

Autumn Edition 2013

Molewood to become a 20mph zone?

A straw poll survey in the town centre has revealed that shoppers were in favour of having 20mph speed limits in certain residential areas of Hertford. The survey was carried out by the town's Conservative councillors on the 5th October. Those manning the stall included county and town councillor Andrew Stevenson.



"The children and head of Bengeo school gave me a charming presentation of their problems walking to school."

Cllr Andrew Stevenson

Molewood and Lower Bengeo were mentioned by those taking part as particular hotspots. It emerged that voters did not want speed bumps as a traffic calming measure, but would prefer to have electronic signs to warn drivers to slow down.

Cllr Stevenson said: "We found an overwhelming majority of people in favour, mainly for a flexible approach. I think that this can help in a number of areas, such as Bengeo"

If introduced the limit would ease the problems of buses speeding along The Avenue and Cowper's Crescent and those rat running along The Avenue past the school and shops, especially in the morning rush hour.

Andrew is part of a review group at the county council that will be assessing speed limits later in October.

For full stories and photos; http://www.molewood.org.uk

Bengeo Nursery Development Update

On 23rd August Daniel Oliver of Bovis Homes, contacted the Molewood Residents' Association to confirm they currently have no intention of making a fresh application.



In response to this Andrew Stevenson, Hertfordshire County Councillor for our area, welcomed the letter saying

"Hopefully we can start to turn the tide on unsustainable overly high density planning applications that lack the infrastructure to support them".

In addition Andrew suggested a formal contract for parking on the site could benefit Bengeo Nursery, the school and residents as well as blocking further high density development applications.

Banner Image Competition

The 2013 Autumn banner image was taken by Stuart Rossall walking towards Chapmore End.

How would you like to see your photograph or drawing as the background to the Outlook banner? Please email your entry to enquiries@molewood.org.uk and we will select the best for each edition. It should be seasonal and reflect the Molewood area. Good Luck!

CBBC visits the Wick

Ella Cook of The Wick had a wonderful surprise visit from celebrity street dancer Turbo and John Whaite, winner of The Great British Bake off 2012. They were accompanied by a CBBC film crew working on an episode of Turbo Boost which will be broadcast on 25th October at 4.30pm.



Ella with Turbo, John Waite and sister Gracie

"She did an amazing job; she loved every minute of it, saying it was "the best time of her life"!" The Cook Family

Ella's challenge included baking cupcakes for John Whaite and culminated in a momentous 18th birthday cake for CBBC presenter Cel Spellman which Ella presented at BBC Manchester Studios live on CBBC!

Her proud parents, Nana and sister Gracie were able to watch her on a huge TV screen outside the Studios.

MRA Quiz on 14th November

We hope you can make it to our quiz upstairs at the Bengeo Club on the 14th November, starting at 8pm sharp. Teams of up to 8 people can take part and it costs £10 per person which includes a fish and chip supper! A pay bar is available.

If you would like tickets (individually or as a team) please send payment (cash/ cheque) with your name, address, phone number and email address to Alan Sewell, 16 The Avenue. To allow food to be ordered all teams must be registered by the 3rd November. With only space for 66 people please book early!

Hand delivery is preferred and cheques should be made payable to Molewood Residents Association

Double Yellow Lines on Sacombe Road Imminent

Hertfordshire County Council propose to implement new 'At Any Time' (double yellow lines) waiting restrictions on parts of Sacombe Road.

The measures are associated with updating the Bengeo School Travel Plan.

Avenue vets now open

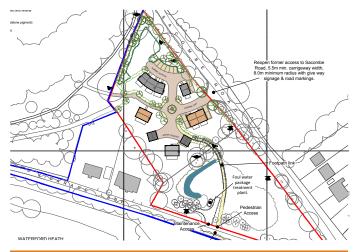
The Walton Lodge Veterinary Group opened their consulting rooms on the Avenue on Monday 14th October.

The association wishes them the best of luck!

Waterford Hamel Planning Application

Lafarge Tarmac have lodged a planning application for 8 sustainable homes at the top of Vicarage Lane. The proposals include a new footpath along the west side of Sacombe Road, between The Wick and Vicarage Lane. The site is within the green belt but does contain existing buildings. It is envisaged that the homes will reach the highest energy efficiency standards and are arranged to maximise solar energy.

