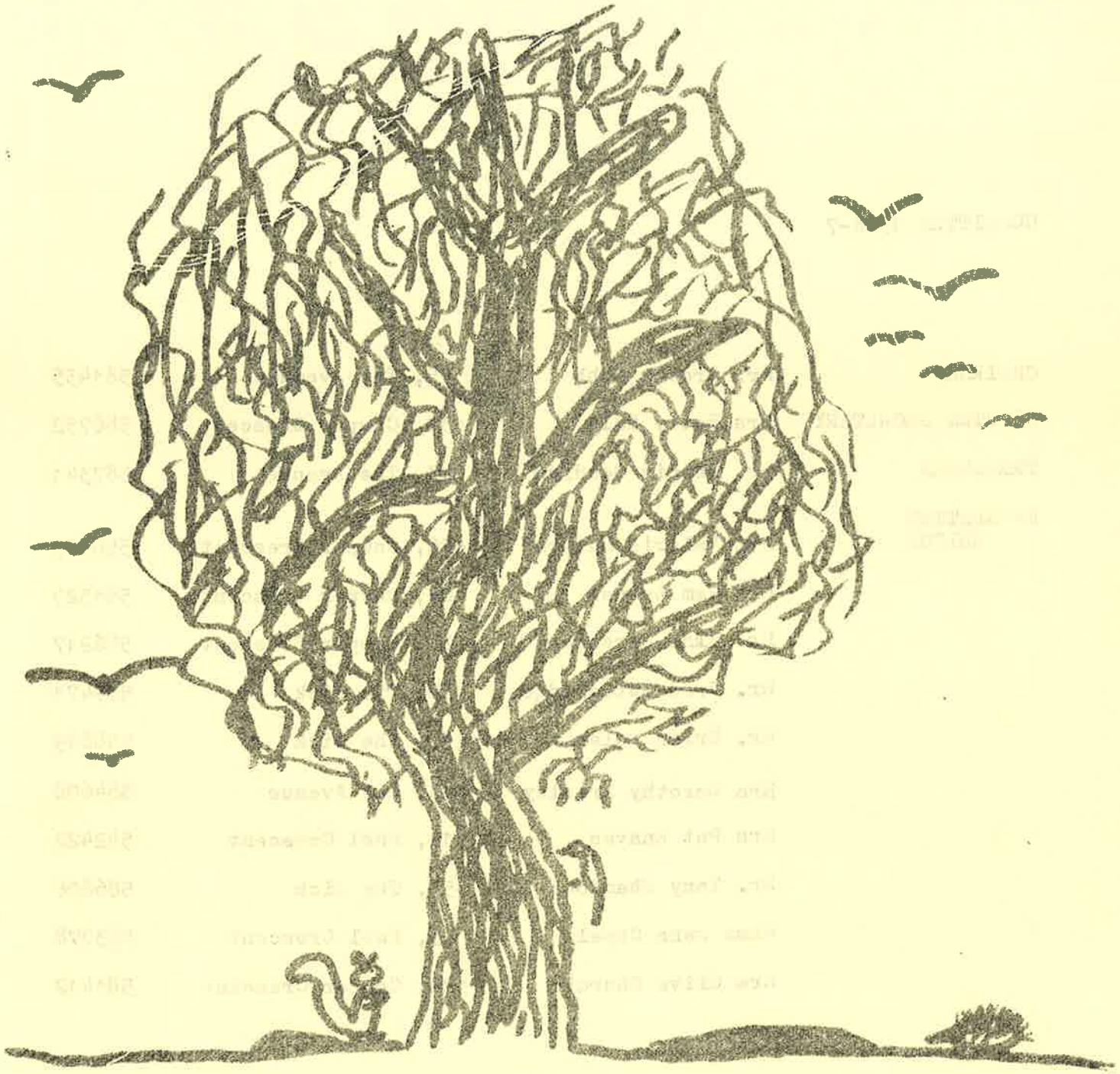
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MOLEWOOD OUTLOOK

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Autumn 1986

In the last Newsletter I wished you all a Summery Summer! How wrong could I be? However we have had a lovely Autumn so I suppose we should be grateful for that.

This edition is the annual 'big one' in which I put all the extra information I can gather that is relevant to our area. In the Green Pages you will find up to date information about our Local Government and this is checked in the Castle Offices every year. Then we have emergency or useful telephone numbers, followed by details of six churches of different denominations.

You will also find the opening times of the Dump which I am glad to say is very busy, especially at weekends. Take your rubbish and meet your friends! Unfortunately some rubbish is still being dropped in Sacombe Road despite the availability of the official Dump. It doesn't even close on Thursdays now!

The list of local Organisations, Clubs, Groups and Classes is as comprehensive as I can make it, but it may be that you know of something going on that should also be included. If this is so then a note in my door - 106, Cowper Crescent, or in the Suggestion Box in Trevor's shop, will do nicely.

Incidentally 'Bengeo Good Companions' need helpers for preparing and serving teas. This means being called upon every four or five weeks. Also, any drivers willing to take and bring back members from Bengeo Parish Hall on Monday afternoons would be very welcome.

The 'Women's Fellowship' is having a Christmas Bazaar at the Parish Hall on 6th December and hope to make it a great success.

