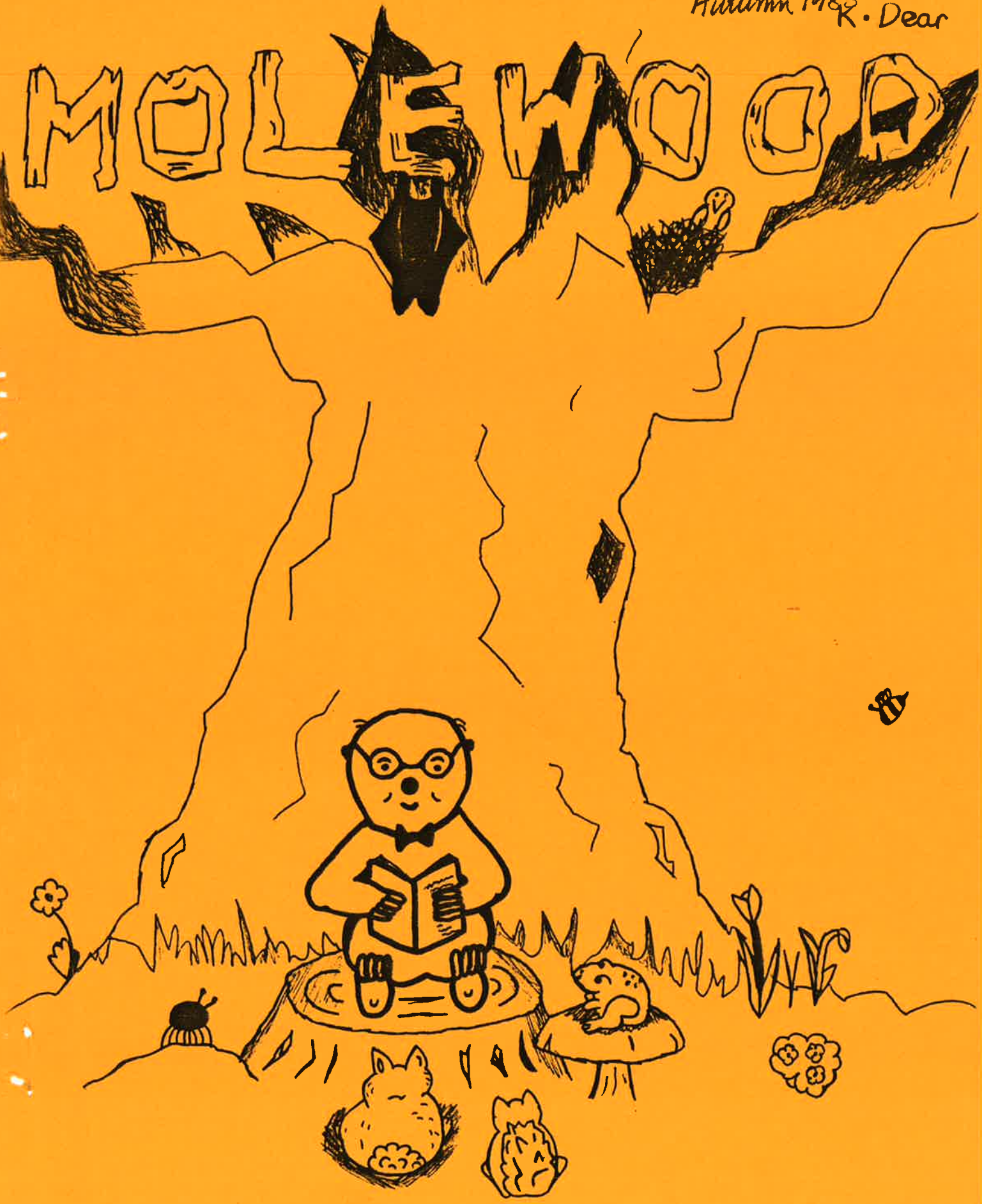
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(* - NEW MEMBERS)

Molewood Outlook

Autumn 1985

Thank you very much for all the kind remarks I have received on the last Newsletter. It was indeed a very heartening experience to be able to put together an edition so full of good news and hope. Alas, life does not remain on a 'high' for very long, and this time there are some 'Causes for Concern'.

However I hope they are outweighed by more items of 'Congratulations', and in welcoming all new members I hope that you will all find plenty to interest you in this, your Newsletter.

So here it is, the Big One, the edition with the extra supplement of useful information for all those living in Bengeo. It consists of up to date local government information, details of local churches, emergency telephone numbers, a list of local shops open on Sundays, half day closing and market days of the nearby towns, opening times for the Dump, local transport information and an extended list of local societies and clubs.

My thanks to all those who took the trouble to inform me of the details.

Some of these classes and clubs are for children, some for adults, most are held in Bengeo Parish Hall or Duncombe Hall as it is often called.

There are some well established groups such as the National Housewives Register, The Good Companions, Women's Institute, Tuesday Circle, Women's Fellowship, Workers Educational Association (W.E.A. for short) and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (R.S.P.B.), all of whom would like to extend their membership and would eagerly welcome new members.

