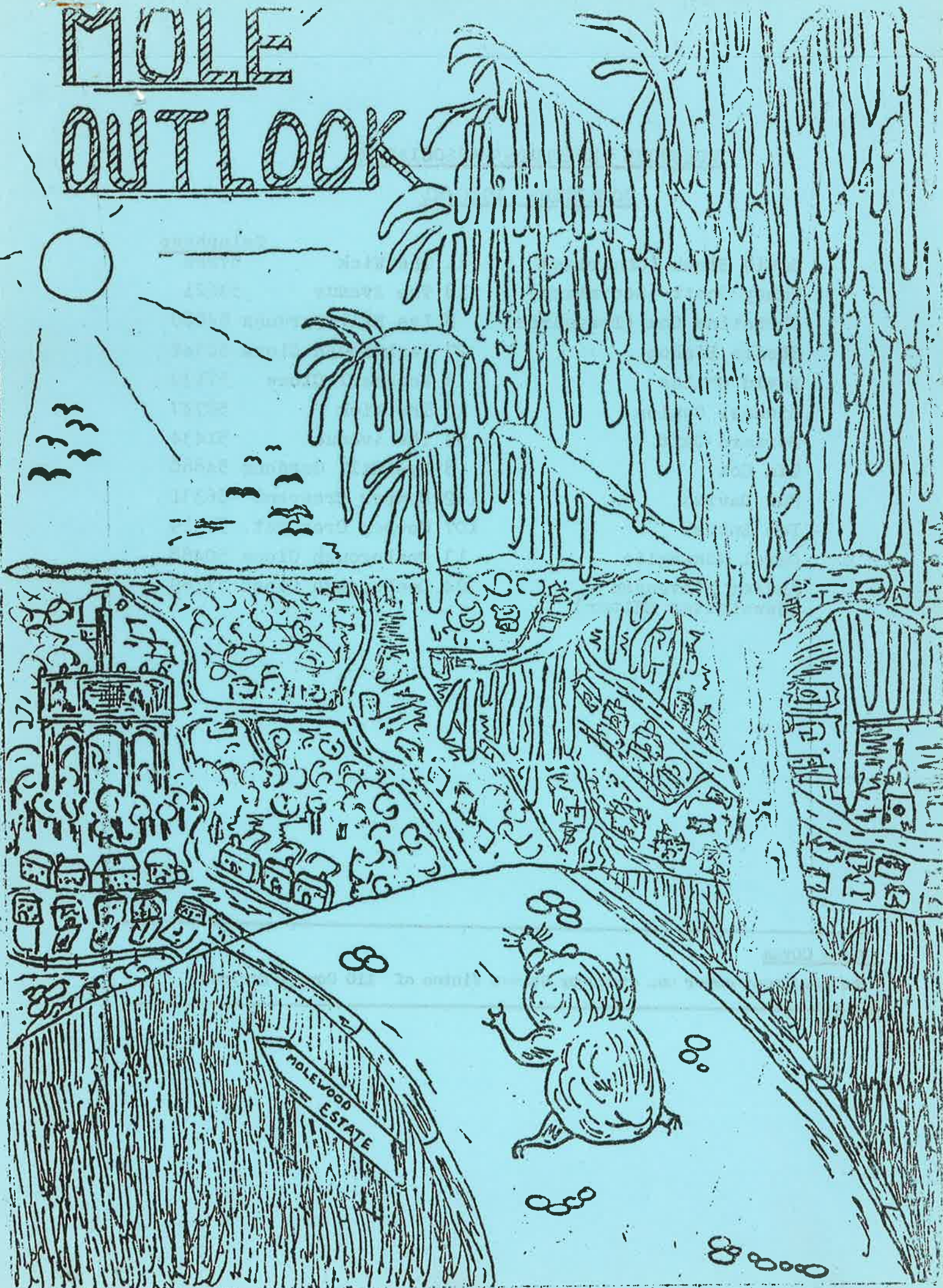


MOLE OUTLOOK



MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE 1980/81

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David Black (Chairman)	11 The Wick	57285
Nancy Scott (Secretary)	18 The Avenue	53621
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Sheila Bishop	27 Desborough Close	58542
David Childs	5 Woodhall Close	57130
Michael Conlon	15 The Wick	58747
Bernard Catt	59 The Avenue	51434
Tim Cox	8 Lys Hill Gardens	54880
Huw Davies	142 Cowper Crescent	56331
Pam Lutner	107 Cowper Crescent	51329
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FRONT COVER

The new front cover was drawn by Steven Vinton of 110 Cowper Crescent

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JULY 1980

MOTOR CYCLES

A number of complaints have been made concerning irresponsible motorcyclists on the estate. These are now being dealt with by the police. Any resident with a complaint of nuisance, dangerous driving or aggravation arising from motorcyclists should note the number of the motorcycles involved and report the incident to the police, marking the complaint for the attention of P.C. Starr, who is dealing with this matter. The names and addresses of complainants can be treated confidentially if so desired.