I should be very pleased to receive any short articles from anyone running these various groups, perhaps an account of a particular event, or a description of a typical meeting. As before, put it in my door or in 'The Avenue Stores', but please write about something that has already happened rather than a forthcoming event as I cannot be precise about publication dates.

We also have the by now familiar items - 'Trevors Talk', a word from our new policeman P.C. Mark Harrigon and Malcolm Moulding's latest historical research, this time into the origins of some of our street names.

Our 'Neighbourhood Watch Scheme' is well established and we have a report on that.

We also have the results of the 'Autumn Garden Competition'!

All this and much more.

Now read on ...

The Front Cover

The picture on the front cover was chosen for this edition because of its windy autumnal feel, and was drawn by Christopher Sutton of Cowper Crescent when he was twelve years old.

Christopher enjoys reading, espedially Tolkien's 'Lord of the Rings' and

stories about King Arthur. He is a member of 'The Tolkien Society' and recently was allowed to take part in some sword fighting!

His other interests include his racing bike and his radio controlled car, which he is building himself.

He has two pet mice called Pickle and Pepper who live in his room. The house is also shared by Summer and Shadow, his sister's mice, and Piskie and Petherick, two cats who don't seem at all concerned about the mice! Thank goodness!

Thank you Christopher!

The Barbeque

Our barbeque which took place earlier this year should have been held on a warm Summer evening. Unfortunately our Great British Summer did not materialise until late September.

My recollections of the barbeque at Chapmore End have become rather diluted by rain, rain and more rain.

During that soggy day all concerned wondered if the rain would ease up by the evening. But as the day progressed it poured even harder.

The dedicated members of our Residents Association did turn up although I must say even I was tempted to stay at home in front of the television. Nevertheless, armed with waterproof clothing and wellies, and huddling together under plastic sheeting we made a huge success of an evening that could have been a disaster. Thank goodness we had the plastic sheeting above the barbeque grills and also parasols, but the food made up for a lot by being brilliant.

Perhaps next year we could consider a short notice barbeque (first sunny Saturday?) or wait until the end of September and have a 'harvest eat out'?

Only joking folks!

Tony Shaddock

As many of you will have noticed we have a new 'Bengeo Bobby'! P.C. Mark Harrigon has taken over from P.C. Mike Pryce-Jones and he introduces himself in this next article.

On your behalf I gladly welcome him to our Estate, which forms just a part of his beat, and hope he will have a tranquil and peaceful time while he is with us!

P.C. Mike Pryce-Jones has left to move to new duties and we thank him for his interest in us and hope he enjoys his new life and doesn't miss us too much!

We may still see him in his capacity as Crime Prevention Officer.

In the meantime ...

Who is the new 'Local Officer'??

Well, it's P.C. Mark Harrigan, from Hertford Police Station, and may I take this opportunity to say 'Hello' to those of you that I have not yet seen.

I took over the beat on the 1st October 1986, replacing P.C. Pryce-Jones, who is now working as the Crime Prevention Officer, at Hertford Police Station.

I have three years service with the Hertfordshire Police, all of these stationed at Hertford, where for the last year, I have been doing various sectional duties, including driving cars, pedal cycling, walking and inside duties.

Firstly, to crime in the Bengeo area

Things have been fairly quiet lately and long may this continue.

One recent theft, from a motor car, parked outside an address in Duncombe Road, Bengeo, on the 1st October 1986, resulted in the loss of about £500 worth of camera equipment.

Please be aware, property should not be left in cars unattended, no matter for what period of time.

If you have to leave property in the car, put it in the boot, out of sight.

You've been warned time and time again. It's your property, please look after it.

'Neighbourhood Watch'

Things are going very well at the moment, thanks to all those concerned in the Bengeo area, including co-ordinators and house-holders alike.

Please remember to display your 'Neighbourhood Watch' stickers in your windows. This does deter would-be thieves.

Hopefully, by the time this Newsletter is distributed, the signs for the lamposts will be up and clearly visible to everybody coming into the 'Neighbourhood Watch' area.

Security Markers

A limited number of pens are now available for use in marking your personal property. I understand that Trevor, from the local grocery shop, has kindly agreed to sell these pens, on behalf of the 'Molewood Residents Association'.

A few tips about using these security markers:-

1. Mark your property in a concealed area.
2. Test the surface you intend to write on, making sure it is clean.
3. Mark your property, where it is least likely to be handled, to prevent accidental erasure.
4. Do not mark in areas that will, or maybe exposed to sunlight, as the markings will fade.
5. When marking your property please use your postcode and house number, this alone will help us identify property.
6. Having marked your property, write out a checklist, stating what has been marked, where it is marked and any model or serial numbers you may have.

Extended Fixed Penalty Scheme

Thisscheme came into effect on the 1st October 1986.

A non-endorsable (white) ticket, will cost £12.00. An endorsable (yellow) ticket, £24.00 and licence endorsed with the appropriate number of penalty

points in relation to the offence.

Some people think these are 'On-the-Spot' fines. They are not and no police officer or traffic warden will take any money from you in relation to fixed penalty tickets. The fine is to be sent to address as stated on your part of the ticket.

That's all for this Newsletter, hoping to see more of you in the not too distant future.

Regards!

