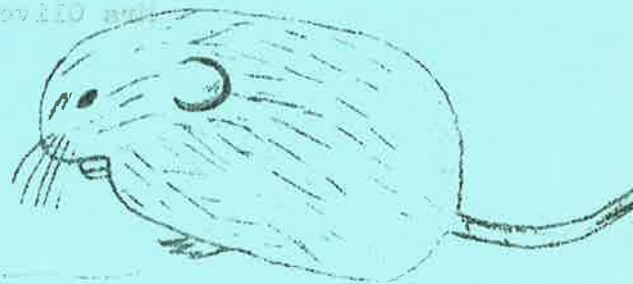
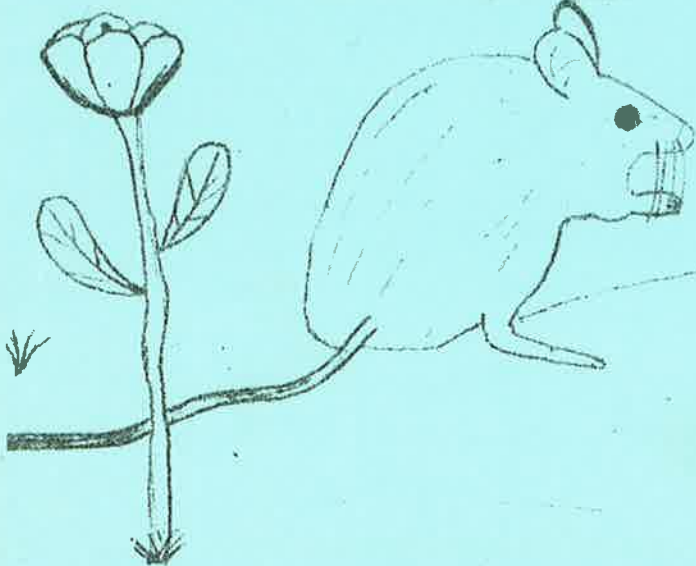


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Molewood Outlook

Summer 1986

Well here it is at last! Many apologies for the delay since the last 'Outlook', but, like someone else I could mention, we've had a bit of trouble at the printing works! However let us hope that this is now behind us and the future stretches ahead clear and sunny.

First let me welcome all new members.

In this magazine you will find plenty to interest you, including the Chairman's Report read at the very well attended AGM, and a salutary warning about parking cars on the road by our Bengeo Bobby. After all, quite apart from looking unsightly parked at the kerbside, cars are safer in their own garages or drives aren't they?

If you did not attend either of our dances this year you will find out what you missed from the enthusiastic reports of them.

This may be a good time to say that another trip to France is planned for next Autumn! More later.

We have some up-to-date information on our 'Neighbourhood Watch Scheme'. Read all about it!

Find out who won the Garden Competitions and see if you were a 'Highly Commended'!

Going from the green and growing present to the long ago past, we have an article on the 'Domesday Book' references to Bengeo, which show it to have been a place of some importance!

All this and much much more!

Now read on!

The Front Cover

The picture on the cover is by Jeremy Moyle of Cowper Crescent. He was twelve when he drew this charming field mouse and bank vole. He knows a lot about them as he breeds both animals and has been a member of the 'Small Mammals Society' for three years.

Apart from the mice and voles which are too numerous to name, there are four other pets - a rabbit Snowy, a budgerigar Kiki and hamsters Pip and Smokey.

Jeremy has wide interests ranging from the active tennis and squash, to musical - playing the piano and the clarinet, while in his quieter moments he enjoys reading, drawing and calligraphy!

Life will never be dull with so many pursuits!

Thank you Jeremy!

Subscriptions

A word about subscriptions. You will by now have paid the raised subscription rate of 70p. An increase of 20p passed at the AGM.

The subscription has remained at 50p for as long as anyone can remember, and although we are not a profit making Association we have to meet rising costs.

You may have noticed that over the last few years since I took on the editorship of the 'Outlook' it has grown in size and variety of content. More people than ever before are writing for it, and this of course means more pages and therefore more paper and ink must be bought. Also we have to pay for our elderly duplicator to be renovated - hence the delay.

As the 'Molewood Outlook' is the only contact most people have with the Association we regard it as a vital link which must be preserved.

