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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ASSOCIATION'S EQUIPMENT - Additional Rule 9A

An Extra Ordinary General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th July at which the proposed Rule 9A, as worded in the June/July Newsletter, was passed. A small slip that can be appended to the Association's Rules, quoting this additional rule, will be issued to members in due course.

GRAVEL PIT AT REAR OF THE AVENUE AND COWPER CRESCENT

As most members are aware, since the last Newsletter was published, a meeting was held in the Parish Hall, Duncombe Road, being called by both action groups involved in this pit. Approximately 250 people attended this meeting and a full report was printed in the local Mercury. At the present time there does not appear to be any activity going on in this pit.

CHAPMORE END GRAVEL WORKINGS.

Our Chairman attended a meeting called by Shirley Williams M.P., who is taking an active part in policing the lorry routes and other allied matters involved in connection with these gravel workings. The Civic Society are also watching activities, especially with regard to stopping the clearance of mature trees and the hedgerow for a good 400 yeard section if lorries are permitted to use the Sacombe Road route.

BALL GAMES ON GREENS

We have been requested to mention this topic again, as there are still a number of older children, in one area in particular, using the greens as football pitches. Members are requested to ask their children to refrain from this practise.

FOULING OF FOOTPATHS

This is a problem prevalent in most areas. However, Lys Hill Gardens is one area on this Estate suffering more than most. Members residing in Lys Hill Gardens have requested that this topic be mentioned, in the hope that dog owners take more care with where they permit their pets to foul the footpaths.

GARDEN COMPETITIONS

We were requested at the A.G.M. to inform members of the points that are looked for when members' front gardens are being judged for the Spring and Autumn competitions. The following report was submitted by our gardening expert.

SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION

The winners of this years Spring Garden Competition were Mr. & Mrs.G. Moy of 18 Desborough Close, by a narrow margin of 4 points! A very close second with a garden of merit were Mr. & Mrs. D. Kenney of 34 The Avenue. Listed are points the judges look for when judging the gardens, bearing in mind they are judged at the peak flowering times at the various seasons.

All features are marked from a maximum of 10 points for each section.

LAWNS whether in good condition, green, weed free, cut well etc.

GARDEN COMPETITION (Cont.)

TREES	Variety, size in relation to garden, shape, flowering etc.
SHRUBS	Variety, colour, ~~shapes etc.~~
FLOWERS	The amount of colour, variety, whether annuals, perennials, use of bedding plants in patterns complimenting other plants etc.
PATHS	Condition, whether well cared for and higher marks given for ornamental paths, crazy paving etc., and no weeds growing in between.
FENCES	Have to be in good condition and well maintained.
ROCKERIES	An important item this as it can be the focal point of a garden. Points to look for are good rocks and layout to start with giving a natural look. Variety of plants and whether properly spaced and not untidy and allowing the rocks to be seen.
SPECIAL FEATURES	This is a section that can gain those extra points which can make all the difference in winning. Items looked for are ponds, water falls, ornaments, flower boxes and baskets, ornamental rubs, fancy walling, iron work, railings etc.
GENERAL NEATNESS	This is an overall picture of the garden as a whole, whether everything blends in and presents a pleasing appearance.

I hope this gives the keen gardeners some ideas as to what is judged and perhaps inspire some more residents to 'have a go'. Could we appeal to the non-gardeners amongst us and ask them to think of the lovely estate they live on and their neighbours when letting their gardens run to seed. A garden can be kept tidy with the minimal of work if put down to lawn and some nice flowering shrubs which need little maintenance other than an occasional prune, and makes for happier neighbours and a lovely estate.

AUTUMN GARDEN COMPETITION

This will be judged over the next month so please 'have a go' at your gardens and you may be a winner next time.

Would any of our members be interested in having a min-Molewood show each year in which there would be simple sections whereby every member of the family could enter whether they have a garden or not and possible an exchange stall where members could swap plants and knowledge. If you are interested, please contact me on Hertford 51329.

"Happy Gardening"

PAM LUTNER

CRIME PREVENTION EXHIBITION

The Police Mobile Crime Prevention Exhibition Unit visited the Estate on Saturday 29th July. A steady number of persons living on the Estate visited the Unit which we hope proved useful.

In this connection I quote part of the contents of a recent letter received from Betty Hall.

"When delivering notices for the Gravel Pits Meeting I was disturbed to find:-

1. Keys left in front doors.

2. Doors ajar or on catches.

3. Money on steps or in porches.

In view of the Crime Prevention Exhibition Unit visit to the Estate I feel that residents should look at their own security measures in order to save the Police unnecessary work and to make the criminal's job that much more difficult."

TALK ON DRUGS

The Bengeo Detachment of the British Red Cross have arranged for a talk on drugs. This talk is being presented by Det. Sgt. Barrett in the Parish Hall, Dunconbe Road, on Thursday 21st September, commening at 8.00 p.m. The Red Cross have offered an invitation to members of the Association who would like to go along on the 21st to hear this talk.

HERTFORD CARNIVAL

Please make a note to come along on Saturday 23rd September when the Hertford Carnival Procession will be making a tour of Hertford. The procession will move off from Hartham Park at 2.30 p.m. There are a large number of floats entering this year along with other attractions. Please support your local societies and clubs by coming along to see the procession.

DAVID BROOKS - EDITOR

Items for inclusion in the next Newsletter to reach the Editor by 20th October please.

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YELLOW PAGES.

MOLEWOOD SCHOOL OF DANCING Linda & Gordon Davies A I ST^{D}(B.B.)	Ballroom & Latin-American. Adults FRI. 8.45pm. Children WED. 5.30pm. Parish Hall, Duncombe Rd.	Hert. 54753
FLORISTRY 'Pam'	Weddings, funerals etc. flowers for all occasions	107 Cowper Cres. Hert. 51329
LIVE POP GROUP 'Hopkins Wood'	Ideal for Disco's, school, Club dances, parties	Hert. 58501
SECURITY PRODUCTS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS Chubb/Yale/Union etc. good discounts	Front entrance door locks, Personal attack alarms electrical alarms locks for internal doors & windows/wooden or metal	Hert. 57809
DUPLICATING Jane Geering	Very reasonably priced service in an efficient manner.	Hert. 51655
TYPING Myra Allen	Stencils typed for above service or plain typing. Shorthand taken.	Hert. 56576
EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE Ladder (Extension)	Aluminium with easy reach £1 per week	Hert. 57285
Car Ramps	10p per day	-do-
Jump Leads	10p per day	-do-
Preserving Pan	10p per day	Hert. 51329