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As I write this sunshine is streaming through the window, the sky has been clear blue all day and the leaves are beginning to show their Autumn colours. I can hardly believe that this calm mild weather has come so soon after that frightening storm. Let us hope that the worst is already behind us and the Winter will bring nothing more dreadful than a few frosty mornings.

In the following pages you will hear from both our new Chairman and our new Bengeo Bobby, as well as finding another of Malcolm Moulding's fascinating historical articles.

Incidentally, several people have told me that they, or a friend, 'know a lot about Bengeo' and would I like an article? I of course say 'yes', but I wait in vain.

It is never too late! There will always be another 'Molewood Outlook' on the way.

When you write however, please sign your names, as I cannot use anything that arrives anonymously. I will not print your name of course if you do not wish it. Perhaps the person who wrote to me about a dog, shortly after the last 'Outlook', would care to get in touch again?

At the end of the Newsletter you will find two tear off slips, as we need your views on two separate matters. Please don't put it off and then forget to return them as we urgently need some feedback from you.

Now read on ...

The Cover Picture

This editions cover picture was drawn by Clare Eves when she was nine years old.

Claire lives in Cowper Crescent with her family, a cat named Bubbles, a kitten called Pepsi and Barney the dog who is very nearly the same age as Clare herself.

I am told that the mole with the spectacles and the worried expression is your Editor! Thanks a lot Clare, I think I can see a similarity!!

Clare loves drawing - obviously - and natural history programmes on television. She also enjoys active pursuits such as ballet - going to wo classes a week - and roller skating near her home. She recently took part in the 'Walk for Wildlife' round Hartham and walked for three hours, raising £16 in sponsorship!

Watching television is something else that Clare enjoys, particularly 'East-Enders', 'Slinger's Day' and the 'Wide Awake Club', while Madonna is her favourite pop star at the moment.

Thankyou Clare for your entertaining picture.

After two years in the Chair, Trevor Cobb has decided to stand down after all. You may remember that I announced his resignation in the last 'Molewood Outlook'. Since then he was persuaded by the Committee to carry on, but a little later resigned again.

Our thanks are due to him for all his work on behalf of the residents of Molewood.

Our new Chairman is Allan Streeton of Cowper Crescent who has been on the Committee for many years and now finds himself elevated to the dizzy heights of Office!

We shall see to it that he does not get delusions of grandeur!

New Chairman's Address

In their wisdom(?) the Committee have elected me to be the Chairman of the Residents' Association for the current year, (or was it that I was the only one not quick enough to come up with an excuse?)

Seriously, I must first and foremost express my thanks on behalf of all to the outgoing Chairman, Trevor Cobb, for his extended term in office. His work for the Association is very much appreciated. As they say, that act will be a hard one to follow!

Fortunately the Chairman's lot is not half as arduous as that of the Secretary who really does the work and for that I'm grateful for the support of Betty and indeed all the rest of the Committee. Pam Lutner with her 'Neighbourhood Watch Scheme' is a vital part of the Association's activities with her friendly cooperation with the local Police.

Having said all this, it is YOU the residents who really matter! We represent you and I hope that in my year of tenure many ideas and suggestions may be forthcoming. If you want to see an improvement here or a special social activity there, let us know. Drop us a line or put it in the Suggestion Box in Trevor's shop and we will consider ALL suggestions (within reason!)

I would request that the emphasis is on two aspects - social and amenity - especially safety, but please don't consider the Committee as <u>just</u> a complaints lobby (we can all find things to moan about!)

Although I welcome those who support our various events, I still respect the wishes of those who just 'don't want to get involved', it takes all sorts. Whichever category you fall in however I hope you will enjoy this excellent 'Outlook' and think about what I've said.

Besides, all in all, Molewood is a very good place in which to be a resident, don't you think?

Let us, the Committee, help you to keep it that way!

Allan Streeton
Chairman

The Canal Trip

After four or five days of rain, October 11th saw the sun again. Bengeo residents rejoiced because that afternoon fifty or so were going on a canal trip, organised by Pam Lutner.

The coach took us to the outskirts of St. Albans where the observant passengers saw 'Neighbourhood Watch' Signs both large and small. If any Town Councillor is reading this, please hurry with permission for our signs. We have been waiting about eighteen months.