As we, as a Committee, become more confident in the support you give us, so our events are likely to become more ambitious and more frequent. These activities often require a substantial outlay before any money comes in.

It is not inconceivable that the subscription will have to be raised again at some time in the future.

But at all times we aim to please, and give you good value, and we hope you think we are succeeding.

The AGM

Many thanks to all those who supported our - the Committee's - efforts, and attended the AGM on May 15th. It was the best attended meeting we have had for some time as close on one hundred people were there!

It's a pity though that even more did not come. I think perhaps AGMs have a reputation for being boring with endless fiddley details and long speeches.

Not so! Or at least not our AGMs!

The business part of the meeting was short and to the point. The Chairman's Report and a statement on 'The Pit' by Councillor Roger Martin are included later in this newsletter.

The new Committee list appears on the inside front cover. Following the resignations of Yvonne Rhodes, Ted Brown and Christine Fuller we had three vacancies, the rest of the Committee being willing to stand again. Mrs Olive Church and Miss Zena Cheel were elected so we still have one vacancy. If you are interested and feel you would like to contribute something to the community, particularly if you could help as Correspondence Secretary by writing a few letters - typing not essential this can be arranged, - then please let one of us know. We would be glad to hear from you.

Many thanks are due to Yvonne and Ted for all the hard work they have put in over many years, they deserve a rest. Christine was prevented by family commitments from staying with us. We are sorry to see them go.

A resolution was passed to invite the residents of 'The Drive' to join our Association. It is not strictly a part of our Estate in the sense that their houses were built at an earlier date. Yet you cannot get to 'Lodge Close' without going along 'The Drive' so it was thought to be logical to include them if they so wished.

After the formal meeting the Police took over! No not the way it sounds!

Inspector Croucher, P.C. Mike Pryce-Jones, Sgt. Reeves and Special Constable Ship showed us two video films, one about protecting our homes and the other about setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

I think we all came away with something to think about - like checking the locks on our doors, or painting anti climb paint on our drain pipes! Have you seen it? It really is slimey and horrible and stays that way.

Sgt. Reeves answered all questions put to him, and considering the subject of his talk was burglary with all the destruction and unhappiness that could follow, it was good humoured, lively and often funny talk.

Very enjoyable!

Volunteers for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme were immediately forthcoming - the response was very good. I have given the full list of coordinator and deputies further on.

After that we all - police and public alike descended on the wine and cheese, to round off a very successful meeting!

Chairman's Report

Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, it's a pleasure to see you all at the end of an interesting year.

When we set out last May the Committee felt that we had a sleeping giant on our hands, everyone thought the Association was a useful thing to belong to, but perhaps only to be used in a crisis.

We set out to attempt to bind the Association together by strengthening the social side, in the belief that the more people actively engaged, the more effective we would become.

We started modestly with a small barbeque at Chapmore End, which despite my cooking and the pouring rain was very enjoyable and a good pint was had by all.

The outing to Boulogne took place on a glorious autumn day, all those who went had a very good time.

The Barn Dance with Pete Skiffins was well-supported and very much enjoyed by all who attended, and we are assured that this should be retained. But can I please stress that such events mean a heavy financial commitment and lots of hard work, and we really must have earlier bookings of tickets. This cannot be left to the last minute.

In March we staged an exhibition by the Crime Prevention group of the local Police, during which day some two hundred cycles were stamped. A very interesting and informative caravan display was very well presented, and we are indebted to Inspector Croucher and his team, who, as you can see, are with us again tonight to help us set up our own Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

As a finale to the Social Year we staged our Spring Dance Party with food, cabaret, live music and good company. The one hundred or so members who came had a wonderful time, and this event should now become a fixture.

On the more serious side, we are also an action group very jealous of our area and anxious to protect it from intrusion. We have a pleasant way of

life here and we must always be alert against speculators, green belt stealers, weird round-about constructions and all those who seek to impose their decisions upon us.

We await the results of the appeal on the development of the Sacombe Road field. We have, of course, made strong objections direct to the Ministry on an Association and individual basis.

The "Pit" saga continues, but we are pleased to say there may be light at the end of the tunnel and agreement may be in sight - more later.

We are already one of the largest Residents Associations in the area and are respected when we express our views.