The public have until 14th November to comment on the application.



The application documents can be viewed online at http://www.eastherts.gov.uk planning reference 3/13/1820/FP

Waterford Heath Shed Demolished



Following consent from East Herts council, Lafarge Tarmac recently demolished the big tin shed south of Vicarage Lane. The concrete base has been kept as the Hertfordshire & Middlesex Wildlife Trust would like to build a visitor centre on it one day.

Headlines is 30!

Headlines hair salon on The Avenue have recently celebrated their 30th birthday. To celebrate, the staff and their families headed to Centre Parcs for the weekend.

The salon is ran by Sue who also mentioned that the salon donates a stylist to the Isabel Hospice once a week. We wish you continued success!

Good News Parcel Service

You can now send parcels from Good News newsagents on The Avenue. You can have your parcels weighed and pay for them after which Parcelforce will collect them. Parcels which have been prepaid, by a retailer for example, cannot use the service however.

Planning a Christmas Party?

Drop us a line if you'd like to arrange an event for your street and the Association may be able to support with some sponsorship money.

enquiries@molewood.org.uk



Prisk loses role amid Cabinet reshuffle

Our local MP and recent guest speaker at our AGM, Mark Prisk, lost his role on the cabinet as Minister of State for Housing and Local Government.

Mark tweeted, "been asked to step aside from housing for a younger generation...Disappointing. But it's been a great eleven years as a frontbencher."

Material for Bengeo Exhibition

An exhibition celebrating the history of Bengeo is being arranged for May 2014 to raise funds for St Leonards Church. It will take place at the church and will be prepared by Marilyn Taylor



Marilyn is on the lookout for any old photographs, maps, drawings or stories about the area so please contact her if you can help.

To contact Marilyn: marilynflowers@hotmail.co.uk / 30 The Drive, Bengeo / 01992 583875

Your Association

Molewood Residents' Association was formed in the late 1960's soon after the estate was built. The aim of the association is to support Molewood residents and enhance their enjoyment of the Molewood neighbourhood. The association organises events and contributes to community events arranged by residents. The Association issues 4 Outlook newsletters each year. If you would like to read about the early days of the estate our website has copies of early newsletters.

Annual membership of Molewood Residents' Association costs £2 and runs from June each year. Members of the committee began collecting subscription payments, door to door, in June. This gave people the opportunity to discuss how the committee is doing and how it can work best to represent residents.

If you would like to pay in advance or if it is more convenient you can drop the payment along with contact details through the letterbox of our treasurer, Alan Sewell, 16 The Avenue.

Your Committee

Chair Nick Gough 11 Lys Hill Gardens
Treasurer Alan Sewell 16 The Avenue
Secretary Liz Walton 69 The Wick

General Members

Marie Archer 55 The Wick

Sorcha Blanchard 46 Buckwells Field

Peter Dougherty 47 The Wick John Edwards 8 The Wick

Joan Murrell 38 Cowper Crescent
Rachel Ogier 103 Cowper Crescent
Ben Penrose 104 Cowper Crescent

Emily White 27 The Drive

Co-opted Members

Kath Richardson 126 Cowper Crescent

Website Manager Paul Ogier
Outlook Editor Emmet O'Sullivan

What's On?

25th October

Comedy Evening at Hertford Theatre 7.45pm. £15

26th October

A Zoofari at Hertford Museum 10.30 am – 3.30 pm - Free

29th October

The Big Draw with Courtyard Arts Centre 10.30 am – 3.30 pm - Free

28th October - 1st November

Half term break at Bengeo Primary

8th November

Morgans School Fireworks Display, 6.30pm - fireworks start at 7.30pm. £5

12th November

'The Good, the Bad and the Ugly, Hertfordshire Transportees by Ken Griffin

Oak Room, Register Office Block, Pegs Lane, Hertford 18.30 - 19.30. Contact Valerie Riley - 0300 1234 049

14th November

MRA Quiz at The Bengeo Club - 7.30 for an 8pm start

24th November

Hertford Fire Walk at Hertford Rugby Football Club contact Polly Kennedy - 01284 749650

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and I/ we live at
I/ we would be happy to be contacted by email about local issues by the residents' association so here is my
email address