Eventually, having gone through a small flood, we arrived at Pitstone Wharf and embarked on the "Princess of the Chilterns". As soon as she had cast off the bar opened. Several people were there at once - perhaps they were bad sailors!

We cruised along the Grand Union Canal at the regulation three miles an hour, rising through five locks. Tea was served and the more energetic walked from the 4th to 5th lock. Quite 100 yards or more! We returned to the Wharf at the same leisurely pace and back to the Avenue shops by the coach.

A delightful afternoon. Thank you Pam.

Betty Hall

Those of you who think that you know all there is to know about Bengeo and what goes on here may have a surprise coming!

Teenagers are gathering together and indulging in strange rituals involving blunt instruments, garden tools, jewels and love tokens! Behind closed doors they are uttering cries such as "I bid two no trumps!"

Yes, they are playing Bridge!

You don't believe me? ...

National Schools Bridge Final

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May 1987, the Daily Mail 'National Schools Bridge Teams Final' was held at Ladbrooke International Hotel, Birmingham. The Richard Hale School team came second in the country!

In order to reach the final they first had to qualify, which they did at Wood Green, coming first and at the same time winning the 'County Schools Teams'. They then went into a regional final at Oxford which they won.

At the final they were winning after the first day but were defeated by Haberdashers Askes School who went on to victory. However, they did beat schools such as Eton, Winchester, St. Paul's and Manchester Grammar.

The team consisted of Khalid Karim, David Tyler, David Salmons and Roger Norbey all of whom live on the Holewood Estate!

David Tyler

Congratulations to Khalid, the two David's and Roger!

Yubba-dubba-doo!

Here is yet another achievement by young people of Holewood, all girls this time. Hertford Rangers won the 'All Girls National Sedan Chair Race' at Gilston Park recently for the sixth time!

Colourfully got up as Flintstones, the girls carried their chair disguised as the Flintstones' car (and holding an occupant) for three miles, on a very muddy course.

The members of the team who came from Nolewood were Nicola Brandford of Desborough Close, Karen Cooper of Lodge Close, Nicola Page of The Avenue and Debbie Sutton of Cowper Crescent.

There were eighty teams in all at the weekend camp. They enjoyed the Saturday night Disco and held the race the following day.

They had a wonderful time but came home covered in mud! One girl had both her trainers pulled off by the sticky mud and went on running in her white? socks!

There's dedication for you!

Well done girls!

Causes for Concern

1. Car parking. Yes, it's cars parking at the kerbside again! If anything it seems to be getting worse - parts of Cowper Crescent and The Avenue are becoming as bad as The Wick!

Now however we have a new twist, not only are some people leaving their cars outside their own houses; they are even leaving them outside other people's houses, sometimes over night although their own drives are adequate!

We know that this is not illegal but surely the people doing this must realise it is bound to give offence.

2. The Avenue Shops. To return to thoughtless parking - there have been complaints that some people are leaving their cars and vans outside the shops from Friday evening to Monday morning, thus taking up space that should be available for shoppers.

Those who cannot find a place to park and of course the shop owners are understandably annoyed and ask for this to stop.

3. Obstruction of drives. Parking yet again! I have mentioned this before but I have been asked to repeat it - please do not park in such a way as to obstruct someone else's drive - this should go without saying - and please take care that your neighbour opposite, can reverse out of his drive without having to do multipoint turns.

I am sure nobody means to be a nuisance but a little more thought is all that's needed.

4. Rubbish bags. Most of our rubbish bags are tied up ready for collection on Tuesday mornings but some are still being left open.

With wet and windy weather ahead of us, please help to keep our Estate litter free.

Local Artist

For anyone interested and proud of the town they live in, Hertford Town Council have recently commissioned local professional artist, Roy Lutner of

Cowper Crescent, to paint a view of Hertford Castle in the snow for a Christmas card. It is in full colour and would give your cards a more personal touch.

They will shortly be on sale at the Town Council Offices, Hertford Castle, Hertford and also at The Hertford Museum, Bull Plain, Hertford, price 25p each. For anyone wishing to purchase a large quantity, please contact The Town Clerk, Mrs. Ann Kirby at The Castle.

P.C. Mark Harrigon has been with us for just a year and I am sure you have all seen him calling in at the shops or cruising by on his bike. Unfortunately you won't be seeing him again as he is leaving us and going to Stanstead Abbotts.