Please continue to support the Association during the coming year, come to our social gatherings, make early entries in your diaries, have a good time, and help us become even stronger, and then who knows what we can achieve?

Trevor Cobb

The Garden Competitions

The winners of two garden competitions were announced at the AGM, and the prizes were presented.

The winner of the Autumn Garden Competition was Mr. McGuire of Cowper Crescent, who received the Plate and a gift token for £5.

In second place and winners of a £3 gift token were Mr. and Mrs McDonald of The Avenue.

There was no third prize since the garden chosen was found to belong to non-members.

The Spring Garden Bowl was won for the second time by the aptly named Mrs Digweed of Lodge Close! She was also given a token for £5.

Second came Mrs Skinner of Peel Crescent; she won a token for £3.

Mr. McGuire came third with a token of £2, and so accepted two prizes in one evening!

You may like to check the following list to see if your number is on it, all were Highly Commended:-

Cowper Creseent	4, 46, 48, 50, 76, 91, 109, 134
The Avenue	116
Lodge Close	23, 49
Lys Hill	16, 20
Peel Crescent	25, 59

Congratulations to everyone!

Those of us who have lived in Molewood for ten years or more can remember 'The Pit' as it used to be - green fields with horses and sheep grazing. Unfortunately for us that has now gone. We as an Association have been trying for years to get the eyesore that this area has become, restored to

something like its former state, with the attendant nuisances of noise, smoke from fires and accumulated rubbish, removed.

The following item is a statement read to the AGM on behalf of Councillor Roger Martin who is pursuing the cause on our behalf.

Molewood Pit

Members of the Association will be aware that I raised the question of Molewood Pit at a Planning Committee Meeting. It was stated, quite correctly, that negotiations were very close to a conclusion. The further delay has been my fault; I am still not happy with some aspects of the agreement and I am arranging a meeting with some members of your committee and the solicitor dealing with the problem for the council.

If we accept the agreement, most of the pit will be grassed over and the area of the "new" pit fenced off. The rest of the pit will be tidied up. In return, Mr. Benson will not be served with an enforcement order, nor will the appeal be proceeded with. He will get an agreement which will allow him to keep most of the uses in the pit.

Basically, the council have to decide whether the compromise is acceptable, and it is a compromise.

I am sorry I cannot give more details but it is in the final stages of delicate legal negotiations.

Roger Martin

Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was inaugurated at the AGM by the Police and our Association. You will all have received by now a leaflet outlining the Scheme and answering many questions. I will not go into it all again now, except to say that it does not involve spying on your neighbours - or being spied on! - but it encourages good neighbourly awareness for the benefit of everyone.

Your local deputy coordinators are as follows:-

John Andrew	96, The Avenue
Pat Brooks	27, The Avenue
David Hall	132, Cowper Crescent
Brian Euler	52, The Wick
Edith Ruggles	17, Lys Hill Gardens
Alan Streeton	22, Cowper Crescent
John Franks	11, Peel Crescent

All those people have lots of free literature, window stickers etc., yours for the asking.

And now a word from the Overall Coordinator

Pam Lutner 107, Cowper Crescent

Neighbourhood Watch

As part of the above scheme, we will soon have available special ultraviolet pens for marking your property, these are the proper ones recommended by the

police, and not the cheap imported ones that are on the market, and do not work properly. Further details from your street deputy co-ordinator.

Also available on request, our local P.C. Mike Price-Jones is happy to give a police security check on your home, and advise on locks, bolts and general security. Contact at Hertford Police Station 57711 or through your street co-ordinator.

An Insurance scheme is available for Neighbourhood Watch, with a discount, details from Mr. Alan Streeton, 22, Cowper Crescent. Hertford 56217.

To complete our happy band of deputy co-ordinators, and to continue to keep Bengoe and Molewood a pleasant place to live, we need a volunteer from the following:-

Lodge Close, The Drive, Woodhall Close, Desborough Close, Cumberland Close.

From your Co-ordinator in charge of the Molewood Area.

Pam Lutner 107, Cowper Crescent, Bengoe.

Britain in Bloom

Last year you may remember we brightened up The Avenue shops area - the focal point of our Estate - with tubs of plants on the pavement and on the flat roof above and hanging baskets of flowers, planted by Pam Lutner. We were inspired and encouraged to do this by the 'Britain in Bloom' Competition.