P.C. Mark Harrigon

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Update

Further to P.C. Mark Harrigon's notes as already mentioned, the last few months have been very quiet within our own Neighbourhood Watch area, not so the lower part of Bengeo which has suffered quite a bit from various crimes. Hopefully our 'peace' is because we are gradually getting a strong neighbourliness in our Estate. People are more ready to report unusual happenings and are really making Neighbourhood Watch work.

Keep up the good progress.

A few extra 'dos' and 'don'ts' from the police.

1. It has been reported and noted that quite a few garage doors are left open for hours at a time. This is a very careless habit as, more often than not, garages contain tools - ladders etc. - in fact the very things to use to get into your own house the easy way. If you are not worried, then your neighbour may not be too happy. So please remember don't make it easy for thieves, close that door and lock it!

2. Don't leave it too long to report even the slightest incident - 'phone immediately - however insignificant you may think it is. Either 'phone the Police Station or your nearest Deputy Co-ordinator.

3. Please be especially observant in the coming winter months with the dark nights. With Christmas on the way everyone will be buying presents soon - thieves like presents too! Free ones!

I hope very soon to be able to put up the Neighbourhood Watch signs on the approach roads to the Estate. Everything has been done at our end including getting full police approval, and we have just received consent from the District Council.

Please remember it is very important to display the red triangular sticker in your window.

There have recently been one or two attempts to break in to the rears of houses backing on to the Pit. These attempts were made in the day time but fortunately were disturbed by neighbours.

Some houses are more at risk than others - if the gardens are backed by woods for example. Let us also not forget cat flaps! Even a few minutes can be long enough for someone determined to get in, grab what he can, and get out again if you make it easy for him.

Trevor Cobb and I have a supply of special security markers pens - fine tip 75p and broad tip 85p.

Deputies

Allan Streeton	22, Cowper Crescent	586217
David Hall	132, Cowper Crescent	586752
Brian Euler	52, The Wick	558619
Pat Brooks	27, The Avenue	587809
John Andrews	96, The Avenue	586028
John Franks	11, Peel Crescent	582028
Edith Ruggles	17, Lys Hill Gardens	558549
Roger Sapin	35, Woodhall Close	550342
Janet Moy	18, Desborough Close	586645
Rosemary Swallow	Bengeo Wick, The Orchard	582758

Co-ordinator Pam Lutner, 107, Cowper Crescent 581329

The only part of the Estate not represented in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is Lodge Close as we hope to have someone from Molewood very soon. Do we not have anyone in Lodge Close interested? Please could someone come forward from that area? There is not a lot of work to do - only encourage people to help each other.

Could we also please have another volunteer from The Wick to help Brian Euler?

Thankyou.

A happy and safe Christmas and Winter!

Pam Lutner
Co-ordinator

And now, two 'Causes for Concern' from Pam:-

1. During my various committee and work commitments I often have to call on houses within the Estate. It disturbs me rather to find some people are still not security minded yet. I have found access would have been very easy if I had so wished, with keys left in locks, doors open or on catches and windows left open. In fact exactly what thieves are looking for! Please be more careful when going out, it really only takes a few minutes to check, surely your property is worth it?

2. With the onset of Winter and dark nights it is essential that bicycles are fitted with proper rear and front lights as required by law. There are a number of teenagers and a few adults riding home and around the Estate with no lights displayed. This is very dangerous, especially if wearing dark clothing and no reflective garments.

   Surely a life is worth more than the cost of two lights?

Pam Lutner

Bengeo Youth Club

Our new Youth Leader, Vicky Wales and her husband Peter (a teacher at Chingford and a banker respectively) have come to live in Lys Hill Gardens. We hope that they will prosper and enjoy living in Molewood.

The Club meets each Wednesday at the Church Hall, Duncombe Road, 7-9p.m. At the moment the age range is 10 - 15. The Club offers a wide range of games - pool, snooker, darts, table tennis, there is T.V. and a stereo, also the library visits the Hall. Cost of admission is 30p per meeting.

Betty Hall

To whom it may concern, a word of appreciation

In the Summer issue of our 'Molewood Outlook' Newsletter we were reminded that the Reverend Colin Weale will have been Rector of the Bengeo Holy Trinity Church for twenty five years this year.

This is a personal tribute to Mr. Weale.

Most of us do not go to church - others only rarely when we feel the need. Recently many of those who were married in the Church enjoyed a reunion organised for them. It is proposed that shortly all those parents whose children were baptised at Holy Trinity will be approached and new comers to the parish will be visited. This involves a lot of hard work - and displays a very caring attitude.

You may never - or very rarely - go to church. If so, you will perhaps be surprised to receive a visit from Mr. Weale when you find yourself in hospital, or when you or your family are in trouble. This has been the experience of many people on the Estate and no doubt there will be many more.

None of us knows what lies ahead.

How comforting it can be, for example, when we suffer a bereavement, to find that our Rector will welcome us to a Holy Burial Service in his Church whether or not he knows us personally, and will do all he can to ensure that the Service will show his understanding of, and concern for, our feelings at this time.

In this, as in so many ways we are very fortunate. Although this is addressed to the majority of people who, like me, for whatever reason, do not attend the local church - perhaps because they attend another one - many of us feel that Mr. Weale's Twenty Fifth Anniversary, co-inciding as it does with the Estate's twenty five years, should be marked appropriately.

Holy Trinity is a beautiful old Church. As the doors are kept open all day - despite a recent burglary - we can all enjoy its tranquil atmosphere if and when we want.