He assures me that we haven't frightened him off - Molewood being a very quiet lawabiding estate - only the offer of a house would tempt him away and that is exactly what has done it.

Thankyou Mark and best wishes for the future.

Our new Bengeo Bobby is P.C. Jeff Mounter who will soon be as well known as Mark on his bike - indeed it is Mark's bike he will be taking over as well as the beat.

He will be the new contact at the Police Station for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and he will be just as keen to see all our stickers displayed clearly and our garage doors locked. Welcome Jeff, we hope we will continue to be quiet and peaceful.

P.C. Jeff Mounter

Hello,

I am P.C. Jeff Mounter, your new neighbourhood beat officer for Bengeo. I am taking over from P.C. Mark Harrigon who has gone to pastures new in Stanstead Abbotts.

I have worked at Hertford Police Station for two years and I live with my wife in a Police house in Hertford, just outside Bengeo Estate.

Can I please re-iterate what P.C. Harrigon has been saying about the double yellow line system in Bengeo Street by the Spar Supermarket. The yellow lines are there for a reason - please do not park on these lines; in fact I am at present investigating a road traffic accident that occurred here on the 23rd September due to a vehicle being parked on the double yellow lines. Remember that pint of milk, or loaf of bread that you have forgotten could indeed work out very expensive if you park on these lines!

The cold season is rapidly approaching yet again (Did we really have a warm season? I hear you say!) Please could you keep an eye on the elderly people who live in Bengeo. If you haven't seen an elderly friend or neighbour for a few days, please, either call on them or if they have a telephone, give them a ring, just to make sure they are all right. "A friend in need is a friend in deed".

If you have any problems do not hesistate to contact me. The phone number for Hertford Police Station is Hertford 587711. If I am not available please

leave a message for me with either the Divisional Control room or the Collater at Hertford, P.C. Don Saunders.

See you all soon, Kindest regards.

P.C. Jeff Mounter

Woodhall Close

Apologies are due to the members who live in Woodhall Close who, for a reason that I cannot explain here, have not yet (or perhaps only just) been asked to pay their annual subscriptions. Another Committee Member has volunteered to do the job on top of his own round and it may be that by the time you read this it will have been completed.

The reason I am writing this is so that next May, which is the time when all subscriptions should be collected, you will not feel you are being asked to pay unreasonably soon.

We do not think this situation will occur again.

The Hertfordshire Groundwork Trust

The Molewood Residents' Association has become affiliated to the Hertfordshire Groundwork Trust and as a consequence have been given a thousand daffodil bulbs free, to plant in our area!

The Trust gives these bulbs to various organisations in an effort to 'initiate, promote and support community involvement in improving the environment'.

They simply require that the bulbs are planted by volunteers, on sites in views of the general public and all the necessary permissions have been given.

Accordingly you may expect to see a motley collection of people - mostly Committee Members armed with an array of garden tools moving about the Estate planting these bulbs quite soon.

I look forward to our reward in the Spring!

Neighbourhood Watch

Since the last issue of the newsletter we have enjoyed a fairly quiet summer on the Molewood Estate. This does not mean we can sit back and be complacent however, hopefully it shows that the 'Molewood Neighbourhood Watch' is working very successfully with people being much more aware of what is going on around them. The most annoying thing happening at the moment is the spate of petty damage being done to cars on the Estate from time to time, the most recent being during the night of Friday 21st. August in Desborough Close. Wing mirrors were ripped off causing damage to the bodywork of cars, windscreen wipers were removed or damaged and one car had a dent in the roof. All cars with the exception of one were parked on their drives. This damage has been going on spasmodically for the last year or so, possibly caused by the same culprits. IT HAS GOT TO BE STOPPED!

Will everybody please be on the alert, especially late at night on Fridays and Saturdays and report any incident however small it may seem at the time

immediately, the Police will welcome your call. Also if you have a garage, please use it for your car's safety.

The planning application forms have been submitted to the Council for our 'Neighbourhood Watch' signs. We hope very soon to be able to display the clearly visible signs already erected free of charge in HODDESDON, ST. ALBANS, WATFORD, KINGS LANGLEY, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HARPENDEN ETC. The signs look very neat and tidy and are proving very effective, especially at night when they show up due to their reflective coating.

The following list is the current one of Deputies covering the Molewood Area.

