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Dear Residents

The Moorpool Residents' Association (MRA) serves the estate in a number of different ways. For example, the MRA organises social events, such as coffee mornings, and entertainments that help to build a sense of community by bringing people together. Numerous individuals and working groups manage the green spaces, clearing rubbish, planting to create colour and keeping hedges under control. It is largely thanks to their efforts that the state is so beautiful at this time of year.

All of these activities contribute to quality of life on Moorpool but it is important that the MRA's activities reflect the wishes of as many residents as possible and not just a few individuals.

The MRA committee members, elected by you, the residents, want to hear from you about what you would like to see happening on the estate, what's going well, what could be improved. You are invited to a drop-in session on 1st May between 7.30 and 9pm in the lower hall. Please come along, if only for a few minutes, and tell committee members what you think. This is a very informal event at which you can meet and talk to individual members of the committee.

If it is successful, that is to say if residents come along, this drop-in session will become a regular event. Dates of future MRA committee meetings will be published in the Duck so residents can let committee members know of anything that needs attention.

This is your MRA so make it work for you.

Best wishes and hope to see you all on 1st May, Paula
paulamariamcg156@gmail.com

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

Closing date	Publication
31 st May	June
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
MRA drop in session	1 st May
MiB plant sale	10 May
MRA committee meeting	5 th June
Quiz and fish and chip supper	7 th June
Swimathon at Harborne Baths	14 th June
Moorpool Heritage Trust Charity Ball at Edgbaston Golf Club	5th July
20ps Around The Circle Fun Day	13 July
Moor Pool Festival	14 September
Carol Walk	14 th December

*Contact Margaret O'Hara on 07939 415343

Rubbish matters: Chargeable Green Recycling Collection Service. This is to remind all residents that Birmingham City Council now charges £35 per year for green waste collection

To sign up for this service please visit birmingham.gov.uk/greenrecycling

Please report any dumped rubbish or garden waste to Birmingham City Council at <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/flytipping>

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If you need any support help or advice please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards, Charlotte

PCSO Alcock 31047

Harborne Team

0345 113 5000

Ext 7863 6667

www.facebook.com/harborneneighbourhoodwatch

www.twitter.com/harbornent

Parking: Inconsiderate parking is causing problems again. Please can all residents avoid parking on grass verges on the estate.

Moor Pool Has Talent: was a great success and raised £498.40. The winner was Maisie Robertson, aged 12. Joint runners up were Hannah Ludlow and Matt Long.

What's happening?

Moorpool Residents Association drop-in:

All residents are invited to a drop in session on 1st May. Please come along anytime between 7.30 and 9pm. This is not a formal meeting so come at any time. The committee members will be there to listen to your concerns and ideas about what you would like to see happening on the estate.

MRA Committee members 2014

Sally Bournier	Maureen Mauser
Sarah Copley	Paula McGee
Mike Foster	Jayne Millicheap
Mike Frost	Liz Muir
Jill Howes	Helen Nicholas
Norma Mason	Rob Sutton

Security: The only issue of concern at the moment is a theft which took place in Moor Pool. The victim was asked for change for the phone and, whilst she was distracted looking for her purse, took money from her. If you are asked for change or even the time please refrain from engaging.

In addition, please make sure that vehicles are locked securely and no valuables are left inside. We have had a small increase in vehicles being targeted on the Harborne ward.

A special thank you: to Martin Underwood of Margaret Grove for cutting back the hedges and branches in the passage between Margaret Grove and Moor Pool Ave and at the proposed Community Garden.

Clubs and societies

Has your club or society been featured in The Duck?

Does your club want new members?

Contact the Editor

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The Circle Tennis Club



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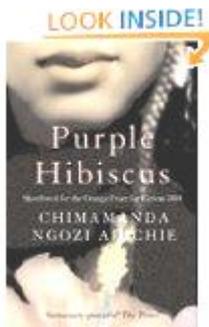


Contact Club Secretary
Robin Rison
07870 917272



Moor Pool Reading Club

We had another great meeting on Thursday 20 February 2014, welcoming Joy Brain, another new member. Sally Bourner gave an excellent introduction to Emma Donoghue's Room. This was generally agreed to be a disturbing and powerful book (If you have yet to read it, don't find out about the plot first - and I won't divulge it here). There were some criticisms made about the insufficient development of some of the characters, and about some inconsistency in the main adult character's behaviour later on - though not all agreed on this. The language of the child character is in many ways a tour de force, although it was noted that the narration required some lapses into a different language for explanatory purposes. One thing we all agreed, the book is not slow to read, but it is not an easy read.