The walls however are badly in need of repair, the lighting in the Chancel needs to be replaced and there is dry rot in the Choir Stalls. It is also hoped that the Church may be flood lit.

There is a Church Restoration Fund.

Autumn is upon us and Winter looms. There are so many demands upon our time. A peaceful interlude spent in the Church or strolling round the ancient churchyard can be a soothing and thought provoking experience.

We are always welcome.

A Molewood Resident
(name and address
supplied)

Malcolm Moulding has been looking into the origins of some of our street names and has come up with some very interesting information ...

Some Bengeo Street Names Speak to Us

"I am Cowper Crescent. I was built twenty three years ago and am related to an Earl - Earl Cowper of Panshanger, who was MP for the Hertford

Division about a hundred years ago. The Earl lived in a huge gothic mansion on his country estate near Hertingfordbury. He was visited by Queen Victoria and other members of the royal household, who admired his renowned art collection and tropical hothouse plants. He was descended from the well-known Cowper family of Cole Green, one of whom was a judge. With the Earl of Salisbury, Earl Cowper did a lot for the good of Hertford. His lasting monument is the church of St. Andrews, rebuilt at his expense in 1869. He asked for the spire to be made to look like Salisbury Cathedral and it was called "The Salisbury Spire".

"I am Desborough Close. I am a branch of Cowper Crescent like Lady Desborough, who was the niece of Earl Cowper, and inherited his estate. During World War Two she took time off her community work and the social round to throw open the mansion for soldiers to be billeted there. She uncomplainingly allowed them to go up the sweeping marble staircase in hobnail boots, and stack their kit and billy-cans in the one hundred or so sumptuous guest rooms or corridors. She manned a tea urn in the great velvet-draped banqueting hall, which was used as their canteen. Her picture hangs in Richard Hale School entrance porch".

"I am Woodhall Close, named after Woodhall Park the home of the Abel Smith family for two centuries. The big house in the Park replaced another burned down in a great fire. The finest timbers from Woodhall were taken as cutwaters for Nelson's fleet. A hundred years or so ago Robert Abel-Smith was Bengeo's best-known benefactor, who later lived at Goldings in Waterford (Waterford was part of Bengeo parish until 1908). He financed the building and furnishing of Holy Trinity Church, Christ Church, Port Vale and the Chapel at Tonwell. Christ Church was demolished in 1969. The beautifully-shingled St. Michael and All Angels Church, Waterford with its fine lychgate and the nearby almshouses he also had built. He provided land for Bengeo Reformatory (Crouchfield), for one hundred boys in 1846, the foundations for Tonwell and Bengeo schools and purchased the tithes of St. Leonards after the Tithe Commutation Act. He also diverted the main A602 road away from the flood-prone Beane meadows, built the Goldings-Molewood relief canal and several bridges which still carry the main road from Hertford to Stevenage, and allowed the Great Northern Railway across his land, all of which works survive to this day. Robert Smith's charity is stamped decisively on the parish of Bengeo, the only known public record being the insription of his name on the lych gate at Holy Trinity Church".

"I am The Wick. Long ago I was part of the woodland owned by Mr. Emmott, an old gentleman buried in a vault at St. Leonards. He had a large house known as "Benwick Hall" with orchards and vineyards sloping up through Redland gravel pits from Bull's Mill. This house was pulled down long ago, but a coloured hand-drawn map was made of the estate which showed a vine-yard on its slopes. Adjoining "The Wick", Sacombe Road dates back to Roman times, and the fork in the main road near the schools also dates back to that period. A British trackway from Bulls Mill to Shephall was discovered in 1900. Bulls Mill is the site of an ancient British settlement, and "Benwick Hall" may have stood on the site of an Anglo-Saxon homestead.

"I am Lodge Close". "Bengeo Lodge" stood on my land for more than a century, the garden summerhouse was near the entrance road from The Drive. It was a large house with stables and wings. You can still see parts of the old "Lodge" garden wall in present-day back gardens, and some of the servants' cottages scattered about near Bengeo Street Service Station. A faded stone plaque in the wall states "Wedgewood lived here", a reference to the China-making family, one of whom was an early owner. More well-known to us locally was Major Woodhouse, the last owner, who was still living there in 1970 at the age of 88. It was not unusual to hear the sound of his piano playing each morning, and he enjoyed a glass of fine wine, of which he was a connoisseur. That comes as no surprise for his family owned the Marsala Wine Company of Sicily. As a young Edwardian

gentleman he had friends in high places, even royalty. But his experiences and wounds as a First World War Cavalry Officer in France and Gallipoli changed his view of life, as it did for many of his generation. Convalescing at home from wounds received during the great war, he could often be seen directing uniform Horse trials on the field at the back of "The Lodge" (now The Drive). For the rest of his long life he served the community of Bengeo and Hertford, particularly Ware Park Hospital Board, on which he was chairman for many years.

"We are the Molewood Estate, sharing the ancient name "Great Molewood, Little Molewood, and Molewood Road", which are referred to as "Mole Wood" in documaents dated as long ago as the 16th century.

The origin of this mysterious name is uncertain, but it applies principally to a woodland area north of Hertford, which is now much smaller in size than it was previously. It may have monastic origins, for the Knights Hospitallers owned much of the surrounding land before the Reformation, and St. Albans Abbey owned a considerable part of Waterford Marsh. Its woodland once extended into Bengeo as far as Port Hill estate.