Pam Lutner	Overall Co-ordinator.	Hertford	581329	
David Hall	132, Cowper Crescent.	Hertford	586752	Deputies
Brian Euler	52, The Wick.	"	558619	"
John Franks	11, Peel Crescent.	"	582028	"
Pat Brooks	87, Cowper Crescent.	"	587809	"
Ray and Cherry Garner	73, Cowper Crescent.	"	589741	"
Pat Orchard	36, The Wick.	"	581907	"
Vince Orchard	37, The Wick.	"	581907	"
Edith Ruggles	17, Lys Hill Gardens.	"	558549	"
Roger Sapin	35, Woodhall Close.	"	550342	"
Margaret Read	'Wroxham' High Molewood.	"	586820	"
Janet Moy	18, Desborough Close.	"	586645	"
Councillor				
Rosemary Swallow	Bengeo Wick, The Orchard	"	582758	"
Toni and Paul Liffers	118, The Avenue.	"	587974	"

As you can see, we have a very good coverage of deputies willing to help keep the Molewood Area a lovely place to live in, with, I am sad to say, the exception of Lodge Close. After a year of asking them to join us nobody has been forthcoming, maybe this time?

All deputies carry an up to date supply of leaflets, stickers etc., especially the red triangles for your doors and windows, essential for your participation in the scheme.

A lot more news boards will shortly be appearing in front gardens on the

estate, these will carry up to date information on 'Neighbourhood Watch' as and when needed.

One last matter still causing some concern, although most people have responded very well, there are still some garages being left open for hours on end especially at weekends, displaying all their contents to passers by! Some garages contain freezers and most have ladders and tools, what an invitation to everyone to help themselves!

Pam Lutner

A word of warning

On a hot Sunday morning (remember that one?) I set out about 9 am to collect the subscriptions for membership of the Association on my particular round. I was dismayed and annoyed to find houses with downstairs windows open and no-one in (at least no-one answered the door) and porches left open with football coupons and cash to be collected!

The Committee of the Association has put a good deal of time and energy into launching the 'Neighbourhood Watch' and the majority of the offending houses were displaying the 'Neighbourhood Watch' stickers! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, help us to help you and KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE!

Betty Hall

Congratulations Corner — Colouring Skill

Back in July, Lucy Potucek of Lodge Close was the proud winner of the Hertfordshire Junior Schools 'Britain in Bloom' Colouring Competition! Her picture was judged the best out of more than one hundred entries and Lucy is now £10 richer!

Well done Lucy!

Fantastic Twins

We are happy to be able to congratulate two comparative new comers to Bengeo (but that won't inhibit us from basking in the reflected glory) the twins Richard and Chris Frost. They have both been accepted by Cambridge University, to read veterinary science and natural sciences respectively.

Congratulations and our best wishes for the future years.

And now the weddings

Barbara and Andrew

On the 6th June, Barbara Sleet of Lys Hill Gardens married Andrew Stephens of London at Holy Trinity Church.

The weather was not quite what June weather ought to be, but at least it did not rain.

The Bride wore an ivory raw silk dress with a train and the bridemaid., her

sister Angela, wore a yellow and white striped Laura Ashley style dress.

The couple met at University College London when they were both studying there.

Andrew took a Degree in Naval Architecture and is now a ship's surveyor with Lloyds and Barbara is a part time speech therapist with Hackney Council while working on her Master's Degree in Speech Sciences.

Among the members of the Bride's family who came over from Germany for the occasion was her eighty four year old grandmother! An eighty year old great aunt who was also to have come, went into hospital at the last moment with appendicitis, where she was the oldest person ever to have the operation!

The honeymoon was spent on the Costa Verde, Portugal.

With Andrew's profession in mind, this quotation is particularly apt -

"Marry when June roses blow
Overland and sea you'll go".

Susanne and Brian

On the 26th September, Susanne Orchard of Cowper Crescent married Brian Burridge of Fordwich Rise, at St. Andrew's Church, Hertford. The weather on the Saturday before and the one after was dreadful but on the Wedding Day it was perfect.

The couple have known each other since they were teenagers and active members of their respective groups - Susanne in the Rangers and Brian in the Venturers. The two groups sometimes have joint activities when they go camping or take part in the Sedan Chair Race and so on, and that was when they first became friendly.

