Spring 1984

Molewood Outlook



John Chastell

Newsletter front cover

John Chastell who is 11 years old and lives at number 12, Cumberland Close, is the one we have to thank for this edition's front cover, and very fresh it is too. It reminds us that Spring is on its way and gives us something to look forward to.

Thanks John!

Transport

You may remember that in the last Newsletter there was a suggestion that it might be possible to organise a system of giving lifts to and from Hertford, for the elderly of Molewood? Well, we are pleased to be able to tell you that this is now in operation. We have not only had requests for help, but offers of help as well! These are very encouraging and more are always welcome.

The number to ring, whether to ask for help or to give it, is Hertford 51371.

The Estate - general maintenance

We have noticed that the pavements in some parts of the Estate are becoming very uneven and we have been in touch with the Council about this, and also about the dirty state of the steps from The Avenue to Molewood Road. These steps can be very dangerous in wet or icy weather, and a hand-rail would help. The danger from loose barbed wire beside the footpath running from The Avenue to Molewood Road has also been mentioned.

Meanwhile if you come across something else that deserves examination please let us know!

Cats

This is an appeal to the owners of all tom cats and a certain ginger tom in particular. He prowls around Cowper Crescent, frankly, making a nuisance of himself! He is a beautiful cat, obviously well looked after and much loved. Very likely his owners do not realise how annoying he can be - away from his own home - to other equally much loved cats and their owners.

There have been several complaints about him, he is persistent, not only frightening other cats in their own gardens, but even persuing them into their own homes through their cat flaps, to attack them! One family was woken by noise downstairs at 2.00 a.m. recently to find the ginger tom fighting in the Dining Room! He causes serious injuries too, one cat so attacked has had to be taken to the Vet three times resulting in Vet's bills of £21!

It should not be expected that we should have to barricade our own cats indoors because of him, and we would strongly urge anyone who owns such a cat to give some serious thought to the matter.

As a separate issue - thinking about cat flaps - when going on holiday and leaving the house empty of humans and animals it would be as well to block up the flap. Imagine the state one might come home to if some four legged squatter had taken possession!

Now for dogs

We have received complaints of persistent barking by a dog again in the Cowper Crescent area, (does any other road have such problems?!) This barking continues for hours on end - up to seven hours we are told - presumably when he is left alone and outside in the garden.

We are a community here, and we all have our little ways that call for tolerance from others, but there are limits and constant noise is stretching toleration a bit far!

Please, if you have a dog, try to limit its potential for annoyance. When he must be left alone, making him comfortable indoors might help.

This Newsletter does not want to become a vehicle for complaints between neighbours, but perhaps a timely hint given in a friendly but impersonal way may be taken without offence?

The Pit

Mr. Benson, the owner, has had his application for Existing Rights turned down and is now Appealing. This is despite a promise at the beginning to restore the land to its former use.

We have had more correspondence with Bowen Wells M.P. and are still hopeful of gaining his support.

The Adventure Playground

In our last Newsletter we told you of the idea of providing swings etc. in the Play Space. Mr. and Mrs Joiner of 16 Desborough Close, whose idea it was, and who were prepared to organise it, stood by their telephone waiting for the offers of help to come flooding in ... well, some anyway ... maybe a few ... just one?

Alas, there was not one call expressing interest! So unless this reminder provokes something that will be the end of the matter.

It may be however that it simply slipped your mind, so here is the number again - Hertford 50226, - if you think it's a good idea, do give them a ring.

Social Activities

The recent trip to see 'Run For Your Wife' was a sell out and a great success. All those who went had a marvellous time. Following this success we are organising a visit to the Festival Hall for a concert of music by Debussy, Sibelius, Rachmaninov and Delius. This is a reminder as you have had notice of this already. The cost for concert and coach will be £7 give or take 50p, and the number to ring is Hertford 54544.

The Scottish Dance was greatly enjoyed by all who attended, and many thanks are due to the South East Herts Scottish Dance Society, and also to the Guides and otheres who helped in the preparation and serving of the refreshments.

