

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Feb. 21st

There will be a BARN DANCE with live music on Feb. 21st at Bengoe Junior school from 8.00 - 11.00 p.m. Tickets cost £1 and are available from any committee member.

March 18th

A GUITAR RECITAL will be given by Clive Kemp, a local classical guitarist, at the River Room, Castle Hall on Wednesday March 18th. This will be combined with a SOCIAL - 7.30 for 8.00 p.m. - Bar available. Tickets 50p from any committee member.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 6th
8.00 p.m.

The AGM this year will be held at Bengoe Junior School and will be accompanied by CHEESE AND WINE.

DISCUSSION MEETING ON DRUG ABUSE

Recently the Association was invited to send representatives to a meeting organised by the parent - teacher association of a local school about the misuse of drugs. A talk was given by a doctor who specialize in this subject. He described the types of drugs which young people take, their origin, identification and the short and long term effects. Representatives of the police were present and after a short break during which visitors could examine exhibits which had been brought along by the police, there was general discussion.

The dangers associated with drugs are quite frightening and it is alarming to realize the ease with which some young people, especially those who have not been warned, can be led to experiment with the all too easily available soft drugs. ('Glue - sniffing' was mentioned as an APPARENTLY INNOCUOUS BUT MOST DANGEROUS first step on the ladder). The point was made that most local teenagers would be able to locate a source of drugs if they wanted to. After listening to all those in authority who spoke it was at least partly reassuring to know that the local police maintain constant vigilance and that at the moment the scene is quiet. This is not to say that we can be complacent. Every parent must be aware of his or her duties towards teenagers in this respect. Young people rely upon parents as much in their teens as in earlier years but the demands are often greater and more difficult to satisfy. The message is clear: 1. Warn young people not to experiment by taking unknown substances since this can have fatal results. 2. At the FIRST sign of drug misuse seek professional advice - from school, family doctor, police or a special clinic.

PEDAL CYCLE STAND

It has been suggested that a set of pedal cycle stands be provided in front of the shops in the Avenue. These can be paid for out of Molewood Residents Association funds. At the moment this project is in abeyance pending further consideration since some doubts have been expressed about its desirability. If you have any views on this please make them known to any committee member.

MEMBERSHIP

The Residents Association now has 422 paid up members which amounts to 82% of the households in the Molewood Estate area. This is a record high level.