The Bride wore a white silk dress with seed pearls sewn on it and she had three bridesmaids - Claire, Brian's sister, Amanda, Susanne's cousin and Nicola, a young friend from next door.

Brian is a quality engineer for Lucas Aerospace and Susanne is a senior underwriter for U.D.T. in New Barnet.

They went to Egypt for their honeymoon and had a wonderful time including a cruise down the Nile to the Aswan Dam. The weather was perfect there too!

"Marry in September's shine
Your living will be rich and fine".

Chrissie and Kevin

On the 3rd October Kevin Watkiss of The Avenue married Chrissie Andrews of Hertford at All Saints Church.

The couple first met at a Disco at the Hoe Lane Rugby Club and romance quickly blossomed.

The Bride wore a dress of ivory silk and lace and her three bridesmaids Helen, Melanie and Leslie wore peach coloured ballerina length dresses.

Kevin is now Production Manager at Lee Valley Colour Laboratories in

Hoddesdon and Chrissie buys and sells antique jewellery.

Unfortunately, after a perfect day everything was spoiled by the theft of several items of value and three irreplaceable films of the wedding, stolen from the car of the Best Man, Kevin's brother Tony. He may have been watched fetching his girlfriend's camera and putting his own away.

There has been no further news of the stolen goods.

Happily the couple had already left for their honeymoon in Barbados, where they enjoyed the water sking in the hot sunshine. They were not told about the loss until they returned home.

"If in October you do marry
Love will be deep though riches may tarry".

Angela and Martin

Also on the 3rd October Angela Sleet of Lys Hill Gardens who had so recently been bridesmaid at her sister's wedding, married Martin Dyster of Cowper Crescent.

The couple first met when they were very young in Bengeo Junior School. They went to Simon Balle School together also but did not take much notice of each other until two years after they had left. Then however everything changed and on a beautiful day they were married in St. Leonard's Church.

The Bride wore a dress of lace over satin and her bridesmaid Jessica wore a blue satin shepherdess dress.

Angela's eighty four year old grandmother came over from Germany again and this time accompanied by her eighty year old great aunt, fully recovered from her appendicitis operation.* Angela is a credit controller in Stevenage for a finance company and Martin has just gained his Higher National Diploma in Electronics and works in Welwyn Garden City.

Their honeymoon was spent in Everglades U.S.A. and they are now settling in Hitchin.

And once again.

"If in October you do marry
Love will be deep though riches may tarry".

*The Groom's brother John and his wife also flew in from New York.

Pity poor Mr. and Mrs Sleet, they have had three weddings in less than a year and now they are rattling round their empty house with only two lizards and a tortoise to look after!

Their son Brian married Dawn Jenkins of Port Vale last October. Unfortunately I missed that one and I may have missed others, if so I am sorry. Please tell me about them and any other happy events. I am always on the look out for good news!

Now for Malcolm Moulding's article, this time he has been researching the Manor of Bengeo.

The Manor of Bengeo

Nobody is certain of the actual site of the Manor of Bengeo, but its lands formerly lay in the eastern corner of the parish, which is the oldest part, near St. Leonard's Church.

Bengeo Hall, a fine Edwardian mansion, stands on part of the original site, but this house was rebuilt after a terrible fire destroyed the old house. The streets around the manorial site serve to remind us of its significance: "Manor Close", "Glebe Road", "Revels Road", "Gosselin Road", Parkhurst Road", "Byde Street" and "Fanshawe Street" all have associations with it.

Hugo or Hugh de Beachamps is recorded as first Lord of Bengeo Manor in the gift of a Knights Fee from William the Conqueror. It appears to have been confiscated from Brand, a house-carl of Edward the Confessor. It was shortly afterwards held in fee by Geoffrey de Bech, a cousin of the Conqueror, who parcelled the demesne out to his man-at-arms.

In the 13th century it was held by Richard de Tany, and later by Count Alan of Penthievre as part of his bigger Manor of Richmond, Yorkshire. Bengeo Manor was then known as "Richmond -in-Bengeo"; and Count Alan also held the Manor of Cheshunt.

In 1272 it was granted to the Cluniac monks of St. Saviour's Abbey, Bermondsey, who held the advowson of St. Leonard's Church and kept an anchorite hermit there. In spite of attempts to disperse them, the monks held the Church and farmed the Manor Demesne, meadows and vineyards until the Dissolution, about 1535.