Residents of Molewood Estate are in a small way close to the former tillers of the ground on which their houses are built, which was worked as strips in the medieval open field. The Lords, bordars and cottars mentioned in the Domesday Book also valued this estate highly, and we known why - for the Molewood Estate is built on their "West Field".

Malcolm Moulding

Cancellations

It is with regret that I have to announce that both the 'Dick Turpin Trail' and the French trip had to be called off for lack of support or rather lack of response at the right time.

Both trips stimulated a great deal of interest when first mentioned. Many people said they could hardly wait for the next trip to France after last year's success, but when the time came to book, not enough people came forward.

Since the cancellations many people have told us that they had intended going but had just 'not got round to it.'

The point is that coaches have to be booked by a certain date and paid for. We cannot go ahead and confirm a booking in the hope that enough people will turn up at the last mement.

A similar thing happened when Pam organised her visit to Oaklands. She provisionally booked a coach then had to cancel it and book a minibus instead when only half the required number responded. Then more came along! It was too late to rebook the coach so she obligingly ordered a second mini bus at short notice. This should not have been necessary.

There are more of you than there are of us and we cannot go from door to door with reminders so please respond in good time and avoid disappointment.

Cockney Night

We are holding another 'Supper Dance' next year in late February at Sele Farm Community Centre. The theme will be a 'Cockney Night' so start sewing on your 'pearlies' now!

Details of this dance will appear on notice boards around the Estate and also in Trevor's window nearer the time. But please make a note of the date now - February 28th 1987, and let us make it even more of a success - if that is possible - than the last one!

Congratulations Corner

Our own 'Cheery Trader'

As you will all know by now, Brian Timperley, our butcher, won the 'Cheery Trader Competition' this year!

It was a great surprise to Brian, who only knew he was in the Competition when he saw his name in the Mercury!

He came to us in March 1985 and immediately began to make himself well known by his cheerfulness and willingness to please. If you want something a bit special but don't want the tiresome business of preparing it yourself - a crown roast for example - he is always willing to do it for you. He is constantly looking for new ideas to try and new lines a little different, like his Stir Fry. He tells me that in the New Year we will be able to try beef cut in a similar way to the continental style with less fat and more lean meat.

His is very much a family business as his wife Valerie helps in the shop and most importantly grows the herbs that Brian uses in his sausages etc. Marie, his elder daughter, also works in the shop on Saturdays, and doubtless Claire is just waiting for her turn in a few years. He also has a married son Nicholas who lives in Duxford and visits frequently.

When he gets the time, Brian enjoys photography especially now that his Open University Degree Course is over. Did any of you see him a little while ago on television in a programme designed to show newly enrolled people what the Summer Schools are all about? He was in Stirling on his Science Foundation Course and found himself taking part in a film! Exciting things happen to some people! He has promised to tell us more about it in the next Newsletter.

Brian came here from Cambridge and has another shop in Stevenage. He likes being here, both because of the area - it's a nice neighbourhood - and also because of the people who live here.

There was one incident that occurred about a year ago that serves to illustrate why he likes Bengeo. He was unloading some meat late at night in the dark and someone, seeing this activity thought his shop was being burgled instead and called the police. They arrived and found only Brian in his own shop but how very different it could have been! He was, and still is, very grateful to whoever it was who called the police - an example of neighbourliness before we had our Neighbourhood Watch.

Congratulations Brian, long may you stay with us!

Incidentally it occurs to me that we are extremely well served by all our local shops. Can there be many places where all the shop keepers are uniformly cheerful and obliging?

Tracey's Test

Congratulations to Tracey Brinicombe (nee Cobb) who has passed her Driving

Test at the first attempt! She had been taking lessons locally and practicing around the Estate but had to go to Stevenage for the test.

She went there nervously but came back triumphant!

Well done Tracey!

Transport to Castle Hall

If Senior Citizens wish to attend any of the 'Hertford Dramatic and Operatic Society' Productions at Castle Hall and have transport problems - then they have them no more! A member of MRA who is also a member of the Dramatic Society has kindly offered to arrange transport.

Her address is 103, Cowper Crescent and her telephone number is 586978.

To whet your appetite here are the forthcoming events:-

From 26th - 29th November	'Thark' a Ben Travers farce about a haunted house
29th - 3rd January Dec.	'Cinderella' the pantomime
18th - 21st March	'Pack of Lies' the story of the spies Peter and Helen Kroger
22nd Apr. - 2nd May	Hertford Theatre Week
27th - 30th May	'Alice in Wonderland' a Young Idea Production

Telephone the above number for further details.

Trevor's Talk

Here we are in the 'Fall' and although the weather has been good it is also a notoriously lethargic and slow time of year, and certainly local enthusiasm has been in short supply.

Perhaps it is wrong to organise events during the September to Christmas period, but two have had to be cancelled due to lack of support, and this must cause concern to the Committee who had to put in much hard work to organise them.

We look forward to our annual Spring Event - a 'Cockney Evening' on February 28th - please do mark this in your diaries!

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has been a success story so far, and the new signs will shortly be erected.

If you have recently moved on to the Estate and have not had the opportunity to speak to a Committee Member or Neighbourhood Watch Deputy please contact me at the Avenue Stores, and I will be glad to arrange a meeting.

