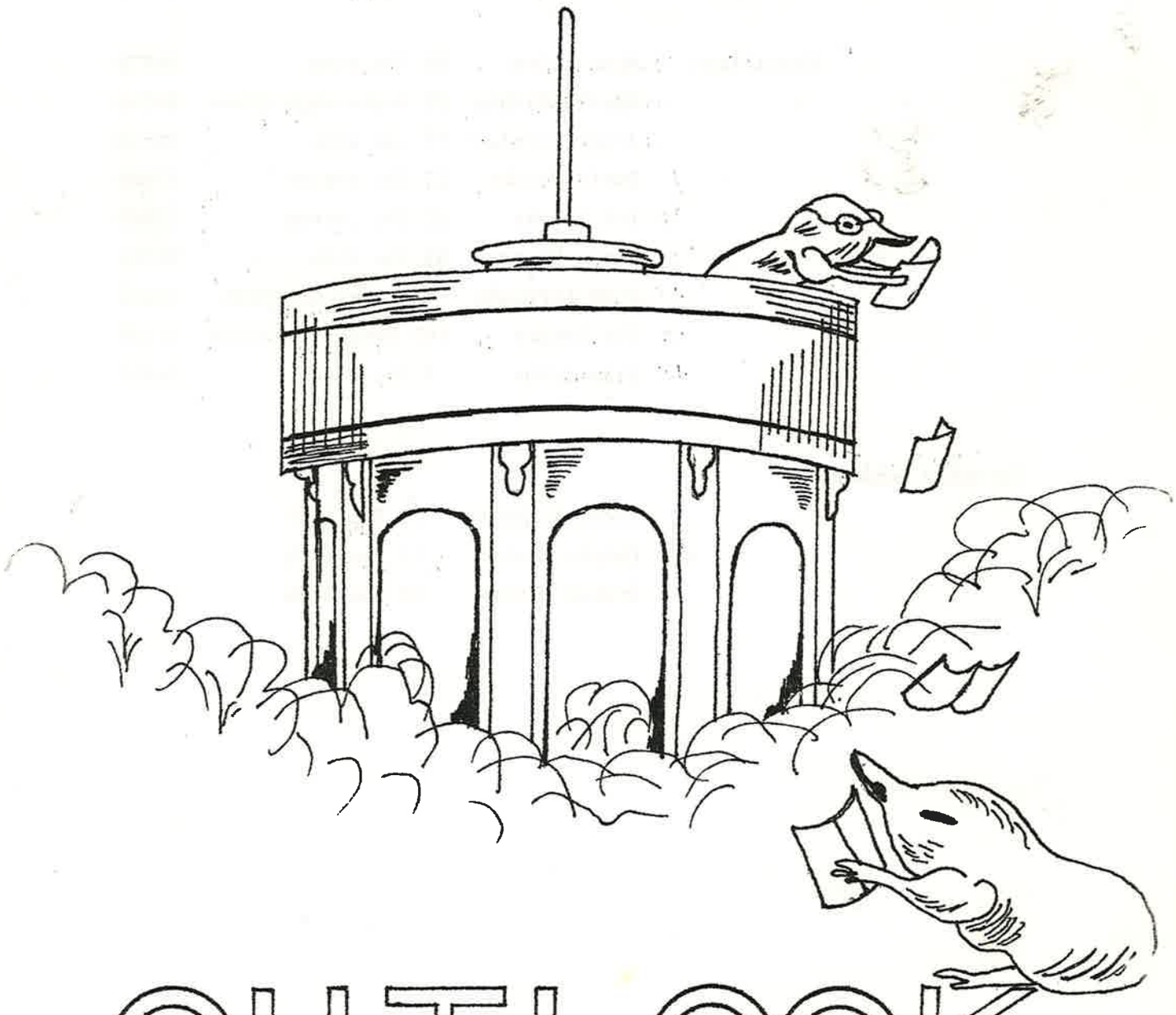
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OUTLOOK

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

			Tel.Nos.
Chairman:	David Childs	5 Woodhall Close	57130
Secretary:	Reg Layzell	85 Cowper Crescent	56479
Treasurer:	David Black	11 The Wick	57285
Committee:	Myra Allen	66 The Wick	56576
	Sheila Bishop	27 Desborough Close	58542
	Janet Bossley	73 The Wick	56848
	David Brooks	27 The Avenue	57809
	Pat Brooks	27 The Avenue	57809
	Irene Cherry	49 The Wick	51084
	John Larroude	8 Cowper Crescent	51233
	Pam Lutner	107 Cowper Crescent	51329
	John Lyons	7 The Wick	51042

Co-opted Members:

Michael Conlon	15 The Wick
Pamela Conlon	15 The Wick
Graham Simons	42 The Wick

M O L E W O O D R E S I D E N T S A S S O C I A T I O N

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GRASS CUTTING

Grass areas on the Estate are in a very bad condition again, and the Association have yet again written to the Council, requesting that all grass areas on the Estate receive another cut before the winter.

BENGEO STREET - SPEEDING TRAFFIC

A letter on this topic, written by Bengeo Street Residents Association, was published in the Mercury recently. From the contents of this letter it read that nothing had ever been done regarding this problem.
To put the matter in perspective, the Association compiled a letter to the Bengeo Street Residents Association. A copy was forwarded to the Mercury and published on 2nd September. We are waiting to hear if the Bengeo Street Residents Association achieve better results than ourselves. We understand that the matter has been raised at a recent Council meeting.

ASSOCIATION EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE.