List of Members

With this Newsletter you will find a complete list of PAID UP members for the year, April 1983 - '84. Goodness it will soon be time to come calling again!

The Yellow Pages

The Yellow Pages section is to be a permanent feature of the Newsletter, and it has been revised for this edition.

If you have any service you wish to advertise, please ring Hertford 50459 and it will be included in the next edition - and from then on - free of charge.

The A.G.M.

Lastly all that is left/for me to give you a date to make a note of:-
The A.G.M. will be held at 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 3rd May in the Dining Hall, Bengeo Infants School. We will remind you nearer the day, but meanwhile you can be thinking of anything you might wish to raise.

We hope to see you there. Springtime Greetings!

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

LIST OF MEMBERS 1983 - 84

THE AVENUE	13, 15, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 33, 35, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 73, 77, 81, 85, 91, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 139, 141.
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COWPER CRESCENT	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 35, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109.
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CUMBERLAND CLOSE	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17.
DESBOROUGH CLOSE	1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.
THE DRIVE	15.
LODGE CLOSE	1A, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 57, 59, 61.
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LYS HILL GARDENS	1, 3, 5, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23.
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MOLEWOOD	Robin Hill, The Heights, Woodside Villa, Woodlands, 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.
PEEL CRESCENT	3, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 57, 59.
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THE WICK	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 33, 35, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 61, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73.
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Please report any errors in the above list to the membership secretary, Leslie Smith, Hertford 51179.

Molewood Residents Association — Organized Group Visits

Dear Member,

The theatre and concert visits proved popular - both being oversubscribed. Your committee would be happy to arrange further such activities as required.

Since summer is approaching, members may, however, prefer an outside activity leaving other theatre visits until the autumn and beyond.

Suggestions for such possible visits are:-

1. On a June Saturday - Round Trip to Greenwich

   Depart Bengeo a.m. by coach to Westminster. Boat to Greenwich using standard service. Return from Blackheath to Bengeo about 6.00p.m. Coach and Boat fares - Adults - £4. Children with parents - £3. Time for picnic on pier or in park. Visits possible to - Cutty Sark etc. (90p/50p) - Maritime Museum (charge now £1) - Royal Observatory Museum (also £1 but joint tickets are £1.50 - note: children 7 - 16 are ½ price).

2.(a) A Summer Evening Cruise on a Narrow boat - from Hertford or Ware.

   Bar available. Duration 2½ hrs. Cost, dependent upon numbers, about £2 per head.

   (b) Similar cruise on a week-day morning or afternoon - lunch (Ploughmans) possible. Cost, excluding lunch, around £1 per head.

3. It may be possible to arrange a day trip to France by coach travelling via Dover/Calais but going on as required to Boulogne or St. Omer for shopping etc. A long day - cost about £20 per head.

   Theatre visits next autumn could include:-

   (a) A Musical (b) An Opera (c) The Ballet (d) Your suggestion

If you would like details of such further activities would you please complete and return the attached slip. By indicating your preferences you will greatly assist organisation.

Ted Brown for M.R.A.

Molewood Residents Association — Organized Visits 1984

Please return this slip to E. Brown, 2 Cowper Crescent.

Please supply further details - if and when available:-
for the following visits - (please tick)

1. Round Trip to Greenwich .....

2. Canal Cruise (a) ..... (b) .....

3. Day Trip to France .....

We/I would be interested in Theatre/Concert visits for

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Name ..... Address .....
(Mr. Mrs. Miss)

Phone No. .....

Yellow Pages

Equipment for hire

Extension ladder Aluminium with easy reach	£1.00 per week)	
Car ramps	10p " day)	Hertford 57285
Jump leads	")	
Battery charger	")	
Preserving pan	"	Hertford 51329
Tree pruner (6' lightweight)	")	
Bulb planter	")	Hertford 56479
Lawn spreader	")	
Lawn roller	")	

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Mavis Bishop — Hertford 56292

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Home Selection Pottery Parties

Eileen Rosier — 89, Cowper Crescent — Hertford 58530

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Garry Lutner	107, Cowper Crescent	Hertford 51329
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