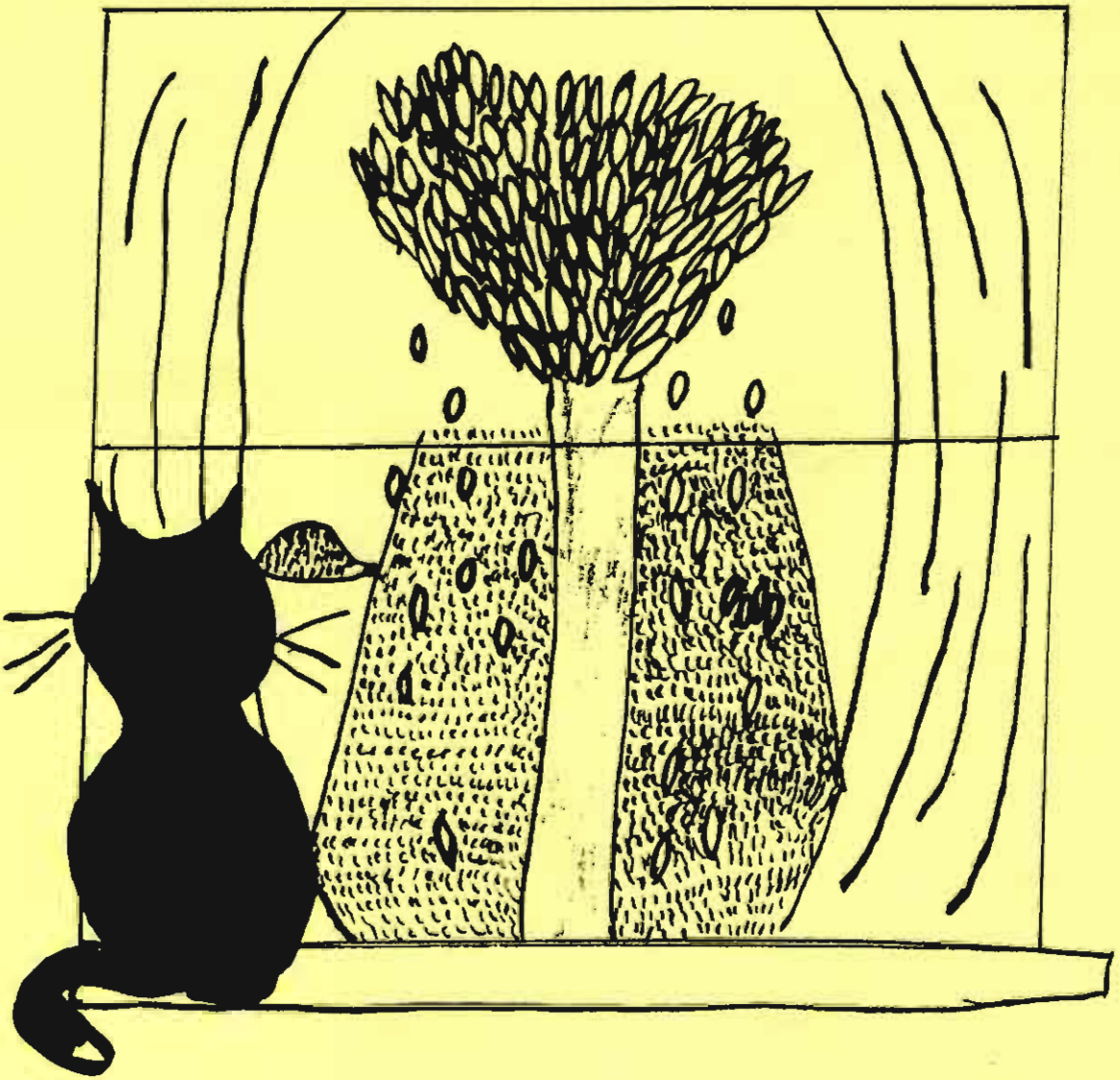
MOLEWOOD OUTLOOK

Molewood Residents Association

AUTUMN 1994



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The young and talented artist who catches the mood of the season with her falling leaves is *Jennifer Roberts* age 11 of the Wick who is a student of Simon Balle school.
Jennifer also catches a ' fiver ' for her evocative picture. Thank you Jennifer.