Their manorial rights were threatened in the 12th century by one Adam de Stratton who was a swindler. Stratton started out as a young priest, but his skill at arithmetic led him into accountancy. He eventually became Chamberlain of the Exchequer to King Edward I. During his time in this job he learned how to forge mortgages, house deeds, land-rights and bills of exchange in his own favour and held Bengeo Manor for a time as well as Widford, illegally, while the poor monks and Abbot John tried to get it back.

Edward I found out about Stratton through "squealers" at the court who had gone to Stratton for help with mortgages and loans, but because his Chancellor was useful to him he let him off with a warning and returned to his French Wars.

Stratton carried on swindling. When the King returned, on hearing of more frauds he had Stratton arrested and tried. Stratton skillfully defended himself but a bag of dead moles, toad's feet, hair and nail cuttings was found and he was accused of intimidation by sorcery and witchcraft. He claimed the bag was planted but stood trial for his life and only escaped by King's pardon. He lived to be an old man, although penniless when he died, says the "Red Book of the "Exchequer".

After this the Manor of Bengeo passed to the Fitzsimmons, then the Brocket family and several other owners until in 1594 it passed to the Fanshaws of Ware Park, becoming the Dower House of Lady Anne Fanshawe. It was sold after the Civil War to pay off debts when it was purchased by Sir Thomas Byde, (see Byde Street) who was the last active Lord of the Manor and died in 1828. Shortly afterwards the Manor passed to Admiral Thomas de Harchant Gosselin of Guernsey (Gosselin Road). After him it passed to his son Hellier Gosselin then to a Mr. Parker (Parker Avenue).

In 1894 Bengeo was absorbed into the Borough of Hertford and the change led to the decline of the Manor's importance, which it had held for centuries.

Malcolm Moulding

A New Head for Bengeo Infants' School

Molewood Residents extend a warm welcome to Mrs Shirley Patey the new Headmistress of Bengeo Infant School. She took up her post in September and is already settling in.

Mrs Patey has two teenage sons, Duncan and Nigel and they live in Potter's Bar.

Her last post was as Deputy Head at a large school in Enfield called Cart-hatch Infant School. Coming from Enfield to Bengeo has been quite a change.

"The school has a lovely atmosphere", says Mrs Patey "it is so warm and friendly". She finds it has very much a family feeling and she means to keep it that way. She wants to see the school remain a happy place for children, staff and parents and to maintain the already excellent standards.

Her interests outside school include Badminton. She used to be rather more than just good - playing in the South East England Ladies Championships - but these days her time is restricted and she plays less often than she would like.

For a long time she chaired the local branch of the Friends of the Samaritans, the fund raising arm of the well known Charity for people in distress. This involved organising fetes, jumble sales and a shop "anything to raise money".

She has also formed a self help group for single house holders. She is very keen on DIY but there are many jobs that are not easy to do alone - paper hanging for instance - so the group of about twenty five men and women share their skills and repay in kind.

One thing Mrs Patey does not like is gardening - this is where the self help group comes in!

She is an avid reader, absorbing everything from Science fiction to Catherine Cookson, of whom she is particularly fond.

Just at the moment however she is devoting almost all her time to the school and other interests have had to be relegated.

We hope you will be very happy here Mrs Patey and that the school will continue to thrive under you.

Oxfam Bookshop, 8 Railway Street

If anyone is turning out books no longer required they will be very much appreciated at the Oxfam Bookshop.

All books will be collected from your home by phoning 587801 and asking for me.

Walter Smith

Dates for your Diary

5.12.87 - Christmas Bazaar, Duncombe Hall, 2 pm.

15.12.87 - Carol Sing-a-long - Duncombe Hall, get in tune for Christmas. Christmas fare. Price to be announced.

6. 2.88 - Organ Recital at Holy Trinity Church, by Colin Walsh, Organist and Master of Choristers at St. Alban's Abbey. Programme £2.50.

The Storm

I think in the future we will speak about 'The Storm' and not need to say which one we mean.

It was terrible to see the havoc wreaked that night in our area, even though we have come off better than many other parts of the country. Too many of our trees have gone for ever.

Now that we have got our breaths back we need to think about what we can do to put right at least some of the damage, if not for our benefit, then for our children in the years to come.

Brian Euler has put forward three options to be considered. Should we donate some money to a National fund - if there is one - to replant trees, or nearer home contribute toHertford, or should we do what we can for Bengeo alone?