During the next few months we will be trying to find out what activities you would like to have organised on your behalf. (Remember the Suggestion Box in the shop).

The lack of major projects such as threatening planning applications must not lull us into a false sense of security. The M25 road threatens to cause a planning blight and we must be ever watchful.

In the meantime please support our social activities keep in touch and let us remain strong for any problems that may lie ahead.

Trevor Cobb
Chairman

The Tolkien Society

This Society has members all over the country and in many other countries too - from USA to Japan. It is open to all who enjoy Professor J.R.R. Tolkien's works, the most famous of them being 'Lord of the Rings'. We have two different magazines published at varying times through the year, which include stories, poetry, articles on the complex characters in the books as well as letters and general gossip.

If you are interested and would like to know more, then contact:-

Valerie Sutton 106, Cowper Crescent, Hertford 550459

Thoughts on a Silver Jubilee

Twenty five years ago, in March 1961, my husband, dog and I moved into the Avenue. Our address then was 'Plot 37', and we watched from our upstairs windows the horses cavorting in the fields which have since become Peel Crescent.

We waded through mud, scrambled over builders' rubble and wondered, as our new neighbours did, whether we would ever see this wasteland transformed into the gardens we envisaged and The Avenue become a pleasant, tree-lined road.

A good summer, much borrowing of each other's tools, inspection of our various houses for ideas and a great deal of hard work resulted in much being achieved, before a very bitter winter set in. We still think nostalgically of the glowing coal fires we enjoyed before we installed central heating.

The Molewood Estate grew around us and we welcomed many new residents. We were eventually given our own excellent shops, our own bus, our own policeman and we formed our own Residents' Association. Mature trees have grown from saplings, and well tended gardens, well loved homes make it a joy to walk around the Estate, - perhaps a little smug in a disturbed world but the pride is well earned.

Twenty five years is a long time. Small children have grown into adults with children of their own. For many, neighbours have become good friends - none more so than those of us who have been together for so long and have shared so many joys and so many problems and tragedies.

We planned to celebrate this Jubilee, a hotel was booked for a weekend in March.

It was not to be. Accident, bereavement and illness intervened in 1986.

It is not my intention to end on a sad note however, but to use my own experience of bereavement and illness to say how thankful I am to live on the Molewood Estate. Much has happened in the last twenty five years. We have always helped and comforted one another - the 'oldest inhabitants' and the more recent arrivals. I know we shall continue to do so.

Lastly, my sincere thanks to the many who have supported me with their

sympathy, help and understanding. I hope that 1987 will give us all cause to appreciate our good fortune in being Molewood Residents.

Dorothy Bradley

'Trick or Treat'

Halloween is over for another year but a number of people have asked that something should be written in, Molewood Outlook' about the growth of 'Trick or Treat'.

As some of you may be aware there was a nasty incident in which a firework was put through a letter box and exploded in the hall! The boys concerned did not come from our Estate I am glad to say, but the whole thing gives us food for thought.

Many people, especially the elderly or those who live alone, find these visits worrying, not to say frightening.

Parents have to ask themselves whether it is a good idea for children to go out in the dark knocking on doors in these troubled times.

If anyone is at all anxious on October 31st next they should not answer the door but be ready to ring their Neighbourhood Watch deputy, who will always be willing to help.

Back in June Pam organised a very enjoyable trip to Oaklands College, here is her account of it ...

Oaklands Outing

A very pleasant and informative evening was enjoyed in June by twenty eight people visiting the Oaklands College of Agriculture at St. Albans. We were given a very interesting tour and talk on greenhouse crops, nursery stock, fruit and market crops. We finished with a walk round the lovely flower and shrub beds laid out by the students.

I am sure many people came home with more knowledge than they went with!

Pam Lutner

Waterford in Times Past

An illustrated book of eighty pages about Goldings and Waterford is soon to be published. There will be contributions from more than two dozen people. All profits from the sale of this book will go to Waterford Church.

If you would like a copy of this book the cost will vary from £2.50 - £3.50 according to whether you fetch it yourself or have it sent.

Copies must be ordered in advance and Trevor Cobb in The Avenue Stores has a supply of forms giving all the details.

In case of any difficulty or for further information, contact:-

Mrs Heather Fogg, Silver Birches, High Molewood, Hertford. SG14 2PL

And now this is what you've been waiting for - the results of the Garden Competition.

Summer/Autumn Garden Competition 1986

It was very encouraging after the bad summer we have had to find that the judging for this summer's competition was one of the most difficult yet! I think that this year in the Estate has been the most colourful we have seen without exemption.

I only wish everyone could have a prize! Well done everybody!

The results are as follows:-

1st	Mr. and Mrs Kenny	of The Avenue
2nd	Mr. and Mrs McGuire	of Cowper Crescent
3rd	Mr. and Mrs Draper	of Peel Crescent
4th	Mr. and Mrs Goodall	of Cowper Crescent

And a new catagory added this year 'Best Hanging Basket or Tub' awarded to:-

Mr. and Mrs Roberts of Cowper Crescent

Highly commended:-

Cowper Crescent	4, 11, 18, 46, 67, 72, 75, 91, 98, 116
The Avenue	113, 128
Desborough Close	1
Lodge Close	21, 31
Peel Crescent	10, 26, 49

Congratulations!