It may be that you have just moved into the area, or perhaps you have lived here for years and never thought of joining one of these groups. Why not go along and visit? You would be made very welcome at all of them, with no obligation to join, and you might open up a whole new social life.

Other groups offer services, or are self-help groups, in which you may both contribute and receive help, such as the 'Mother and Toddler Club', 'Baby Sitting Group', 'The Fish Scheme' and 'Parents Anonymous Listening Service' (PALS). Yet other groups and societies are more physically active and aimed at the younger members of our community, - there are two dance classes, Janet Moy's and Pam Blyth's, Ladies Keep Fit', Herts Skating Club','Bengeo Tigers' (football), a 'Wildlife Group', 'East Herts Music Centre', the 'Youth Club', 'Cubs and Scouts', 'Brownies and Guides'.

For a comparatively small area we have a surprising amount going on.

Feel like joining in?

The Front Cover

The Jolly-looking mole on this edition's front cover (is he reading the 'Molewood Outlook'?) was drawn for us by Katharine Dear of Lodge Close, when she was twelve years old.

Katharine is very fond of animals - obviously - and shares her home with Rupert the cat, William the gerbil and a hamster, (apart from her family of course). Her main hobby is riding, preferably on her favourite horse Meg, and when she is not on a horse she loves reading about them.

She is also a keen Guide and enjoys camping, - perhaps that is where she has come into close contact with the small creatures in the picture?

Thank you Katharine!

The Baby Sitting Group

Some new members of our Association may not know of the useful baby sitting service that exists in Bengeo. The beauty of the whole scheme is that no money changes hands, so when estimating the cost of a night out you don't have to include a fee for the baby sitter.

It works on a points system - from 7.00p.m. to midnight, one point per hour, before 7.00 and after midnight two points per hour. All the members are mothers living nearby so you never have far to go to do a 'sit'. A record of points is kept in a log book which is passed around from one member to another every month so it is easy to check on how many points you have plus or minus.

It happens that several mothers who have been in the group for a number of years have recently left because their children are now of an age not to need sitters. Therefore there are some vacancies.

For further information please contact Mrs Gillian Harman 67 The Avenue., tel. Hertford 54771 who will be very pleased to tell you anything else you want to know.

'The Fish Scheme'

Every year when I draw up a list of all the local organisations that I know about or that people have told me about I include the 'Fish Scheme'.

In this edition however I am putting in rather more detail. It is a scheme that has been in operation for some time and called the 'Fish Scheme' because the fish was a symbol used by the early Christians. It is church based, but you don't have to be a church go-er to ask for help.

They will:-

Give a lift to hospital, to church or take for an outing,
Change library books; fetch medicines; shop.
Visit housebound people and older church members who are unable to get out.
Visit people living on their own after hospital discharge.
Visit a hospital patient who has no visitors.
Do jobs in homes of elderly or sick people.
Write a letter at dictation.
Fill up forms or witness signatures.
Sit with an invalid or handicapped child for an hour or two.
Look after children or baby-sit in an emergency.
Prepare a meal.

Provide overnight accomodation for hospital patient's relatives.
Care for pets for short periods.
Try to help in any emergency.

As you can see the range of activities is wide and varied and like all organisations offering a service, more volunteers would always be very welcome.

For further information please contact Mrs Ann Clifford, 54 Rib Vale, tel. Hertford 57833.

'The Youth Club'

Mrs Judy Stewart has asked me to issue an appeal for someone to come forward and offer to take over the running of the Youth Club.

She has been doing this important work for many years very successfully, but now feels that the time has come for someone else to take over as she wishes to allow more time for her own family.

The work is demanding of course, - being with children - but also very rewarding to anyone with initiative and energy. It is also paid, so if you are interested, Mrs Stewart 3, Lys Hill Gardens, tel. Hertford 57922 would be very pleased to hear from you.

'PALS'

This is a new entry in the Newsletter and stands for 'Parents Anonymous Listening Service'. The telephone number is not a Hertford one but I was given the details by a Molewood mother.

Everyone who has had children will appreciate that sometimes they can get on top of you, and what might seem like a smallproblem at one time can be just too much at another time. When this happens it is like having a life line thrown to you to know that you can pick up the 'phone and tell someone else - anonymously - all about it.

The group can also help with practical problems like transport and baby sitting too.

If you need their help the number is Welwyn Garden City 327541.

Also if you feel like volunteering to help, then 'PALS' would be very glad to hear from you and give you more information at the same telephone number.

Bengeo Past and Present

In the last 'Outlook' we had an article from Malcolm Moulding about the Water Tower. Now we have an equally fascinating piece on St. Leonard's Church.

Thank you Mr. Moulding, keep them coming in!

St. Leonard's Church

(lesser known facts)

St. Leonard's Church, at the end of the Warren Park, is one of the oldest churches in the South East of England. It is here, in the earliest part of Bengeo village that the true meaning of the name 'Bengeo' becomes apparent, for Bengeo is 'The Hill above the Beane', (Bengehoo in the sixteenth century). 'Hoo' or 'Hoe' means 'spur' or 'head of land'. On this spur, at some remote time, this piece of ground was consecrated.