Not a lot has happened since the last 'M.O.' All the gardens looked a treat and, again, our green-fingered chairperson Pam won the award for the best medium-size garden in the Hertford in-Bloom competition. Pam's pride in her garden got her an appearance in an August Mercury page on Anglia-in-Bloom in which, disappointedly, Hertford was beaten by Royston.
Bloomin' good !
TREES AND BUSHES look a treat, although some still need trimming back where they are overhanging public spaces. John Baldwin informs us that if your neighbour's plants are overhanging your property you are entitled to cut them back to your border but NOT keep the snippets. The law requires that you hand them back to the 'owner'.(You are entitled to - but we know you won't- throw them back over the fence !)

MAN'S BEST FRIEND ?

Much has already been said about dog fouling and every household will have received a leaflet from the Council on the penalties of allowing our four-footed friends who leave their marks in public areas. There has been a case where an elderly resident has found a dog's 'calling card' deposited at the end of her front path on several occasions. Was this deliberate ?, (We won't put our foot in it by yapping on any more)
Enough, already !

PLAY-SPACE: This has happily reverted to a childrens' play-space and the adult matches appear to have ceased. We hope it will stay that way !

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES:-
SATURDAY 17TH. DECEMBER, Duncombe Hall from 2p.m. to 4 p.m. A CHILDRENS' PARTY for 5-10 year olds with a DISCO (A marvellous chance for you mums to sneak off and do the Christmas shopping.....peacefully !)
(watch the NOTICE BOARDS)

THANKS and good luck to Francis Cotterell who has resigned from the committee.
AND.....to BRIAN EULER, who has moved to a lovely old cottage in the village of Colliers End (on the A10). who is still a familiar face around the estate as he is still engaged on various handyman/building projects for residents. Brian was very active on the committee for many years.

Good luck with "The Good Life ", Brian !

FOND FAREWELLS TO:-

' BOBBIE ' BALDWIN. Our special thanks to John Baldwin who, sadly, leaves our onion patch for pastures new.

In their infinite wisdom a special *police committee* had decreed that John would not be replaced and a motor-cycled officer would probably be shared between local parishes (Stapleford, Waterford, Tonwell, etc.). However, it is now hoped that we shall have a replacement.

During his 5-6 years in Bengeo he has helped to set up 5 Neighbourhood Watch committees and has organised Crime Prevention days, surgeries and made numerous school visits. John will be taking up a post in H.Q. at the Crime Desk.Gill Stafford at Police H.Q. will continue to be the N.W. Liaison Officer.

We shall all miss him and we are sure that the absence of his friendly and helpful advice on Crime Prevention matters will create a great loss in the community.

And.....to Shirley PATEY: Our local Head teacher who is taking an early retirement, who writes;-

" As another school year begins I am delighted to report that the children seem to have settled happily and are behaving well. I know, however, that this is not always the case, especially outside of school, when there is no adult supervision. I hope that if you have any problems with our children, you will contact the school, so that we may deal with the matter here. We do try to instill in the children a sense of community spirit, which for some may be difficult to acquire.We have some lovely new apparatus in the school grounds, as you will no doubt have noticed. It is very hard to keep the children away from it, outside of school hours, and may be this is just not possible to do. I would be very grateful if you would keep an eye on the buildings and grounds and if you notice dangerous or bad behaviour phone the police station. As Mr. Collins is recovering from a hip replacement he is not available to deal with any problems and our temporary caretaker, Mr. Bill Gratwick, lives rather too far away to respond quickly. When I hear from colleagues how their schools are vandalised I feel that we are very fortunate here in Bengeo to have so few problems.

