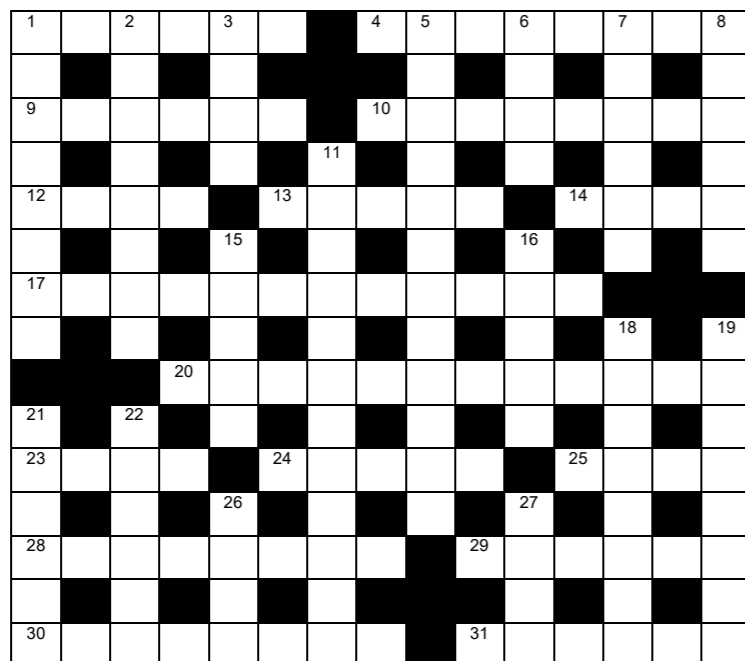


Crossword
by Artemonas



Across	Down
1) Henry hurts round bird (6)	1) Sad and suety for the Shroves (7)
4) Bird's headgear that might have been worn by judge in murder trial (8)	2) Totally supporting the French road, but with remorse (8)
9) Flat poet's initials can lead to activities (6)	3) At the start she is trying each place (4)
10) Tag a riot caused by one such as this (8)	5) Truly run fast – I'm at Cathedral city (12)
12) Partly directed ourselves to the stern (4)	6) Trim little Eliza – that's sweet! (4)
13) Initially first in line towards her grime (5)	7) Reacts when changing to cooks (6)
14) Only three of them form nasty riot (4)	8) Copy the bird (6)
17) Weak tool could fly away (12)	11) Late pm in winds finds birds (12)
20) Peter is ill. PS he found some night fliers (12)	15) Ninety nine pass first with pain (5)
23) Navy woman is very small bird (4)	16) Man will fade away (5)
24) Age around 49 but still very nimble (5)	18) Nice sea-plant battered about (8)
25) Drag up some sauce (4)	19) Calmed beast you reported to older people (8)
28) Animal skilful enough to be tolerated (8)	21) Couple have piece that's cheap (3-3)
29) Crashes car, back to front, and it shot up (6)	22) Deprive of wind but remain composed (2,4)
30) Perpetually without a clock? (8)	26) Recorded washed out bucket (4)
31) Played instrument and made channels? (6)	27) No friend has a gemstone (4)

Answers can be found on the website www.moorpool.com

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The Moor Pool DUCK Newsletter



From the Moor Pool Residents Association Chair
Margaret Harrold

Report from the Association AGM held in the Moor Pool Hall on January 27th

The MRA Committee were re-elected for 2024 and having served as acting Chair last year I was elected unopposed as Chair. I wish to record my thanks to fellow Committee members without whose enthusiasm we could not have put on last year's successful events. The Coronation events were well attended – all tickets sold in advance. The move from outdoors to the Main Hall for Christmas Carols was also appreciated and it was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all ages. We will be repeating Carols In The Hall again this year.

The MRA finances have improved somewhat from the end of 2023 with an influx of subscription fees paid. If you have not paid your £8 per household annual fee please can you arrange to pay it now and perhaps set up a standing order for next year. The Association's Bank details appear on the website www.moorpool.org

If you haven't joined yet and would like to do so, please contact the membership Secretary Maureen Mauser maureen_mauser@talktalk.net

Membership subscriptions enable us to put on the community events which are so popular and administer our website www.moorpool.org

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Streetwatch

At the AGM Sarah Hanson gave an update on the situation regarding burglary and car crime and gave a verbal report from WMP on the actions they are taking. The car criminals who take cars and strip parts from vehicles are very difficult to catch in the act. They are quick, masked and their vehicles are probably on cloned plates. The police are targeting further up the chain by locating the 'chop' shops where the parts are traded. However please report anything suspicious, including number plates of the criminals vehicles as this helps the police build up their intelligence. Sarah had a meeting with Sgt. David Dargie who is keen to work in partnership with Moor



Pool to help tackle crime and he hopes to organise a Harborne Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meeting for residents soon.

The local Streetwatch is seeking new volunteers. The time commitment is not great, about two hours a month. If you are interested contact Sarah at moorpoolNHW@gmail.com

Verges

Spring is coming. It has been uplifting to see snowdrops at the Spinney and daffodils poking their heads up after the very wet weather we had during December and early January. That wet weather which has been repeated in February and the work carried out by Cadent and various builders has resulted in the chewed up verges. Rob Sutton has been tenacious in efforts to hold the City Council and Cadent to account where reinstatement should be taking place. Councillor Martin Brooks has also taken up this issue.

We are all aware of the disastrous state of the City's finances and so it seems to me we will have to take more responsibility ourselves for the appearance of our estate as well as continuing to document where planning rules are being broken. The Council may not have the staff or the money to take action where there are breaches but by notifying them now action may result at a later date.