The present church was built in about 1120 A.D. by one of the first Lords of the Manor of Bengeo, probably Geoffrey de Bech a knight of William the Conqueror. So it really is a Norman Church built by a Norman Lord.

Its flint-rubble walls are the main surviving part of the original 1120 building. The South door, however, is said to be even older, with signs of Saxon work, which suggest that it may have been rescued from an earlier wooden church of which no written records exist.

The Church is dedicated to St. Leonard of Noblac (d 559A.D.), who was the patron saint of prisioners, the sick and pregnant women. He is said to have delivered a child of the Queen of King Clovis of France, on a forest hunting trip, in the sixth century. As a reward the King founded the Abbey of Noblac in Leonard's honour.

Until a few years ago there were still old wooden grave markers in the grave yard, but these have now disappeared. The roof would originally have been thatched, and the church would not have had a belfrey, pews or seats.

The font, a Norman bowl on a modern base, was lost for many years during the nineteenth century, but turned up in 1905 in a garden at Trinity Grove where it had been used as a flower vase!

The communion cup and chalice, dated 1626, were given by Ann Fanshawe of Ware Park Manor on the occasion of the baptism of her thirteenth child Henry - who sadly died soon afterwards.

A hundred years ago Mr. Gosselin, then owner of Bengeo Hall, paid for the church to be repaired, as it was almost falling down. For some thirty years it had stood lonely, empty and derelict following the opening of the new Holy Trinity Church in 1855. His timely consideration saved the Church from a terrible fate.

During its restoration it was examined in detail by the esteemed St. Albans Archaeological Society. They found for the first time the remains of the cell of the monk, hermit or anchorite - call him what you will. This is said to have been originally a hut of wattle and daub attached to the Church walls. It is still a feature of the Church, although little now remains except a cavity behind panelling.

As well as this however, tiles were found, hand decorated with fleurs de lis, said to be the work of the fourteenth century 'Westminister Tiler' who tiled Westminister Abbey's Lady Chapel pavement.

It is also recorded that the ancient Church of St. Leonard was owned in early times by the Climiac monks of St. Saviours Abbey, Bermondsey. The chronicles of that Abbey state that Reginald de Tany, Lord of the Manor of Bengeo, Knight Crusader and High Sheriff of Herts and Essex granted it to them in 1156.

Sir Reginald fought in the Crusades and died about 1200. His seven hundred year old effigy still lies in St. Botolph's Church Eastwick, near Harlow, Essex. Here his Essex seat overlooked another little Norman Church very similar to St. Leonard's, at Little Parndon beside the River Stort.

And both his Churches still stand.

A Note of Warning

And now we have another article from our Bengeo Bobby P.C. Mike Pryce-Jones on a very sombre subject this time which has been much on all our minds lately.

Young Children at Risk - It happens in our area too!

Recently everyone must have been appalled at the fate of several young children who have either gone missing or been discovered dead in various parts of the country.

Prior to these outrages a degree of concern had been expressed that it was important to achieve a balance between protecting children by warning them not to go with strangers, and unduly frightening them.

The prevailing attitude I now see amongst parents, teachers etc. is that it has gone beyond that, and if necessary the risk of frightening the children must be taken, in order to try to get the kids to understand that there are real dangers in walking alone, or in taking sweets from strangers, or in getting into cars with strangers etc.

It is a complex problem getting across to a small child who a 'stranger' is, but I urge every parent reading this to sit down with their child and try to explain what can happen to them if they go off with someone they don't know.

Recent incidents have occured in which the offender was known intimately to the victim, but this is in a minority of cases as far as the general rule goes. (The whole problem of child abuse by parents etc. is outside the scope of this short article). I suggest that the main area of prevention in this type of case lies with relatives and close friends and such cases only come to light after these friends, relatives etc. have contacted an outside agency.

The more 'traditional' stranger who either assaultsor attempts to assault a young child is active in every area. Part of the problem lies in the fact that people are far more mobile these days.

The normal pattern is for a man (it is usually a man) to drive to an area where he is not known, seek out his victim, and then return to the anonimity of his own area. It is very difficult trying to trace many offenders, as young children, (especially after a frightening experience), often make poor witnesses.

Obviously the aim of the exercise is to try to educate children and prevent the opportunities from arising.

During the recent few weeks I have spoken to most of the children in their

classes together with their teachers but parents must reinforce the message.

A word now to your children may prevent a great deal of pain and suffering later on.

Finally, I have received numerous complaints recently of youths shooting air weapons in their gardens and making nuisances of themselves to their neighbours.

I must remind parents contemplating buying air weapons as Christmas gifts for their children that tight regulationsapply to the sale, ownership and use of such weapons. If advice is needed don't hesitate to contact me and I will offer such advice as is necessary.

The use of air weapons in your own garden can cause mush alarm and fear amongst neighbours, especially in highly populated estates such as the Molewood Estate where rear gardens back on to each other in many instances.

The complaints referred to, have now been resolved with the minimum of fuss and considerable co-operation by the parents involved but this problem is an annual one and doubtless will re-appear in one form or another.