Thursday 8 May.

Purple Hibiscus
Chimamanda
Ngozi Adichie

To be introduced
by Carlyn Freeman

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

Moor Pool wildlife conservation group

Greetings from Moor Pool Wildlife and thank you all for your support with the green tokens at Waitrose; they raised £280.

Spring is sprung with plenty of frogs and toads spawning in the Pool and food plants for bees, caterpillars and butterflies well on the way. A fox and badger have been spotted together on the wildlife allotment but if you see a

hedgehog please email rag@doctors.org.uk as we are taking part in a national survey until September 2014.

At the last meeting we enjoyed a talk about snakes and discussed community composting.

For more information about the wildlife conservation group please contact Roseanna Ghinnai rag@doctors.org.uk

Harborne Village Butchers

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Moor Pool in Bloom (MiB)

Fifth Annual Plant Sale

Saturday 10th May 2014

EAST PATHWAY B17 9DN

11am-2.30pm

Bargain PLANTS – annuals, hardy perennials, shrubs and vegetable plants. TEA and CAKES

Donations of plants and offers of help also welcome:

Contact 01214273973/07792473975

All proceeds to the work of MiB on the Moor Pool Estate

For more information see website:

www.mibloom.com

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

Moorpool Players

The Players' next production will be the hilariously comic play, 'The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate's Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery'. This is a 'whodunnit' in the best traditions of the genre with a few surprises thrown in for good measure. The show runs from 14th -17th May at 7.30 with an additional performance on the 17th at 2.00. Tickets at £6.50 can be obtained from Moor Pool News and Wine and from the Box Office 07804182393.



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 .

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6 Lonsdale Road Tel: 0121 428 4284

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www.carolinescakecompany.co.uk

Membership of the MRA

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 onto:
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.....

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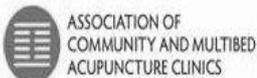
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All the Latest News

AGM: The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will be held on Sunday 13th April at 2.30pm in the Main Hall. If you are a member do come along as we need your help and support. If you are **not** a member please do join us soon: it costs you nothing, and you can then have your say.

Acquisition of the Builders' Yard: acquisition was completed on March 7th. If you want to rent a garage here, or at other locations, please contact the secretary.

Allotments: The Trust has appointed lawyers to officially acquire the 65 or so allotments, the orchard and the proposed community garden from Banner Homes. Most allotments have now been allocated in preparation for issuing leases but there are vacancies in the Valley allotments and a few elsewhere. If you are interested in having one, please contact the secretary. Volunteers from Mondelez (former Cadbury) have offered to help clear some of the more overgrown allotments in May. Lee and his trainees from Birmingham City Council have also helped with clearance of various materials and moved logs to the Builders Yard: We are very grateful for all this help.

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

Educational activities: Jayne Millicheap has been doing excellent work with children from St Thomas's School.

Harborne Junior School has used the Orchard.

Arden School children have helped to plant a wildlife hedge, provided by the Woodland Trust, on the wildlife allotment. Do go and visit these allotments when you have time and see the excellent work undertaken by the children.

Fundraising: There is a great deal going on, keeping us all very busy, and you will read elsewhere of the extensive plans and activities of the fund-raising committee. Do help and participate when you can. It is a considerable challenge but we must really make an effort to make that £325,000: such a great opportunity for our community may not occur again.

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

Please support as many of the events as possible and, if you have any suggestions for fund raising, contact Margaret O'Hara, Chair of the Moor Pool Fundraising committee on 07939 415343 or moorpoolht@gmail.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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Raj says "Please... SHOP LOCAL at the Circle"

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Raj says "Please... KEEP THIS AD to remind you"