MOONIES

The police have asked us to warn residents that members of this fanatical religious sect have been approaching people (and school children) in the Bengoe area. In particular we are advised not to permit them to do any unpaid work since this involves both parties in a civil contract, with ensuing liabilities - even if no money changes hands.

TREES AND GRASSCUTTING

The Council have now engaged outside contractors to undertake the grasscutting which has so far this year been much more satisfactory. A letter of praise has been sent to the District Council!

The Council have also planted a number of new trees around the estate. They are unable however to provide manpower to water them regularly, so residents with newly planted trees outside their houses are advised to water them as often as possible during dry weather if they do not wish them to die.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY COURT HOMES LTD.

Due to strong objections to their scheme by the County Highways Dept., Court Homes have asked that consideration of their planning application be deferred. The developers want time to consider further the implications of the County Council's comments with regard to the proposed access from North Road (A602).

Vigilance is required at this stage since they may seek access directly from Molewood Estate, which would exacerbate the impact on existing residents even further. Should anyone be contacted directly or indirectly by the developers, please inform any of the MRA committee.

We have received the following letter from Councillor Roger Martin. He requests that it should be published in the newsletter.

To the Chairman, Molewood Residents' Association -

I was rather unhappy at some of the comments made at the end of the chairman's report published for the A.G.M. May I also say that my comments are in no way intended to be personal criticism; Reg Harman is a good friend of mine of some years' standing.

Firstly my evidence is that people signed the petition against the Court Homes Development having given considerable thought to the environmental implications, especially the effect on land to which green belt policies apply and the general loss of amenity which would follow such a drastic development.

I must point out that planning decisions usually apply to land in someone else's ownership; we cannot do what we want with our own land because it may have serious consequences for our neighbours and / or for the environment.

As to "our image with local authorities", I have been told by the case officer of the District Council's Planning Department that he was very impressed by the well-informed, sincere and individual letters which he received from all over Bengoe. Our future relationship with local authorities has been enhanced not undermined.

I believe that the procedures adopted (i.e. the letters, the petition and the public meetings) were manifestations of "reasoned democracy"; we should bring our children up to care for our environment and we must prove to them that democratic procedures can and do work. What we have seen is the "British model" of democracy at work.

Finally, I too regret any "verbal violence" although none was experienced at any meeting I attended; I would also defend Reg Harman's right to hold his own point of view.

PORT HILL HOUSE - PUBLIC ENQUIRY

It is relevant that on appeal, the refusal of planning permission for the Port Hill House development was upheld - an outright victory for all residents objecting to the developers plans. This makes it seem likely that the Green Belt policy of EHDC will be upheld by the Secretary of State for the Environment when cases come to appeal. (e.g. it is unlikely that Court Homes Ltd. would win any appeal in the face of strong opposition).

Port Hill house is also of considerable historic interest, dating back to 1763. It is the site of the Inoculation House of Thomas Dimsdale, M.D., F.R.S., (1712-1800), a pioneer in the field of inoculation against small-pox. Port Hill House was used as an inoculation centre where Dimsdale, despite opposition from the superstitious, successfully treated many thousands of small-pox patients, mostly the poor. Of 5,964 patients inoculated between 1797 & 1799, only four died. At the time, Dimsdale's fame spread so far that he was requested to 'inoculate the Czar-Czarina of Russia' before the Russian Revolution. For this service he was made a Baron of the Russian Empire. The 'Pest House' fell into disuse after inoculation became so widespread that natural small-pox was essentially eliminated. Dimsdale also represented Hertford in Parliament between 1780 and 1790.

This year, the World Health Organization announced small-pox to be extinct, and it has been suggested that Port Hill House be made in to a shrine to Dimsdale's contribution to medical science.

NOISE

A high pitched bleeping noise has been reported recently. This arises from excavation equipment in the gravel pit at Bramfield Lane. Complaints should be made to the police, who are currently investigating this matter.

DOGS

Complaints have been received about dogs left out to roam the estate. Dog-owners are reminded that it is illegal to let dogs out alone without collar and lead. It is even worse to shut dogs out all day. Such dogs are liable to be impounded.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Following the success of last years MRA social evening, another event is being planned for early October. Details will be available later on.

The recent 'family walk' led by John Barnes was a great success. About 30 of us (with an age range from 5 years to that of senior citizen) met at Little Munden where we left the cars, and proceeded on foot along footpaths, many of them little used, in a north-easterly direction. The pace was leisurely and the weather almost

perfect - sunny but not too hot, and dry, which was quite a surprise after the previous two days. We made a fairly long stop for tea and the children were able to play before setting off for the 'Rest and Welcome' at Haultwick where we arrived soon after seven o'clock. After a short stop for some very necessary liquid refreshments we set off on the last mile leading back to the cars. A most enjoyable occasion; very many thanks to John Barnes for his leadership. I hope that we shall organise another family walk and that next time it will not coincide with a football match! This time we had no alternative date.