M. Pryce-Jones Local Officer, Bengeo

Barbeque

Earlier this summer (summer?) a barbeque wasorganised by Pam Lutner at the 'Woodman' pub at Chapmore End. Despite the weather everyone enjoyed themselves.

There follows an entertaining account of the 'goings - on' by Allan Streeton!

Bar-b-que - Woolies and Wellies Night!

We WOULD like to tell you how you missed out on a balmy summer's evening spree of sub-tropical temperatures, cooled only by a slight breeze wafting across the gardens; of the moon shining out of a deep blue star-spangled sky .....

We would LIKE to ..... but ..... it was cold! ..... AND wet!

In fact, the first of the Association's social evenings in july brought with it the worst evening's weather Hertford had seen for ages - and that's saying something! But even this couldn't dampen the spirits of the dozen or so intrepid 'Moles' who ventured out into the uncharted regions of Chapmore End by twelve seater mini-bus - in two shifts!

The fine drizzle eased off after the second consignment arrived at the 'Woodman' when Chairman Trevor Cobb assumed control by donning a Chef's hat emblazened with the reminder - 'Bar-B-Que Boss!

The flames were soon leaping out into the cold night air as burgers, sausages, spare ribs and - at one point - a paper plate, sizzled away under

the plastic awning, thoughtfully provided by hosts Pip and Andy. The end result was enjoyed by all, together with side salad, and washed down by Greene King's beverages.

Later the rains returned with more persistance, driving everyone into the Public Bar where the second part of the evening went equally well. The bewitching hour of eleven saw the arrival of our 'coach' - sixteen seater this time, - which whisked us all through the rain-sodden lanes to our starting point - outside 'Avenue Stores'.

This convivial occasion in the M.R.A. calender was rounded off on the homeward journey with chatter and laughter and, almost, at one point, a sing-song.

But not quite!

After all, this is Bengeo, you know, AND Molewood at that!

Allan Streeton

Retirement

November 30th marks the retirement of Sid Holmes our Express Dairyman.

He has been delivery milk in Bengeo for some years now, and his cheerful smile which never varies, even in the most miserable weather, will be greatly missed.

He intends to devote his new found spare time to gardening, but more especially to his large model railway collection. He has thirteen locomotives including 'The Mallard', 'City of London' and 'City of Glasgow', and is looking forward to being able to complete his layouts. He has three children, one still at home who is also keen on model railways.

For the next few months, Sid will continue to get up at 3.00a.m. - it is a difficlut habit to break! When on holiday in Cornwall every summer he has the beach to himself in the early morning - the best part of the day. That must be one of the few advantages of having to get up early for the rest of the year. He and his wife might eventually move to Cornwall, which they love.

But whether or not they do, we all send them our very best wishes for the future.

Happy Retirement Sid!

The Trip to France

Brian Euler and Fred Gutteridge were the moving spirits behind the highly successful trip to Boulogne recently. Such an undertaking depends heavily on good planning beforehand, and this expedition obviously had that. It is hoped to arrange another trip to France sometime in the future.

Here is an enthusiastic account of the day.

Betty Hall

Bonjour Boulogne!

At 6.15a.m. on Saturday, 12th October, while the stars were still out and a thin crescent moon was in the sky, a coach left Bengeo bound for Boulogne with forty eight people on board.

After a break for coffee on the M2 we reached Folkstoneat 9.45 sailing on Sealink 'Horsa' at 10.30a.m., sea like a millpond and the sun shining.

A few people left the party at Boulogne, the rest of us going on to the macro market where we stayed for two and a half hours. It was horrendous! Hundreds of thirsty fellow-countrymen taking advantage of a special offer on the beer!

Left the market at 4p.m. with bottles clinking in the racks,and the boot of the coach loaded down with 'Stella Artois', 'Kronenberg', 'Kanterbrau' and no doubt other beers whose names I can't recall.

Two and a half hours in Boulogne enabled me, at least, to enjoy a delicious meal. Rejoining the coach at 7p.m. we boarded the 'Horsa' again and left at 8.15p.m. While we had been in France she had sailed to Folkstone and back.

Docked about 10p.m. through Customs by 11.00 and on our way back.

Bengeo reached by 1.00a.m.

Many thanks to Brian Euler and Fred Guteridge for organising such a successful trip.

Betty Hall

Causes for Concern

1. Attention has been drawn to the fact thatthe numbers on some houses are very hard to find or read. Perhaps they have been removed for painting and never replaced? This is not disastrous just irritating and easily remedied.

2. Now that the nights have drawn in may I take the opportunity to remind everyone, and especially people with children, about the importance of having adequate lights on bikes. It is essential to be seen as well as to see and most street accidents occur very close to home, - probably because people take less care if they are 'only going round the corner'.

3. We have had some complaints about loud radios - not only because windows have been left open with the radioor television turned up, but also from car radios playing very loudly while the cars are being washed or repaired! The trouble with noise polution is that you can't ignore it. If there is something you don't want to see, you can look away, but if there is something you don't want to hear, you can't deal with it so easily.