Although we did not win anything, everyone agreed the effort was well worth while as it really cheered up the place.

This year the Competition will be held again. We would have replanted the tubs and baskets anyway, as a service to our Community, but I thought you might like to know some details of the competition as a whole.

There will be three sections -

1. Commercial
2. Best kept front garden
3. Allotments

It seems that last year most people were just too modest to enter their own gardens in the Competition, and some of us - including me - have a lot to be modest about!

This year however, no entry forms will be necessary. Just keep your garden looking perfect at all times and it will be inspected at some point by a judge - not one of us! Think what a nice surprise it would be to hear that you had won, when you didn't even know you had entered!

The Kingfisher Garden Centre has donated three splendid shields for the best large, medium and small gardens.

There will also be prizes of £10 for each of the three winners, £5 for the three seconds and £3 for the three thirds.

Apart from this, the Council already has plans in hand to plant bulbs, shrubs and trees in sites in around Hertford, thus improving the quality of life for us all.

It looks like being an exciting and colourful Summer!

Now for something completely different, Bengoe marches on!

Bengoe's Bounty Hunters

Bengoe now has its own Majorette Troupe!

The Bounty Hunters were officially inaugurated in April by the Mayor Councillor Martin Wheale, and television personality Steve Alder. The troupe has proved so popular, a waiting list has had to be opened.

The girls have very striking uniforms of kingfisher blue and white.

If anyone would like to see them in action, please feel free to call in at Bengoe Parish Hall (Duncombe Hall) any Wednesday evening between 5.00 and 7.00p.m.

The troupe is available for fetes and displays, please contact:-

Mrs Carol Mason	Hertford 551294
Mrs Hilary Perry	Hertford 54798

Hilary Perry

Mr. Jack Tyler has asked me to include this next item as it has to do with our local Parish Church and Rector. I think you will find it a very interesting idea.

'Songs of Praise' Evening

To mark the Rev. Colin Wheales twenty five years in the parish it has been decided to hold an evening of 'Hymn Singing' in Holy Trinity Church. It is hoped as many people as possible will attend.

The idea for this evening has come partly from the Residents Association and it will be run on similar lines to 'Songs of Praise' on B.B.C. television. If this proves successful it is hoped to run several similar evenings through the Autumn and Winter each year as a regular event.

Future evenings might include certain people being asked to choose their favourite hymns and also guest appearances by invited singers and choirs from local groups.

It would be a very nice present to mark the Rector's quarter century with us if this truly 'Parish' event was successfully inaugurated.

Please put this in your diaries 'Songs of Praise Evening' 26th October 1986, Holy Trinity Church, 6.15p.m.

Jack Tyler

Now we have an article from our 'Bengoe Bobby' P.C. Mike Pryce-Jones, about something which gives annoyance to so many people - car parking at the kerbside.

A check a day keeps the 'Nick Nicks' away!

This edition of the Pryce-Jones 'Saga' involves the bane of twentieth century living - the motor car!

As more people own and use motor cars than ever before, they seem to intrude more and more into everyday life.

As we all know, parts of our town were built long before the motor car became popular. Certain streets were simply not designed to accomodate parked vehicles, and any casual observer will only be too aware of the 'clutter' that careless parking can cause.

There are of course two points of view on the problem. The driver often insists on his 'right' to park as close to his home or destination as possible, never thinking of his careless parking as inconsiderate or unlawful.

The pedestrian - especially the elderly, partially sighted and people with prams or push chairs - will readily testify to the hazards of carelessly parked cars, including those parked partially on pavements, verges etc.

The general rule of course is 'pavements are for people'.

Most drivers claim that they are actually assisting traffic flow by parking partially up on the kerb. Try telling that to a partially sighted O.A.P. who has just had a bump because of a badly parked car!

If you park on the pavement you commit offences of various kinds, so beware! Quite apart from that aspect, your vehicles are an eye-sore and reduce the quality of life on the Estate for everyone.

Still on motor cars, Hertfordshire Constabulary have just introduced a 'Vehicle Rectification Scheme'. This scheme is designed to ensure that when certain vehicle defects are discovered by Police, they have the power to insist on the relevant repairs being made, as an alternative to a Court Case.