I have provided a second tear off slip for you to let us know what you think.

Please use it.

You may have noticed a recurrent theme in this and past 'Holewood Outlooks' and that is an appeal from the Committee to you to tell us what you want from the Association. We can offer various social activities as we have in the past such as dances, theatre trips, coach trips to France, a visit to Oaklands and so on but we often have difficulty in selling the tickets. Perhaps there is something else you would like? To help us to help you I have provided a tear off slip that I very much hope you will fill in and return. You will not of course be committed to anything, but I hope that you will take this seriously and return the slip soon.

Please either put it through the letter box of any Committee Member or in the Suggestion Box in The Avenue Stores.

It will be interesting to see how many slips are returned.

Stop press!

Planning permission for a forty horse equestrian centre in the 'Pit' has been refused on the grounds that 1. it lies within the Green Belt, 2. extra traffic would add to the existing congestion and be detrimental to the amenity of the local residents and users of the footpaths, and 3. that forty horses together with extra buildings would be an over intensive use of the land and would further reduce the amenities of the residents.

This will come as a great relief to most of us, especially to those who would have been most affected in the Avenue and Cowper Crescent.

The Pit - the history

Until 1976 the land behind the end of 'Cowper Crescent' and 'The Avenue' which is now the 'Pit', was owned by Mr. Benson Senior. It consisted of a large field which was grazed by a few horses.

When Mr. Benson died his son Clive discovered that his right to excavate gravel, granted several years before, had almost expired. He started excavating only just in time and from then on our Estate was subjected to noise, fumes, foul smelling smoke, litter and general deterioration.

It should be remembered that the original agreement was that the land would be restored to its former state. This promise was never kept.

Instead we have had a long series of broken agreements - unorthorised buildings, illegal uses of the area, smoke from fires on Sundays, lorries going to and fro before and after agreed hours, excavating continuing through weekends etc. etc...

The Committee has spent many hours on these problems, even our M.P. Mr. Bowen Wells has been to inspect the Pit and has given us his support.

Mr. Benson at one time proposed building houses there, thus transforming a Green Belt area into something much more urban. We resisted this and won!

Eventually in the Summer 1986 edition of the 'Molewood Outlook', I published the latest news - that a compromise agreement was within sight. To quote Roger Martin, who was at that time our local town councillor, "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 tidiedup. 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".

This was just a year ago, yet almost immediately Mr. Benson put forward another plan. He wanted to have an equestrian centre this time, with forty horses and of course more buildings!

I think most people like horses, after all the original field was used by horses and very peaceful and rural they looked. Forty horses however are quite another matter! There was the question of exercising the horses for a start - Where would they go, along the main road to Stevenage, or into Hertford or most likely up the footpaths and round our Estate? If they did this our footpaths would very quickly have been eroded and unuseable to pedestrians. Then there was the question of car and horse box parking. We could see 'Cowper Crescent' and 'The Avenue' becoming even more congested than they are now.

Finally, an equestrian centre would hold equestrian events and these would certainly disturb the peace on weekends and Bank holidays, just when the nearby residents would most like to enjoy some quiet at last.

For these reasons the Association opposed the equestrian centre. This plan has now been turned down. Is it too much to hope that we may be allowed to relax a little?

Mr. Benson has already got more from that land than he should reasonably have expected to get. Why does he go on and on trying to extract more and more money from the land that his father was content to leave untouched for everyone to enjoy?

Well that's all for now. I hope you have enjoyed this edition of the 'Molewood Outlook' and will find the 'Green Pages' section very useful for reference. Remember you are very welcome to visit all of the clubs, classes and groups mentioned, they would all like to see new members.

At the time of writing the 333 bus route is being reorganised. Unfortunately Head Office was unable to give me any information whatever about fares, times or routes! I hope they will have sorted themselves out by 31st October since the one thing they were clear about was that everything would change on that date!

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

Valerie Sutton
Editor

Future Events

If the following activities were organised it is very likely that I would wan t to take part:- (please tick where appropriate).

1. Theatre visits

   A. Musicals
   B. Dance
   C. Modern drama
   D. Shakespeare
   E. Other (please specify)

2. Dances

   A. Square dance
   B. Folk dance
   C. Ballroom dancing
   D. Disco
   E. Other (please specify)

3. Trips

   A. France (shopping)
   B. Canal or river
   C. Coach tour
   D. Specific visits (Oaklands etc)
   E. Other (please specify)

4. Anything else?

Name .....