   And we don't all share the same taste in music.

4. The fourth cause for concern is street parking yet again. I will say little more here since it is the main subject of Trevor Cobb's article,

but I must draw attention to the problems of the 333 bus in Cowper Crescent.

So many times the poor driver has to slow down, sometimes even stop and wait for a car to be moved before he can get through.

Suppose it was a fire engine?!

A word from our Chairman

Here we are at the end of the worst summer on record but looking forward hopefully to a mild short winter. At least the damp weather has brought few local problems and has enabled us to concentrate on social activities. Plans are well ahead for a pantomime visit, a Barn Dance and a Spring Dance Party and it is hoped that these will draw more people into our activities.

On a serious note the main problem facing us at the moment is the amount of roadside parking on the estate, and this must be reduced to an absolute minimum.

There are times when our estate could be mistaken for Brands Hatch. Excessive speed is common place and cars parked on already narrow roads can make this area potentially very dangerous.

Almost every road on the estate is affected, but probably the Avenue, The Wick and Cowper Crescent are the worst.

Unless we wish our roads to have ugly signs, 'sleeping policemen' and yellow lines we really have to do something ourselves.

Members will have seen that planning permission for building an unspecified number of houses in Sacombe Road has been refused, and we of course made our feelings clear to the local council at an early stage. It pays to be vigilant where builders and planners are concerned - the 'oddball' roundabout and the speckled roof on Bengeo Street should serve as warnings.

On a long term basis it would be a good idea for the Association to establish future policy and we would like to consider various options prior to the A.G.M. next May and therefore any suggestions would be very welcome.

Meanwhile we can look forward to an interesting six months, and also to planning our 'Residents' Day'which we hope to hold next summer. This will be a typical old-style village Fete with sports and side shows.

I hope to see you at one of our functions in the near future.

Trevor Cobb

Congratulations Corner

Hertford Carnival

In September of this year Hertford held its annual Carnival and there were many entries in the competition to find a Carnival Queen and her attendants.

Of the three pretty girls eventually chosen, two were from Cowper Crescent!

They were Bernadette Ilett and Samantha Bradford.

I am sure that dressing up, sitting on the float waving to everyone, and of course meeting Keith Chegwin, they must have had a marvellous day that they will remember all their lives.

Congratulations Bernadette and Samantha!

Diamonds are Forever

There are two couples, both living in Cowper Crescent, to whom we send our congratulations, they are Mr. Reginald and Mrs Edith Layzell and Mr William and Mrs Queenie Purkiss. Both couples celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries recently.

Mr and Mrs Layzell were married on 19th September 1925 at the United Reformed Church in Enfield.

They first met when they were both sixteen years old and married six years later. Mr. Layzell remembers that the rain poured down on that day and made a great dinon the roof of the Church.

Apart from being the church organist for twenty-five years, Mr. Layzell became a Certified Accountant and Chartered Secretary, and met and worked for John Logie Baird in his early days. Later he started his own business in Ware selling stationery and toys.

Since retiring twenty years ago he has been fully occupied with other activities including driving and gardening.

Their family has multiplied over the years, and they now have six great grand children aged from six months to six years.

Mr. Layzell was also at one time the Chairman of the 'Molewood Residents Association'.

Mr. and Mrs Purkiss were married on 26th September 1925 at All Saints Church in Hertford. They met when they were both invited to tea by a mutual friend and have been together ever since.

Mr. Purkiss remembers that far from being late at the church he couldn't get there quick enough. They went to Shanklin on the Isle-of-Wight for their honeymoon, but have never been back there since!

In the First World War Mr. Purkiss served with the 'Herts and Beds. Regiment' and went abroad with them.

He entered the printing trade and for thirty-five years he taught at the Dr. Barnardo's School of Printing at Goldings. The couple have lived in or near Hertford all their married lives, and in Bengeo for the last twenty-one of them.

Since retiring twenty years ago, Mr. Purkiss has had more time to enjoy his main hobbies of bowling, and more especially nowadays, gardening.

Unfortunately neither Mrs Layzell nor Mrs Purkiss have been in the best of health lately, but this did not spoil their pleasure in receiving

congratulatory cards from the Queen. I am sure you will all wish to join with me in sending them our good wishes too.

Both couples put their success of their long marriages down to their willingness to co-operate, to give and take in their daily lives, helping each other and working together.

Many congratulations to both couples!

Pam in her Garden

Can there be anyone left who does not already know Pam Lutner and her garden?

She lives on the corner of Cowper Crescent near the shops, and if you did not see her garden this Summer then you have missed a treat, for it has been chosen as the 'Best Front Garden in Britain'!

Next stop, the World!

One of her prizes is £50 worth of bulbs. I wonder where she will find room to put them?

Very well done Pam, keep it up!

Trees

Concern was expressed a little while ago about some unstable trees at the ends of some Cowper Crescent gardens. These trees grew in the so-called 'public' part of the wood, and at first no one could be found with responsibility for them. However a way round this was discovered, thanks to Mr. Fred Church, and the Council have stepped in and cut down the offending trees.