Due to breakage the extension ladder has had to be replaced. Therefore, the Association has purchased a new aluminium extension ladder, together with an easy reach ladder stay. We have taken out insurance cover in respect of public liability when the Association equipment is out on hire.
It has been decided to revise the hiring charges, with immediate effect, for all the equipment as follows:-

1.	Ladder	50 pence per week (to increase to £1 per week in Spring 1978)
2.	Preserving Pan	10 pence per day
3.	Car ramps	10 pence per day
4.	Jump leads	10 pence per day

Items 1, 3 and 4 are available from David Black, 11 The Wick, Telephone No. 57285. Item 2 is available from Pam Lutner, 107 Cowper Crescent, Telephone No. 51329.

VANDALISM

Vandalism has increased on the Estate recently. Plants have been up-rooted, items of clothing have been stolen from clothes lines and road name signs have been broken and defaced. The local police have requested co-operation from members of the public in reporting anything that appears suspicious.

BONFIRES.

A number of complaints have been received from members about the nuisance caused by bonfires. In view of this the Association has made enquiries and we have been informed that there are no byelaws controlling bonfires or the burning of rubbish in incinerators in this area. The only course of action is for a person who is continually inconvenienced by this nuisance, to take out a private summons.

YOUTH CLUB

The building fund appeal has been launched. The draw tickets in aid of this fund appear to be selling well. The draw for prizes will be held during the dance being held on 28th October, at Crouchfields.
A Christmas stall is being arranged for 17th December and donations of gifts and items for sale would be welcome. All proceeds are in aid of the building fund.

GARDEN CENTRE

We have recently been informed by the Council Planning Department, that another scheme has been submitted for approval. This latest scheme provides for a much smaller car park, thereby reducing the number of car parking spaces. This makes our original concern even more justified in respect of vehicles being parked in Sacombe Road. However, there does appear to be some confusion over the actual number of car parking spaces, and we are endeavouring to have the position clarified.

OVERHANGING TREES

With the arrival of autumn, once again we are faced with the problem of trees and shrubs obstructing footpaths. According to the East Herts District Council, it is an offence for house owners to allow trees etc., to overhang and thereby obstruct footpaths. The Committee request that members cut back any such trees and shrubs on their own property that are in danger of causing obstruction.

DEAD ELM TREES

There appear to be a number of dead Elm trees on the edge of the gravel working area, screening gardens at the rear of The Avenue and Cowper Crescent. One of these trees could fall onto the electricity sub-station at this location, and the Association is taking the necessary action to have these trees attended to.

MEMBERSHIP

There have been a number of houses on the Estate that have changed ownership in the last couple of years. With this in mind it was decided to carry out a membership recruitment drive. Committee Members are in the process of calling at houses not registered as members on our books. At the last Committee Meeting, thirty two additional members have been added to our ranks.

PUBLIC LAVATORIES.

An article on this topic recently appeared in the Mercury. It was written by Councillor Peter Ruffles who asked for support from the public and local organisations, in what he considered to be an appalling situation, with the lack of toilet facilities in and around Hertford. As we have received complaints from members in this regard, especially from those with young children, it was agreed that the Association write giving our support.

BUILDING SITE - LODGE CLOSE

Members in Lodge Close have requested us to look into the dormant building works in that area. This is being done and a further report will follow.

SCREENING OF SCHOOL PLAYING FIELDS.

We have been requested by a number of members, with houses backing onto the Bengeo School playing fields, to endeavour to have the School provide better screening between their back gardens and the playing fields. This request is being given attention.

AUTUMN GARDEN COMPETITION

All members' front gardens were recently inspected from which a short list was compiled to enable a winner to be selected.

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

The chess tournament was held on the 15th October with all those taking part enjoying the evening. Members of all ages played and the adults

did not have all their own way. In fact the winner was one of our younger members. Refreshments for the evening were arranged by Myra Allen and Janet Bossley to whom we extend our thanks. A special "thank you" goes to Tony Pascall, a member of the Hertford Chess Club, who gave up his evening to judge our tournament. The Committee thank all those who took part. We hope to arrange another evening in the new year, with a different game.

The winning places were as follows:-

1st	A. Kemp	9 points.
2nd	K. Stephenson	8 "
3rd	K. Denton	7½ "

Maximum available points was 10

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

For a pre-Christmas competition there follows twenty questions on Hertford. Both young and old members may enter. If you wish to enter, list your answers on a sheet of paper showing your name and address. Return you answers to me at 27 The Avenue.

Clsoing date 28th November.

The questions are as follows:-

1. What is the oldest building in the town?
2. What famous author used Hertford as the main town in a well-known novel - but not by name?
3. What was the novel?
4. Which two churches no longer exist?
5. What was the first mention of Hertford in History?
6. Where is the event commemorated?
7. What religious community was there in the town in the 13th Century?
8. What was Hertford's first castle known as?
9. Who besieged Hertford Castle in 1216?
10. Who were Hertford's first M.Ps.?
11. What connection has the Castle with David II of Scotland?
12. Who was the "She-Wolf" of France, who lived at the Castle?
13. Howdid Maidenhead Street get it's name?
14. What is the decorative plaster work on shops in Market Place called?
15. Who was the bell-founder who worked in Hertford?
16. What Hertford barber played cricket for England?
17. Where are the original Hertford gallows to be found?
18. Where was the Green Dragon?
19. What connection has Bermondsey with Bengeo?
20. Who was Hertford's first woman Mayor?

A prize will be given to the winner in the form of a record token to the value of £3.00. If there is more than one correct set of answers returned a draw will be made.

Items for inclusion in thenext Newsletter to me by 15th December please.

DAVID BROOKS.
Editor.