DUPLICATING SERVICE

MRA committee are looking for someone to take over the duplicating service. This involves mainly duplicating the newsletter although the opportunity for a small amount of paid private work also occurs from time to time. A Roneo duplicator will be provided by the Association. Anyone interested please contact the editor on Hertford 57169.

NEWSLETTER FRONT COVER

Two good drawings were received for the new newsletter front cover, both of which will be used in due course. The committee would like to thank the artists; Steven Vinton of 110 Cowper Cresc. and Matthew Thorpe of 16 Woodhall Close.

ROTARY GRASSCUTTER - FOR HIRE

The Association has a number of items available for hire and could add a rotary mower to the list. The charge would be in the region of £1.00 per day including a tankfull of petrol. I shall ask the committee to consider this at their next meeting, so if you are interested in this and think that you would use this machine please let me know. (Hertford 57285)

GARDEN COMPETITION - RESULTS

<u>1st Prize</u>	G. & J. Moy 18 Desborough Close
<u>Garden of Merit</u>	A. & S. Ainsworth 36 The Avenue
<u>Special Mention</u>	109 Cowper Crescent 103 " " 20 Lys Hill Gardens 44 The Avenue 113 The Avenue 116 The Avenue 59 Peel Crescent 26 " " 11 " "

Standard much improved this year, unfortunately a lot of gardens that possibly could have won do not belong to the Residents Association, so come on you keen gardeners for 50p membership per year you may be the next winner. (Next competition will be judged in the autumn) If any Resident would like to know more details as to what the judges are looking for, please contact Hertford 51329.

BENGEO YOUTH CLUB

We would like to remind children and parents (who don't already know) that the club is open every Wednesday night.

Junior Club: 11 - 13 yrs 7.00pm - 8.15pm

Senior Club: 13 and over 8.30pm - 10.00pm

These ages are not rules but just a guide line.

Charity Football Match

As you will no doubt already have read in your local paper an ex Spurs and Arsenal XI V B.B.C. Sports Commentators XI charity game was held at Hertford Football Club on Sunday 27th April arranged for the Club by Wilf Dixon and Mick Doolin. Due to splendid combined effort by both committee and club members and fine weather on the day, close on 3,000 people went to the game whose attendance, raffle and advertising raised over £800 for the club. A brand new table tennis table and portable stereo cassette recorder have been purchased and additional equipment is being sought. We would once again like to thank both Wilf and Mick for their help in organising this great event.

Anyone feeling MAD enough to give up a Wednesday night on a permanent basis for no PAY for not much gratitude - back breaking work thats the bad news now the good - a super bunch of kids and lots of chat and laughs. If you feel you fit the bill and are around your twenties, give me a ring on Hertford 57922. I'm Judy Stewart Youth Leader.

After auditing the Associations' account for 1979-80 and agreeing all the figures, the auditors have suggested the following presentation.

D.R.Black

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1980

<u>1979</u>				<u>1980</u>	
316		Members' Accumulated Fund 1.4.79		525	
<u>209</u>	<u>525</u>	Surplus for the year ending 31.3.80		<u>57</u>	<u>582</u>
		Balances at Westminster Bank 31.3.80			
		Current	78		
92		Deposit	<u>5</u>	83	
<u>433</u>		Balance in N.Savings Account 31.3.80		<u>365</u>	448
		Purchase of equipment ; Typewriter	100		
		Duplicator	<u>34</u>		<u>134</u>
	<u>525</u>				<u>582</u>
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		<u>INCOME</u>			
185		Membership subscriptions		194	
7		Hire charges		13	
-		Social		15	
50		Duplicator service (net)		31	
-		Disposal of old duplicator (net)		6	
		Interest: Deposit account	5		
<u>23</u>	<u>265</u>	National Savings	<u>58</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>322</u>
		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
10		A.G.M.		4	
-		Special General Meetings		17	
-		Civic Society Membership		2	
-		Social expenses		16	
43		Printing etc & deliveries		152	
2		Competition prizes		7	
-		Presentation		10	
-		Duplicator servicing		38	
<u>1</u>	56	Committee expenses		<u>9</u>	265
	<u>209</u>	Surplus: income/expenditure			<u>57</u>
	<u>265</u>				<u>322</u>

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(Hon. Auditors)

N.B. No allowance for depreciation of the new equipment has been made this year.

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YELLOW PAGES

MOLEWOOD SCHOOL OF DANCING

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Children WED. 5.30 p.m. Hert
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Hert 57169

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Mavis Bishop

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EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE

Ladder (extension)	Aluminium with easy reach	
	£1 per week	Hert 57285
Car Ramps	10p per day	-do-
Jump leads	10p per day	-do-
Preserving pan	10p per day	Hert 51329
Tree Pruner Light 6'	10p per day)
Bulb Planter	10p per day) Hert 56479
Lawn Spreader	10p per day)
Lawn Roller	10p per day)

HOME SELECTION POTTERY PARTIES

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