The aim of course is to raise the general standard of cars on the road, and also to prevent the minor offences from coming to Court.

Any further questions on this scheme can be answered by 'Yours truly'!

Finally The double yellow lines outside the Spar Shop in Bengoe Street

Following continued abuse of the double yellow lines and complaints by members of the public, any persons found parked on the double yellow lines will be given a parking ticket!

Several have already been issued so be warned! Is it worth £12 for two minutes? Park further along Bengoe Street and walk back to the shop. The junction of Bengoe Street and Tower Road is very dangerous, this is why the lines are there.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

Happy motoring!

Mike Pryce-Jones
Local Officer, Bengoe

Causes for Concern

I have been asked to draw your attention to the following:-

1. Dogs, both loose and on leads, are causing concern to many people because

of their natural, but insanitary habits, - in other words they are fouling the footpaths and the greens in our Estate.

It has been reported that some greens - and 'The Wick' was mentioned, - are actually being used for that purpose!

I have been asked to point out that to allow your dog to defecate on such places is an offence punishable by law!

2. Ball games are not allowed on the greens in the Estate for the very obvious reason that people are afraid for their windows.

Playing ball games in the middle of the street is dangerous. Please point out to your children that the Adventure Play Space is there for them to enjoy freely, with no danger to themselves or others.

3. Horses have been seen being ridden on footpaths and verges and I have been asked to point out that the 'Highways Act' which makes it an offence to allow fouling, also applies to horse riding. Horses should keep to the roads, on the left like normal traffic. Due care and attention must of course be paid to horses by normal traffic.

4. With the warm weather coming!? please remember to keep down the volume control on radios. A great deal of unnecessary annoyance is caused by thoughtless playing of radios - when cleaning or repairing a car for instance, people don't all share the same taste in music or want to have it forced upon them.

And now for the good news.

Congratulations Corner

First we must congratulate one of our members - Mr. Dukcevic - who not only had the nerve to enter the 'London Marathon' but also completed it, and in so doing raised a valuable sum of money for Bengoe School! Much needed, now more than ever.

Congratulations!

We are very pleased to hear that Mrs Micky Rippon who was seriously injured in a car crash last Winter is making a slow but steady recovery at home.

Let us hope that when Summer brings better weather it will also bring her a complete return to health.

Wedding Bells

In April, Melanie Watkins of 'The Avenue' married David Giskins at St. Mary's Church Hertingfordbury. She had two bridesmaids.

They were lucky with the weather, especially for this year, for the rain in the morning had stopped by the time the marriage took place.

The reception was held at Green End Park.

Melanie and David are now very busy renovating and redecorating their

house, and we all know how long that can take. Indeed, do you ever finish?

We wish them happiness in the exciting prospect of putting their own ideas into their own home.

They may like to know that everyone should ...

'Marry in April if you can
Joy for maiden and for man'!

In May, Valerie Waterfield of 'The Avenue' married Mr. Dale Wrangles at Holy Trinity Church. They had two bridesmaids.

The weather must be particularly kind to Molewood brides, for they also had rain early on which cleared up in time for the wedding.

The reception was held at Mayflower Place, Hertingfordbury, after which they left for a honeymoon in The Seychelles.

Fate works in strange ways, for it was when Valerie was visiting her brother in hospital after an accident, that she met Dale who was also visiting ...

The rest as they say is history.

We wish them both every happiness.

'Marry in the month of May
You will surely bless the day'.

We now have a fascinating article by Malcolm Moulding who has been delving into the Domesday Book, so called because it made people think of the ultimate Domesday when all would be called to account.

William the Conqueror wanted to know how much land was worth under him and how much it had been worth under Edward the Confessor.

Apparently Bengoe was a most important place nine hundred years ago, and of course it remains so today to all of us.

With apologies to Malcolm, I have had necessarily to abbreviate some of the entries.

Domesday Bengoe

1986 marks the 900th anniversary of our Domesday Book entry when Bengoe lands were recorded by William Is Commission as the lands of 'Belinghou'.

Before 1066 much of Bengoe's land belonged to thanes (King's soldiers). The land was measured in 'hides' or 'carucates', about one hundred and twenty acres, and these were subdivided into virgates - about thirty acres.