Address .....

Trees in need of help (please tick as appropriate)

Should the Molewood Residents' Association -

A. Donate a sum of money to a National fund if one is set up?
B. Donate to a similar fund for Hertford?
C. Concentrate our efforts in Bengeo?
D. Would you be willing to help in clearing or replanting? Yes/No

Name .....

Address .....

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. 581920

Glenn H. Sexton
61 North Road
tel. Hert. 586295

Martin Weale
Bengeo Rectory
Byde Street
tel. Hert. 584537

Paul A.L.Stanyer
17 George St.
tel. Hert. 551057

The County Council is responsible for:-

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

The District Council is responsible for:-

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

The Town Council is responsible for:-

Hertford Cemetry
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 Rosemary F. Swallow
Bengeo Wick
The Orchard
Bengeo
tel. Hert. 582758

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
Planning	Wallfields Pegs Lane Hertford
Technical Services	The Castle Hertford
Health and Housing	Wallfields Pegs Lane Hertford
Leisure Services and Area Offices Estate Surveyors Chief Executive	The Castle Hertford

For all these services the telephone is Bishop's Stortford (93) 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) Discovers & 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	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 Gameson
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.
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.

Public Transport - Rail

Local Information

Hertford East (for services to Liverpool St. etc.)
tel. 582521

Hertford North (for services to 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

Hertford 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. Emergency telephone number for the Dump is Hertford 556164.

Local shops open on Sundays

The Avenue Stores	morning
Newsagent, The Avenue	"
Spar, Bengeo Street	"
Bengeo General Stores, Palmers Close	"
C.S. Bengeo Stores, Bengeo St.	"
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
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 — Mrs Jo Wareham, 15, Woodhall Close
tel. Hert. 587607

Football for boys aged 6 - 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 Pines School, Divot Place every Wednesday 4.00 - 5.00 for children from 5 to 7 years.

Mother and Toddler Club — Mrs Enid Paul, 2, Gosselin Road, Bengeo
tel. Hert. 587780
Mrs Heather Burgess, 5, Westfield Road,
tel. Hert. 584763

Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings in Bengeo Parish Hall. All mothers with pre school children are welcome.

The Bounty Hunters — Mrs Hilary Perry, 10, Cowper Crescent
tel. Hert. 584798

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

Scottish Country Dancing — Mrs Kathleen Kirby, 35, Richmond Close, Ware.
tel. Ware 5976

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

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,
tel. Hert. 581033

One meeting at the end of November, other activities as normal. All very welcome.

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

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

National Women's Register — Mrs Gillian Harman, 67, The Avenue
tel. Hert. 584771

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

Bengeo Women's Institute — Mrs June Smith, 15, The Drive, Hertford
tel. Hert. 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,
tel. Hert. 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.
tel. Hert. 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.
tel. Hert. 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.
tel. Hert. 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 or visitor for the Fish Scheme. This would be entirely at your convenience and not in any way a regular commitment. Please get in touch if you can help and also if you feel you need help.

Ballet Classes — Janet Moy, 18, Desborough Close
tel. Hert. 586645
Linda Davies, 15, The Avenue
tel. Hert. 584753
Ballet for girls and boys aged 3 upwards.

Dancing Classes — Janet Carter, 20, Grange Close
tel. Hert. 581560
Pam Blyth, 1, Lys Hill Gardens
tel. Hert. 581537

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, Royden, 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 tel. Hert. 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 tel. Hert. 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)	
Car ramps	10p " day)	Hertford 587285
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, please write to:-

Church Hall Secretary

Gillian Cordingley — 14 Boundary Drive

Free Advice on pensions and all life cover, savings etc.

Molewood Insurance and Financial Services

Allan Streeton — 22 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 586217 (including evenings & weekends)

In association with Life and General

Suggestion Box

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

THE AVENUE
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MOLEWOOD WOOD
THE HEIGHTS, WOODSIDE VILLA, WOODLANDS, 202 NORTH ROAD, MOLE END, WROXHAM, 194 NORTH ROAD, SILVER BIRCHES, THE FIRS, MOLE COTTAGE, PAMPAS.

THE ORCHARD
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