Pam Lutner

Britain in Bloom

Well, we didn't win! But never mind, the town and Bengeo looked all the better for the effort.

Hertford won the Small Town Catagory in the Thames and Chilterns Region in the first round but came ninth out of eleven in the All England Round against such competition as Stratford-upon-Avon!

We, for our part, planted the tubs and baskets outside the Avenue Shops and our thanks are due to those shop keepers who kept them tended and watered.

You may have noticed that the tubs have been replanted with pansies so we should have some colour through the winter as well.

The town may not have won a prize but Pam Lutner did!

So what's new?

She won the Large Garden Competition in the Hertford Area, but more than that, she also won the Overall First Prize for gardens of all sizes!

I don't know where she will go from here, there will be no stopping her. Having so many plants and so much variety in a relatively small area take a lot of planning and sheer hard physical work.

Congratulations Pam! We are very proud!

Well that's all for now! I hope everyone has found something of interest in this edition of the'Molewood Outlook'.

May I remind you that the'Yellow Pages' are always available for anyone wishing to advertise a service - as distinct from running a club or class. Some items have been printed so often that there is a danger of overlooking them, so may I draw your attention to the articles for hire. The jump leads and battery charger may be just what you need this winter, 'though I hope not.

In the forthcoming long dark evenings please try to think about what activities you would like to see organised in the future. When you have an idea, do let us know by dropping a note in the door of any Committee Member - full list on the inside front cover - or in the 'Suggestion Box' in Trevor's shop - 'The Avenue Stores'. The same goes for any thoughts you may have on any other aspect of the Association, not only outings.

If you want to draw attention to any matter concerning the Estate the 'Suggestion Box' is there for you to use. You will find it on the left of the shop as you go in. It is too big to miss!

Remember that I shall always be very happy to receive any interesting contributions to this magazine - memories of Bengeo in time past, or news of weddings, births or celebrations of any kind.

All news of a cheerful nature will be very gratefully received!

It only remains now for me to be the first to wish you all a 'Very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!'

Valerie Sutton
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. 582736

District — East Herts District Council

Local Councillors for Bengeo

Roger Martin 41 The Avenue tel. Hert. 586549	Jill Geall Anaga 47 Fordwich Rise tel. Hert. 583365	Martin Weale Bengeo Rectory Byde Street tel. Hert. 584537

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. 586295	Martin Weale Bengeo Rectory Byde Street tel. Hert. 584537	Roger A. Martin 41 The Avenue tel. Hert. 586549

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	Sports 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 Glenn Sexton
61 North Road
tel. Hert. 586295

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	Wallfields Pegs Lane Hertford tel. B/S 55261 Ext. 542
Leisure Services and Area Offices Estate Surveyors Chief Executive	Vale House Cowbridge tel. B/S 55261

'Emergency' numbers (apart from 999 calls)

Hertford Police Station	Hertford 587711
Hertford County Hospital	Hertford 582275
East Herts Hospital Gallows Hill	Hertford 588282
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 583487
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 581441
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. 582109
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
Confession	Saturday	10.00 - 10.30 am
		3.00 - 3.30 pm
		5.30 - 6.00 pm

Holy Trinity, Bengeo Parish Church

Bengeo Street
Rector Colin Weale: Bengeo Rectory, Byde Street. tel. Hert. 584537
Curate Christopher Wallington: 19 Cowper Crescent tel. Hert. 552607

8.00	Holy Communion
9.30	Parish Communion (creche avail.) followed by tea & coffee after the Service
11.00	(4th Sunday only) Family Service
11.00	(all other Sundays) Discoverers & Sunday Sch.
6.30 pm	Evensong

Some services at St. Leonards during Summer months, from Whit Sunday until the end of September

Baptist Church

Port Hill, Hertford.
Rev. Dr. M.J. Collis, The Manse, 18 Westfield Road, Bengeo, Hertford. tel. Hert. 582761

Main Sunday Services:

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

There is an informal group for Fifth Formers and upwards after the Evening Worship.

United Reformed Church

Cowbridge, Hertford.
Rev. Paul C. Snell, The Manse, 18 Grange Close, Hertford. tel. Hert. 583227
Office no. Hert. 553058

Main Sunday Services:

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

(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 Gomeson
The Beeches, 104 Ware Road, Hertford.
tel. Hert. 583644

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

Women's Fellowship Tues. 2.30 pm
Junior & Senior Clubs Fri. 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm

Society of Friends (Quakers)

Railway Street, Hertford
Assistant Clerk Neil Alkins, 14 Lys Hill Gardens, Bengeo
tel. Hert. 586731

Sunday 10.30 am Meeting for worship

Public Transport - Bus & Coach

Local Information contact:

Enquiry Office
Hertford Bus Station
tel. Hert. 583445

or:

Bus Garage
Fairfax Road
Hertford
tel. Hert. 582281

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 8.00 and 8.35, 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 servicesto Liverpool St. etc.)
tel. 582521

Hertford North (for servicesto Moorgate and to Letchworth, etc.)
tel. 582768
or tel. Welwyn G.C. (923) 33741 - talking timetable

Stevenage (for mainline services to the North East etc.)
tel. Stevenage (90) 66666
Hert. North/Stevenage - London enquiry bureau (01) 278 2477

The Dump	April to September	October to March
Mon. - Fri.	10.00am to 7.00pm	10.00am to 4.00pm
Sat.	8.00am to 7.00pm	8.00am to 4.00pm
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, tel. Hert. 587607

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 Daphne Hynds
16 The Drive
Hertford.
tel. Hert. 582450

Bengeo Youth Club — Mrs Vicky Whales, 11, Lys Hill Gardens tel. Hert. 584885

Every Wednesday 7.00 - 9.00pm in Bengeo Parish Hall for children aged 10 - 15 years. Many activities interesting and lively.