It is a great shame to cut down trees but these were dangerous and had to go.

Pantomime Trip

There will be a visit to Harlow Playhouse to see "Jack and the Beanstalk" on Saturday, 18th January, 1986. Coach will leave the Avenue shops at 2.15 p.m. Tickets are £3 for children, £4.50 for adults. Unaccompanied children will be welcomed. Tickets are limited so please book early.

Name .....

Address ..... Tel. No .....

Please book ..... children ..... adult tickets for the Pantomime on 18.1.86

Cheque / cash ..... enclosed.

Betty Hall, 132 Cowper Crescent, Bengeo, Hertford. 56752

Are you sitting comfortably?

I know that many people have noted with pleasure the fact that the seat opposite the shops has been repaired. This seat, always useful for the elderly and particularly useful on Thursdays when the library van comes, has been out of use for too long.

However Brian Euler has now fully and robustly restored it, and his work is very much appreciated.

Many thanks Brian!

Membership List

You will find in this newsletter a complete list of the members of the Molewood Residents Association. This list will also be on display in the window of The Avenue Stores.

If you spot any mistakes, please let us know so that we can correct them.

Flower Display

We have Pam to thank for the lovely summer flower display outside the shops. She organised all the containers and planted them. Many favourable comments have been received.

Anything that improves the quality of life for as many people as possible is an excellent thing. Much of our (Committee) work on your behalf is not obvious - writing letters, telephoning, checking on plans etc, but here the results can actually be seen.

The tubs have now been replanted to give us all pleasure for a long time.

Autumn Garden Competition

The Garden Competition was judged in secret this year as usual. It was decided that two winners would be named, and they are, - first, Mr. Thomas McGuire of Cowper Crescent, (Mrs McGuire merely sweeps up!) and second, Mr. and Mrs A. McDonald of The Avenue, who are new members.

The prizes will be presented at the A.G.M. next Spring, but in the meantime please accept our hearty congratulations!

May I be the first to wish all of you a 'Merry Christmas'!

Valerie Sutton
Newsletter Editor

L O C A L I N F O R M A T I O N

Local Government

County — **County Councillor**

Mr. J.J. Forrester
397 Ware Road
Hertford.
tel. Hert. 52736

District — East Herts District Council

Local Councillors for Bengeo

Roger Martin 41 The Avenue tel. Hert. 56549	Jill Geall Anaga 47 Fordwich Rise tel. Hert. 53365	Martin Weale Bengeo Rectory Byde Street tel. Hert. 54537

Town — Hertford Town Council — The Castle, Hertford - Hert. 552885

Local Councillors for Bengeo

William R. Hunter 114 Duncombe Rd. tel. Hert.551920	Glenn H. Sexton 61 North Road tel. Hert. 56295	Martin Weale Bengeo Rectory Byde Street tel. Hert. 54537	Roger A. Martin 41 The Avenue tel. Hert. 56549

The County Council is responsible for:-

Airports policy	Police
Careers service	Public transport & coordination
Conservation	Record Office
Consumer protection	Refuse disposal
Education	Registration, births, marriages & deaths
Environmental health	Road safety
Fire Brigade	Small holdings
Footpath maintenance	Social services
Highways	Strategic planning
Libraries	Street lighting

The District Council is responsible for:-

Allotments	Local licences
Building regulations	Markets and fairs
Cemeteries	Museums
Clean Air Act	Off-street parking
Concessionary fares	Parks and open spaces
Electoral registration	Planning
Environmental health	Refuse collection
Food hygiene	Rates collection
Home safety	Rents
Housing	Sport and recreation
Land charges	Street cleaning

The Town Council is responsible for:-

Hertford Cemetery — Most allotments
Representing towns people re planning the future of Hertford.
Various grants to Societies for running expenses, prizes etc.
Anything to do with the Mayor.

The Mayor is Martin Weale
Bengeo Rectory
Byde Street
tel. Hert. 54537

As you can see many of these responsibilities over-lap, but we hope this information may be of some help.

The District Council's main offices

General Enquiry Office and Administration	Council Offices The Causeway Bishop's Stortford tel. B/S 55261
Planning	Wallfields Peg's Lane Hertford tel. B/S 55261
Technical Services	The Castle Hertford tel. B/S 55261
Health and Housing	99, and 103 New Road and The Priory tel. Ware 2291/61261
Leisure Services and Area Offices	Vale House Cowbridge tel. B/S 55261

'Emergency' numbers (apart from 999 calls)

Hertford Police Station	Hertford 57711
Hertford County Hospital	Hertford 52275
East Herts Hospital Gallows Hill	Hertford 58282
Veterinary Surgeons	Ware 68874 - they have a surgery in Ware, one in Buntingford and one in 77 Fore Street Hertford. The tel. no. is the same for all of them.
Library	Hertford 53487
Electricity Board	01-366-1112
Gas Board	Harlow 29571 after office hours Potter's Bar 51234
Water Board	Harlow 20081 after office hours 65797
Citizens Advice Bureau	Hertford 51441
Trading Standards Officer	Hertford 556799
Careers Service	Ware 4913
Social Services Dept.	Hertford 556364