Most of the Saxon Overlords were dispossessed by the Normans. The greatest Saxon Overlord, Asgard the Staller, Master of King Edward the Confessor's horses, lost all of his, probably because he owned the most.

The Norman Overlords of Bengoe were extremely important people in the whole country - Hugh de beauchamp, Geoffrey de Bec, Count Alan of Brittany and Geoffrey de Mandeville. All had won their spurs and their lands at Hastings.

The disposition of holdings was as follows:-

'From the Domesday Book'

'Hugh de Beauchamp and two Knights held of the King in Belinghou (Bengeo) in the Hundred of Hertford six Hides for one Manor. The arable is eight Carucates, in Domesne (Lordship) two Carucates, and seven Villeins with six Bordars (small holders) having two Carucates, and now four may be made; there are two serfs and one Mill of six shillings and eight pence rent Meadow three carucates, Common of Pasture for the cattle of the Vill, Wood to feed twenty Hogs. In the whole value it is worth and was worth three pounds a year. In the time of King Edward (the Confessor) six pounds a year. Brand Huscard held this Manor of King Edward'.

The following entries are necessarily abbreviated.

'Howard held three Hides and one Virgate of Geoffrey de Mandeville in Belinghou. ... there are three Villeins, ... two Bordars; ... six Cottages and one Mill of ten shillings rent, Common for the cattle, wood to feed four Hogs ... valued at forty five shillings a year in the time of King Edward four pounds. Turchill a man of Asgard the Staller held this Manor.

Geoffrey de Bec (cousin of William the Conqueror) held five Hides and one Virgate for one Manor in Belinghou ... there are two Frenchmen born ... two Villeins with six Bordars having three Carucates ... four and thirty Cottages, Meadow two Carucates ... Pasture for the cattle and eight pence rent, Wood for Hedges ... worth one hundred shillings a year ... in the time of King Edward eight pounds. Anand Huscard held this Manor of King Edward.

Geoffrey de Bec held another six Hides and a half for another Manor ... there are four Knights having four Hides, ... two Villeins ... ten Bordars and five Serfs, Meadow three Carucates ... Pasture for the cattle, Wood to feed thirty Hogs, ... worth one hundred shillings ... in the time of King Edward eight pounds. Elaf a thane of King Edward held this Manor. Three Knights held one Hide, one Virgate and a half of Geoffrey, ... four Bordars, Meadow to feed four oxen, Wood for Hedges, ... worth twenty shillings a year, in the time of King Edward forty shillings.

Roger held five Virgates and a half of Geoffrey de Bec ... worth twenty shillings a year. Four Sokemen held this land ... they paid six pence by the year for rent to the Sheriff.

A certain Priest and a certain Frenchman born held three Virgates and a half of Geoffrey, ... worth five shillings a year, in the time of King Edward ten shillings and they paid two pence by the year to the Sheriff'.

This Domesday entry greatly exceeds that of Hertford Town. With manors extending from Hertford in the South to Royston in the North, Bengeo was more than double its present size. This remained until 1540 when Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries including the Monastery of the Knights Hospitallers at Tonwell which had been the Domesday manor of Geoffrey de Bec. Then Bengeo was cut in half.

Bengeo at Domesday was a rich agricultural land in a high state of cultivation and as such it attracted important Normans.

Only when manors declined did Belinghou lose the importance it held in the feudal age.

Now we have a first hand account of the earlier of our two highly successful dances this year - the Square Dance, organised by Fred Gutteridge and Brian Euler.

Square Dance

On a bitterly cold night in February, - snow falling heavily, - some eighty people made their way from Molewood to Richard Hale School for a 'Square Dance'.

Pete Skiffens, although suffering from a heavy cold battled his way through to the school and then battled his way through his cold to give everyone a demonstration of excellent 'calling'. By 8.30p.m. I think the caretaker could have turned off the central heating! Everyone was dancing and thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Fred and Brian had organised a hot supper at 10.00p.m. - either chicken and chips or fish and chips - but where was the van? It arrived a bit late having gone to another school and then getting lost in the snow storm! However the eats were piping hot and went down very well with all dancers.

It needed determination to start dancing again after food, but it was found.