I repeat my plea for help in the school. I am sure that some of you have wonderful stories to tell of life in the past, exciting jobs, or artefacts that would stimulate and interest the children. If you would like to offer some assistance please do come in and chat to me or Sara Rider, my deputy.

Finally I know that some of you will be aware that this is my last term with the school. I have applied for an early retirement from Christmas, which I hope will be granted, and will be moving to Norfolk, to start a new life with a new husband and spend a little more time looking after my elderly parents. I have enjoyed the challenge that Bengeo has provided and have loved the children. The staff and children will be sorely missed, but not the increasing workload ! I should like to thank you for being such good neighbours and bearing with the problems that schools bring, parking, noise, etc. I have enjoyed your support and I am sure that my successor will consider him or herself privileged to be part of this community. "

(THANK you Shirley and all the very best in your retirement!)

GARDEN CENTRE: No news. There have been no applications and no interest shown in this site.

WATER TOWER: Mercury Communications have won their appeal and there is nothing that can be done by the Planning Department. Sorry !

CAR PARKING: (A subject to get the adrenalin going !) If cars on the highway are *causing an obstruction* a complaint may cause the offenders to be presented with a £20 ticket. A difficult one, we know ! School times are one of the most hazardous, with some mums parking their cars in places where no cars should be !

Spare a thought for other drivers - AND - children, please.

MORE ON TREES AND SHRUBS: We hope to play our part on the estate by helping to bring the County Town up to the standard with surrounding towns in the next year or two.

ROUND THE HOUSES: Hedges on the Sacombe road footpath have been cut back (haven't they ?) : Half of the Avenue's *hump* has been left behind !: Work on The Wick progressing: There has been a request for cycle stands adjacent to the Launderette: Overhanging branches in Desborough Close have been cut back(Many thanks !) :New houses in the Pit are being watched closely, especially in relation to the badger setts there.

Loads-a-money ?!

Wanna make a quick buck ? Well, we can't help you there. But many communities have formed Investment Clubs where a group of people meet regularly to scan the stock markets and decide which stocks, shares, Trusts, etc. may prove a worthwhile investment. By ' pooling ' a small amount each week or month they then have a' flutter ' in whichever investment takes their fancy, long or short term. Some have been extremely successful, some not !

There is an Association with rules and step-by-step guide-lines, but if anyone is interested please contact the Ed. or *Proshare* direct on 0800 556622.

When the (blue) chips are down.....

LITTER-LOUTS BEWARE !

Many new ' Duty Bodies" have been given new responsibilities to keep their land clear of litter and refuse. This includes schools and , of course, many public bodies.

As always, the rules and regulations are too complex, and boring , to fill pages of this mag. but suffice to say that the local Authorities are now able to operate a fixed penalty scheme which works rather like the fixed parking ticket system- dear to everyone's hearts !. It can appoint ' Litter Wardens ' or allow other staff to issue 'Litter Tickets ' to anyone who drops litter and refuses to pick it up. The offender has 14 days in which to pay the fixed penalty of £10. Failure to pay this will result in the offender being taken to court to face a maximum fine of £1000.

So, when (or IF) you have read this PLEASE deposit your old M.O. s in the appropriate receptacle !

KNIT-WITS !

Heidi Scott's blanket was gratefully received at Hospice Care Service in Welwyn Garden City who have written expressing their thanks.

So, ladies (sorry, *people)* we would like volunteers to knit squares with the aim of donating more blankets. For the technical:- Squares in double knitting wool: size 9 needles: cast on 30 stitches : plain knit 30 rows. Those who feel able to undertake this marathon and worthwhile challenge please 'phone Heidi - 558208.