Churches

Catholic Church The Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph

23 St. Johns Street, Hertford. tel. Hert. 52109
Rt. Rev. Monsig. E.T. Bassett & Rev. J. Kearney

Mass Times:	Saturday	6.15 pm
	Sunday	8.30 am
		10.30 am, 6.30 pm

Holy Trinity, Bengeo Parish Church

Bengeo Street
Rector Martin Weale: Bengeo Rectory, Byde Street.
tel. Hert. 54537

8.00	Holy Communion
9.30	Parish Communion (creche avail.)
11.00	(4th Sunday only) Family Service
11.00	(all other Sundays) Sunday School
6.30 pm	Evensong

Some services at St. Leonards during Summer months.

Baptist Church

Port Hill, Hertford.
Rev. Dr. M.J. Collis, The Manse, 18 Westfield Road, Bengeo, Hertford.
tel. Hert. 52761

Main Sunday Services:

11.00	Morning Worship (also Sunday School, Covenanters, and Creche)
6.30 pm	Evening Worship

United Reformed Church

Cowbridge, Hertford.
Rev. Paul C. Snell, The Manse, 18 Grange Close, Hertford.
tel. Hert. 53227

Main Sunday Services:

10.30	Family Church (creche & Junior Church avail.)
6.30 pm	Evening Service

(Holy Communion - 1st Sunday morning
3rd Sunday evening)

Healing Service 3rd Sunday evening Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov.

Methodist Church

Ware Road, Hertford.
Superintendent Minister: Rev. Brian Gameson
The Beeches, 104 Ware Road, Hertford.
tel. Hert. 53644

11.00 Morning Worship & Junior Church (creche avail.)
6.30 pm Evening Worship

Public Transport - Bus & Coach

Local Information contact:

Enquiry Office
Hertford Bus Station
tel. Hert. 53445

or:

Bus Garage
Fairfax Road
Hertford
tel. Hert. 52281

A comprehensive timetable for the Hertford & Harlow area is published by London Country, also including other operators' services - available from the bus station, bus garage, public libraries and some newsagents.

Route 333

The first two coaches from Hertford to Molewood are at 7.59 and 8.47, after that they run at 13 mins past each hour.
The return runs from the Avenue shops at 23 mins past each hour. The last bus from Hertford is at 18.13 pm returning from The Avenue at 18.23.

Public Transport - Rail

Local Information

Hertford East (for services to Liverpool St. etc.)
tel. 52521

Hertford North (for services to Moorgate and to Letchworth, etc.)
tel. 52768
or tel. Welwyn G.C. (923) 33741 - talking timetable

Stevenage (for mainline services to the North East etc.)
tel. Stevenage (90) 66666

Hertford North)
Stevenage) London enquiry bureau (01) 278 2477

The Dump

	April to September	October to March
Mon. - Sat.	8.00am to 7.00pm	8.00am to 4.00pm
Thurs.	Closed	Closed
Sun.	9.00am to 4.00pm	9.00am to 4.00pm

The Dump is on the left side of the B1001 Watton Road after the Wadesmill roundabout going towards Ware.

The Bottle Bank is behind the main Post Office in Fore Street just in front of the Multi-storied Car Park. This of course is open all the time.

Local shops open on Sundays

The Avenue Stores	morning
Newsagents, The Avenue	"
Spar, Bengeo Street	"
Bengeo Stores, Crouchfields	"
Bengeo Garden Centre	all day

Half day closing and market days

	Half day	Market
Hertford	Thursday (some shops stay open)	Saturday
Ware	Thursday	Tuesday
Stevenage	Wednesday	Fri/Sat
Harlow	Wednesday	Fri/Sat
Welwyn G.C.	Wednesday	-
Hoddesdon	Thursday	Wednesday
Hatfield	Thursday	Wed/Sat

Local Organisations, Clubs and Classes

Bengeo Cubs & Scouts

Cub waiting list - please contact Mrs Jo Wareham
15 Woodhall Close

2nd Bengeo Scout Group, Watermill Lane

Monday	Badger Cubs
Tuesday	Venture Scouts
Wednesday	Bumbles Cubs
Thursday	Beaver Cubs
Friday	Scouts

Bengeo Brownies & Guides

Acting District Commissioner
Miss D. Hynds
16 The Drive
Hertford 52450

Bengeo Youth Club

Mrs Judy Stewart
3 Lys Hill Gardens
Hertford 57922

Every Wed. 7.00pm. Age 3rd year Juniors upwards. Bengeo Parish Hall.
- 9.00pm

Bengeo Tigers

Tony Betts
42 The Wick
Hertford 53952

Football for boys from 6 to 16

Youth Wildlife Group

Mrs A. Webb
31 Cedar Close
Hertford 51189

For children from 7 to 14 yrs. 2nd Wed. every month 5.45 - 7.15pm
Bengeo Parish Hall

East Herts Music Centre

Miss J. Middlemiss
Herts County Music School
Westfield House
West Street
Hertford 555957

Classes held in Bengeo Junior School include aural work, movement and group instrumental work.
For children from 7 to 11. Every Wed. 6.00 - 8.00pm.