A successful raffle took place during the supper break with eight good prizes won.

In fact I recommend a Square Dance for improving the circulation during very cold weather.

Many thanks to Brian and Fred!

Betty Hall

This next account is about the recent 'Spring Supper Dance' so ably stage-managed by Pam Lutner and Pat Knaves.

Super Supper Night!

About a tonne of 'Moles' converged on Bengoe Infants School on the night of the 19th April for the Spring supper 'bash' when a thoroughly good time was had by all.

Molewood residents, with guests from all corners of the globe, (and some even further than Rib Vale!), enjoyed a lively evening of games, victuals, wine and song - dancing was to the excellent music of the 'Cheetah' group, whose pre-recorded tapes were later purchased by a number of revellers. A cabaret and singalong were provided by 'Harry and May' with everyone joining in the 'Golden Oldies' going back to our Grandparents' times - and you can't go back much further!

There were competitions too - musical, guessing Beatles' tune titles, naming the advertisements adorning the walls and a Spring Hat Competition! Of course this last one inevitably brought contestants wearing hats made of ... SPRINGS!

For these and many spot dances there were prizes galore.

I'm told the singing was enjoyed by residents of Molewood ... Ware ... Glasgow!!

Chairman Trevor was given 'air' time when the bewitching hour was reached. He thanked the entertainers and all those who helped on the night, with special thanks to Pam and Pat for organising the whole event, including the food which began with freshly cooked lasagne and ended with home made trifles, jellies, cheesecakes and strawberry and raspberry meringue baskets!

The enjoyable participation by all was evidenced at one point when EVERY seat around the hall was empty - they were ALL on the floor!

A great fun evening.

Don't miss the next one!

Allan Streeton

Sacombe Road

You may remember that McLean's Homes wanted to build in Sacombe Road? This was turned down by East Herts Council.

McLean's immediately appealed to the Department of the Environment.

We are happy to be able to tell you that, thanks to strenuous efforts by the Committee and by many individuals writing their own letters of protest, this appeal has been turned down, on the grounds that the area lies within the Green Belt.

I think we should congratulate ourselves on this one!

The Mini Roundabout

You cannot have failed to notice that work has been carried out on two protruding corners of our mini roundabout beside the school.

We told them at the time and have kept on telling them, that the design was faulty.

Let us see how the new layout works.

Barbeque Evening

We are proposing to have another fun barbeque evening run on similar lines to last year's, including 'cooked awning and plates' at no extra cost, those who went will know to whom we refer!

It will be held at 'The Woodman, Public House', Chapmore End, on Saturday July 12th, at 7.30p.m. onwards. Anyone who knows the Pub will be familiar with the super gardens and play area at the back, ideal for a barbeque. The theme of the evening is very casual, with everyone donning chefs hats and helping to cook or burn the supper on purpose built barbeques. So come and join in the fun. Cost per person will be £3.00. Transport available if required. Names and numbers in party to:-

PAM LUTNER, 107, COWPER CRESCENT, HERTFORD 51329

Coach Outing, Sunday 7th September, '86

We are running a half-day leisurely drive around some of the beautiful countryside and unspoilt villages of Hertfordshire and Essex. We plan to stop at some of the villages to visit gardens, churches, museums, windmills, etc, and approximately half way through to have a picnic, possibly at Audley End, which has a fine Jacobean Mansion, with grounds and lakes designed by Capability Brown. It is open to the public and it would be up to you if you wanted to go in, as there is an entrance fee.

This promises to be a very interesting day out and sure to be popular so, although a fair way ahead, we need to have provisional names now as we have to confirm the coach booking.

Cost per head will be approximately £4.00 any entrance fees and picnic supplied by you if so desired.

Please give names and numbers in party to:-

PAM LUTNER, 107, COWPER CRESCENT. HERTFORD 51329

TREVOR COBB, THE AVENUE STORES. HERTFORD 51435

All that remains is for me to thank everyone who has contributed to this 'Outlook' making it, I think, one of the best yet.

Please do let me know if you have anything you would like to have included in the next edition in the Autumn; Clubs, Associations, Classes etc. and particularly good news - weddings, births, even passing the driving test!

I hope you all enjoy a very peaceful and 'summery' Summer.

Valerie Sutton
Newsletter Editor

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