Scarecrow Competition Easter Egg hunt (1) The Spinney (2) The Lanes Plant sale coffee morning	Volunteers MRA Mothers and toddlers Older children Pilot.
May	Maypole dancing? Demonstration of planting hanging baskets, window boxes and containers. Plants to purchase. (see July)	Residents
June	Plant annuals around road signs Plant Circle containers	Volunteers
July	Hanging basket and container display/competition	
August	Prepare Harvest	All Moor Pool groups
September	Moor Pool Festival - Harvest Children's sunflower competition	All Moor Pool Groups
October	Order bulbs for Spring 2011 Woodland plants for shady places	Request by road Winterbourne list. Local plant propagation where possible
November	AGM Fill in tree gaps (appropriate species) Plan for 2011	Winterbourne /Woodland Trust Committee