U3A

What is it ? It stands for *University of the Third Age,* a concept imported from the Continent and taken up in this country on a more informal basis. Basically it is for the 'wrinklies' in a community who wish to meet with others *d'une certain age* with common interests in such matters as sports, pastimes, hobbies, languages, music appreciation and any other matters where sufficient people can congregate to make it worthwhile. It is VERY popular and most 'classes' are fully taken up, bearing in mind that these are held in ' student' s homes and therefore must be restricted in total. Just about every conceivable interest - such as those which the over-50's can follow - is represented.

The Hertford and district branch meets monthly, on a Thursday afternoon, at Castle Hall. Not only is there a guest speaker on a wide range of fascinating subjects; up-to-date news on the 30 activity groups; it is also a social event.

If there's not a group that covers your interests, join with others to start one !

If your not into exercising mind and body there are two groups who meet for lunches in local pubs - at about £4. per head.

The almost limitless range includes: acqua aerobics - badminton - bowls - keep fit - table-tennis - swimming - walking - dressmaking - embroidery - photography - travel - languages - antiques - science - bridge - garden and archeological visits - and, of course—eating !

The academic subjects are split into *Practical* and *Appreciation.*

The membership fee is £12 per annum so, don't miss out, 'phone the membership secretary Sheila Hand on 501145.

Who said - nothing happens in Bengeo? (4)

More on the evergreen Bengeo-ites with....

Summer & Autumn& Garden Competition

Winners

Best Containers/Baskets:-

1st. Mr. & Mrs. Battell	109, Cowper Crescent
2nd. Mr. & Mrs. Roberts	98, The Avenue

Gardens;-

1st. Mrs. Digweed	31, Lodge Close
2nd. Mrs. Murrell	38, Cowper Crescent
3rd Mr. & Mrs. Karn	16, The Wick.
4th. Miss Beaveridge	51, Cowper Crescent
5th. Mr. & Mrs. Kenney	34. The Avenue
6th. Mrs. Moy	18, Desborough Close

CONGRATULATIONS and many thanks to all the Molewood shopkeepers this year for their super pot and basket displays.

We (your Association) will be planting more bulbs around the Estate this Autumn along with some new shrubs. Any volunteers in this back-breaking task would be warmly welcome - if you can spare an hour towards the end of October.

NEW HOUSES - The Site Manager of the small development in the Pit has extended an invitation to tour the site to anyone interested or concerned in any way. These tours will be on a Saturday morning. So, now is your chance !

BACK TO THE FUTURE:

A 60's Night is planned for March 1995: Dancing to the fabulous *Cheetah* band. Watch this space and the notice boards !

Finally, we wish you well for the not-too-far-off Festive season. A time for the kiddles, so we leave you with these thoughts.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

If a child lives with criticism

..... He learns to Condemn.

if a child lives with Hostility

He learns to Fight

if a child lives with Ridicule

He learns to be Shy.

if a child lives with Shame

He learns to feel Guilty

if a child lives with Tolerance

He learns to be Patient.

if child lives with Encouragement

He learns Confidence.

if a child lives with Praise

He learns to Appreciate.

if a child lives with Fairness

He learns Justice.

if a child lives with Security

He learns to have Faith.

if a child lives with Approval

He learns to like himself.

if a child lives with Acceptance

and friendship,

He learns to find love in the World.

Have a wonderful Christmas. Cheers !

HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

COORDINATORS' PYRAMID
(including RESERVE COORDINATORS where applicable)

(This Pyramid supersedes all previous pyramids for passing information from Coordinator to Coordinator. Once information is passed to you as Coordinator, it also needs to be passed on to your own Watch).

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YELLOW PAGES

Neighbourhood - BABY - Watch !

If you have young children and need someone to BABY-SIT whilst you go out and enjoy yourself, why don't you join the MOLEWOOD BABY-SITTING CIRCLE ? It is run on a points system and works very efficiently.

Contact PENNY ANDREW at 96, The Avenue, Tel. 586028 who will be happy to give more details and add you to the list.

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