Mother and Toddler Club

Mrs Perry
10 Cowper Crescent
Hertfprd 54798

Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Bengeo Parish Hall. All mothers with preschool children welcome.

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Mr. John Harrold
11 Longwood Road
Hertford 53713

Second Monday in every month. Bengeo Parish Hall. Talks in the winter, walks in the summer.

W.E.A. (Workers Educational Association)

Mrs J. Begg
1 Westfield Road
Hertford 54079

Tuesdays 10.00 - 11.30 am. Sept. to March in Bengeo Parish Hall.

National Housewives Register

Gillian Norman
67 The Avenue
Hertford 54771

Informal and interesting evening meetings including discussions and talks are held in members own homes.

Bengeo Women's Institute

Mrs June Smith
15 The Drive
Hertford 53168

Interesting speakers and demonstrations, new members and visitors very welcome. 3rd Monday in every month. Bengeo Parish Hall.

Bengeo Good Companions

Mrs Norman
The Cedars
Bengeo Street
Hertford 52020

Monday afternoons 2.15 - 4.15pm. Bengeo Parish Hall. Many social activities ranging from a cup of tea and a chat to interesting outings for those who are sixty and over. All new members very welcome.

Women's Fellowship

Mrs Martin
13 Russell Street
Hertford 558883

Third Thursday in every month 2.45 in Bengeo Parish Hall. Interesting speakers and also outings.

Ladies Tuesday Circle

Mrs Daphne Graves
54 Glebe Rd.
Hertford 558797

First Tuesday in every month 8.00 - 9.30 pm in Bengeo Parish Hall. Speakers and also fund raising for charity, a yearly party for the handicapped.

Bengeo Fish Scheme

Mrs Ann Clifford
54 Rib Vale
Hertford 57833

Voluntary Aid - visiting the housebound, transport to hospital etc. Mrs Clifford would be pleased to hear from anyone prepared to act as a driver for the Fish Scheme. This would be entirely at your convenience and not in any way a regular commitment.

Janet Moy's School of Dancing

Janet Moy
18 Desborough Close
Hertford56645

Ballet for girls and boys aged 3 upwards.
Saturdays and some evenings.

Dancing Classes

Pam Blyth
1 Lys Hill Gardens
Hertford 51537 & 51560

Ballet, modern and tap dancing. Tap class for men.

Ladies Keep Fit with Yoga

Mrs Smits
Cedar Lea
Low Hill
Royden, Nr. Harlow
Hoddesdon 814 68720

Classes held in Bengeo Parish Hall, Monday mornings. 9.30 - 10.45am.

Molewood Baby-Sitting Group

Mrs Gillian Harman
67 The Avenue
Hertford 54771

A group run by mothers of children young enough to need 'sitters', and organised so that a sitter can always be found when you need one, on a points system.

PALS

Parents' Anonymous Listening Service tel. Welwyn Garden City (0707) 327541

A confidential and friendly listening service for parents under stress.

Herts Ice Skating Club

Barry Slade
29 The Wick
Hertford 57208

All ages welcome to join in the monthly skating trips. Coach picks up at Hertford Bus Station. For further details of Club Membership contact Barry Slade at the above address.

Yellow Pages

Equipment for Hire

Extension ladder Aluminium with easy reach	£1.00 per week)	
Car ramps	10p " day)	Hertford 57285
Jump leads	")	
Battery charger	")	Hertford 51329
Preserving pan	")	Hertford 56479
Tree pruner (6' lightweight)	")	
Bulb planter	")	
Lawn spreader	")	
Lawn roller	")	

Typing

Mavis Bishop — 24 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 56292

Typing for the duplicating service or otherwise.

Bengeo Parish Hall, Duncombe Road

Bookings and enquiries

Church Hall Secretary

Gillian Cordingley — 14 Boundary Drive — Hertford 56854

Home Selection Pottery Parties

Eileen Rosier — 89 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 58530

Free Advice on all Insurance Matters

Molewood Insurance and Financial Services

Allan Streeton — 22 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 56217

Life Assurance, Pensions, Annuities, Investments, Mortgages - new, and conversions from Ordinary to Endowment, also Re Mortgages.

Cycle Repairs

Graham Hicks Cycles — Brockett Road, Hoddesdon
Garry Lutner — 107 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 51329
Graham Hicks — Dane End 457

Graham Hicks Cycles, 89 Burford Street, Hoddesdon.
Repairs by experienced cycle mechanics - on the spot repairs - fully reconditioned cycles for sale - cycles built to order plus orders taken for new ones - part exchange - accessories - collection and delivery - wheel building - BMX gears and parts.

Car Lifts

If you are elderly, infirm or otherwise housebound and need transport to or from Hertford - for a visit to Castle Hall for instance, please contact a Committee Member who will arrange a free lift for you.

We would also be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to offer their help.

Suggestion box

Inside the Avenue Store on the left is an attractive, blue-flowered Suggestion Box, just waiting for comments from our members.