Bengeo Tigers — Mr. Tony Betts, 42, The Wick. tel. Hert.583952

Football for boys aged 9 - 18 years.

East Herts Music Centre — Miss J. Middlemiss, Herts County Music School, Westfield House, West Street, Hertford. tel. Hert. 555957

Classes held in Bengeo Junior School include aural work, movement and group instrumental work. For children from 7 to 11 years, every Wednesday 6.00 - 8.00pm. There is also a class held in Millmead School every Wednesday for children from 5 to 7 years.

Mother and Toddler Club — Mrs Hilary Perry, 10, Cowper Crescent, Bengeo tel. Hert. 584798

Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons in Bengeo Parish Hall. All mothers with pre school children are welcome. Mrs Perry will be running this Club until Christmas, after that it is hoped a rota of parents will be running it between them.

The Bounty Hunters — Mrs Carol Mason, 21, New Road, Hertford 551294; Mrs Hilary Perry, 10, Cowper Crescent, Hertford 584798

Bengeo's Majorettes meet every Wednesday 5.00 - 7.00pm in Bengeo Parish Hall for girls between 6 and 16 years. There is a waiting list.

Scottish Country Dancing — Mrs Ann Kirby, Molewood End, Molewood Road, Hertford 558634

Every Tuesday 7.45 - 9.45pm September to December in Bengeo Junior School, classes for beginners. Cost £1.50 a night. You are welcome to turn up any night but please bring flat shoes.

RSPB — Mr. John Harrold, 71A, Town Lane, Bennington tel. 9085 301

Second Sunday in every month in Bengeo Parish Hall. 75p an evening. Talks from September to May, walks in the Summer. Outings once a month.

Bengeo Cottage Garden Society — Mr. Albert & Mrs Joan Whiting, 68 Burnett Square, Hertford 550904

Two shows in the Spring and Summer, subscription 50p a year, various outings to gardens as far afield as Chatsworth and Bournemouth.

World Wildlife — Miss Sue Graves, 18, Tudor Way, Hertford 581033

Last Monday of every month from September to March - except for December, - at 8.00pm in Bengeo Parish Hall. 45p per meeting. Illustrated talks on all aspects of Nature, Conservation etc. All welcome.

WEA (Workers' Educational Association) — Mrs Jean Begg, 1, Westfield Road Hertford 584079

Tuesday 10.00 - 11.30am, September to March in Bengeo Parish Hall.

National Housewives Register — Mrs Gillian Harman, 67, The Avenue, Hertford 584771

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 583168

Interesting speakers and demonstrations, new members and visitors very welcome. 3rd Monday in every month in Bengeo Parish Hall from 8.00 - 10.00 pm.

Bengeo Good Companions — Mrs Queenie Norman, The Cedars, Bengeo Street, Hertford 582020

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 Mary 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 Road, Hertford 558797

First Tuesday in every month 8.00 - 9.30pm 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 587833

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, Hertford 586645

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

Dancing Classes — Pam Blyth, 1, Lys Hill Gardens, Hertford 581537 & 581560

Ballet, modern and tap dancing, tap class for men, held at the United Reformed Church Hall, Cowbridge, also mixed exercise classes held at Bengeo Cricket Club, New Road.

Ladies Keep Fit with Yoga — Mrs June Smits, Cedar Lea, Low Hill, Roydon, Nr. Harlow tel. Hoddesdon 814 68720

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

Molewood Baby-Sitting Group — Mrs Gillian Harman, 67 The Avenue, Hertford 584771

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 — Mr. Barry Slade, 29 The Wick, Hertford 587208

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	Hertford 587285
Car ramps	10p " day	
Jump leads	"	
Battery charger	"	
Preserving pan	"	Hertford 581329
Tree pruner (6' lightweight)	"	Hertford 586479
Bulb planter	"	
Lawn spreader	"	
Lawn roller	"	

Typing

Mavis Bishop — 24 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 586292

Typing for the duplicating service or otherwise

Bengeo Parish Hall, Duncombe Road

Bookings and enquiries

Church Hall Secretary

Gillian Cordingley — 14 Boundary Drive — Hertford 586854

Home Selection Pottery Parties

Eileen Rosier — 89 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 558530

Free Advice on all Insurance Matters

Molewood Insurance and Financial Services

Allan Streeton — 22 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 586217

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

Suggestion box

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

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

List of Paid-Up Members 1986-87

THE AVENUE	13, 15, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 75, 77, 81, 85, 89, 99, 101, 105, 107, 109, 111, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 135, 139, 143
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MOLEWOOD	The Heights, Woodside Villa, Woodlamds, 202 North Road, Mole End, Wroxham, 194 North Road, 198 High Molewood, Silver Birches, The Firs, Mole Cottage
THE ORCHARD	1, 2, 3, Bengeo Wick
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