Design Guide Planned

The Residents' Association knows that some new residents are unaware of the Conservation status of the estate and their own property. The very reasons that make it an attractive place to live mean that there are restrictions on alterations particularly to front elevations and where they are visible from the road, the backs too. These restrictions are spelt out in the Character Appraisal Document published by the Council which is to be updated to reflect where there has been some changes since its first publication. However this is a long and detailed document and the Association will in 2024 publish a much shorter Design Guide which will focus on doors, windows, paint colours and hedges. This will go online too.



MRA Events 2024

With declining interest in the regular Coffee mornings the Committee took the decision to replace them with some different events spread out during the year- some we have done before some new.

Here are some dates for your diaries:

Spring	Cake ,Coffee and Chat at the Carless Eco Centre off Carless Avenue. 10.30 – 12.30. April 13th
Summer	Garden Party In partnership with Nettlefold Garden July date TBC
Autumn	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Main Hall September 28th 10.30 – 12
Winter	Carols in the Hall Sunday December 15th 2 –5

What's On - Regular Moor Pool Classes and Activities

There are events for everyone taking place throughout the year. Please follow our website and social media for updates and further details.

www.moorpoolhall.org.uk

Co-working Spring Fling

Friday 1st March, 9-5

Book a desk in the Hackett Suite for just £10 for the whole day (9-5), which is a 50% discount on the usual rate! Meet other local co-workers, work in a warm and comfortable office space, and admire the spring flowers popping up around the estate.

Harborne Handmade Spring Market

Sunday 3rd March, 11-3

25 of the best local makers selling their unique and handmade products, as well as cake from the fabulous Lil's Parlour.

Winterbourne Lunchtime Talk: The History of the Moor Pool Estate

Tuesday 5th March, 11-12

Join MPHT trustee, Jules Bellingham, for a lunchtime talk at Winterbourne House and Garden, part of the University of Birmingham situated on Edgbaston Park Rd. Postcode B15 2RT.

Composting Masterclass

Thursday 21st March, 10-11.30

Join us at the Carless Eco Centre for a free composting masterclass with Compost Connection. Its free, just turn up on the morning.

Heritage Talk: Andrew Bibby, 'These Houses are Ours: co-operative and community led housing alternatives 1870-1919'

Tuesday 26th March, 6.30-8

Main hall, tickets £3, which includes refreshments.

Forest school session

Friday April 5th 10.30- 12

At the Orchard off Wentworth Gate. **You will need to book for this one** as places are limited. Email education@moorpoolhall.com to book. £5.00 per child.

Heritage Talk: David Low, 'What being born in Birmingham between 1914 and 1924 meant'

Tuesday 30th April, 6.30-8

Main hall, tickets £3, includes refreshments served between 6.30 and 7.00

News From Clubs and Societies

The Circle Cinema Club

Next Showing Sunday 3rd March

The Old Oak 7.15

Doors open 6.15 for refreshments. You are welcome to bring your own drink. Tickets: £5, Members £1. Available at the door or contact info@circlecinema.co.uk

Forthcoming Films - Dates for your diary

- Sunday 28th April - Past Lives
- Sunday 23rd June
- Sunday 8th September
- Sunday 20th October
- Sunday 1st December

www.circlecinema.co.uk

Moor Pool Reading Group

We held our AGM on 18th January 2024 and discussed the book being introduced **Paddy Clarke HaHaHa by Roddy Doyle**. It was well received by most of the group although some found it difficult to get into initially, due to the unusual style of writing. Our next meeting will be 14th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Lower Hall. The book to be introduced will be the classic **Mansfield Park by Jane Austen**. We shall be discussing this book over a glass of wine and we welcome new members. Please contact Gillian Morgan: gillianmorgan1952@gmail.com



Moor Pool Skittles Club

The Club meets on Monday evenings from 7.30 until about 9.

Though we are a small, informal and friendly group, there is an element of competition for Club members but that doesn't stop us welcoming visitors and prospective new members - just come along, have a go and see if it's for you. Please be aware that the Club is for over 16yrs only, due to insurance and that access is via a number of steps to the lower hall and then up into the alley, which can be awkward to negotiate. For more information contact tina-tszuanne444@gmail.com or 07757967264



Moor Pool Bowling Club

Have you ever thought of trying Crown Green Bowling? It's a great way to meet new people and do some gentle exercise in a beautiful setting. For more information use Google and search for Moor Pool Bowling Club or come along to our open weekend from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May. From April we will be offering 2 free lessons, bowls will be provided. To book your first lesson email moorpoolbowling@gmail.com



Better Streets for Moor Pool

A message from resident Jim Tucker

Would you like to have safer roads on and around the Moor Pool Estate and more cycle and pedestrian friendly infrastructure? Some local residents have set up a group focused on these goals, which is affiliated with the city-wide Better Streets for Birmingham campaign (see: <https://betterstreetsforbirmingham.org>). If you would like to find out more, get involved or simply have a suggestion for the group, please get in touch by email: jtucker1929@gmail.com

From Streetwatch

Check out this police advice on keeping your home safe from burglary.

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/your-options/residential-burglary/#prevention>

To report crime or anti-social behaviour please call 101 or text live chat for non emergencies or 999 for an emergency.

For all other matters please visit West Midlands Police online.



Join us for **Keep Dancing** at Moor Pool Hall, on a Tuesday 13:30-14:30. £5.50 per class



Booking in advance essential. You can book your place at www.xpress-yourself.co.uk/dance-classes

Keep Dancing is a gentle dance class suitable for adults over 55. You'll learn dances from around the world with no need for a partner.

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