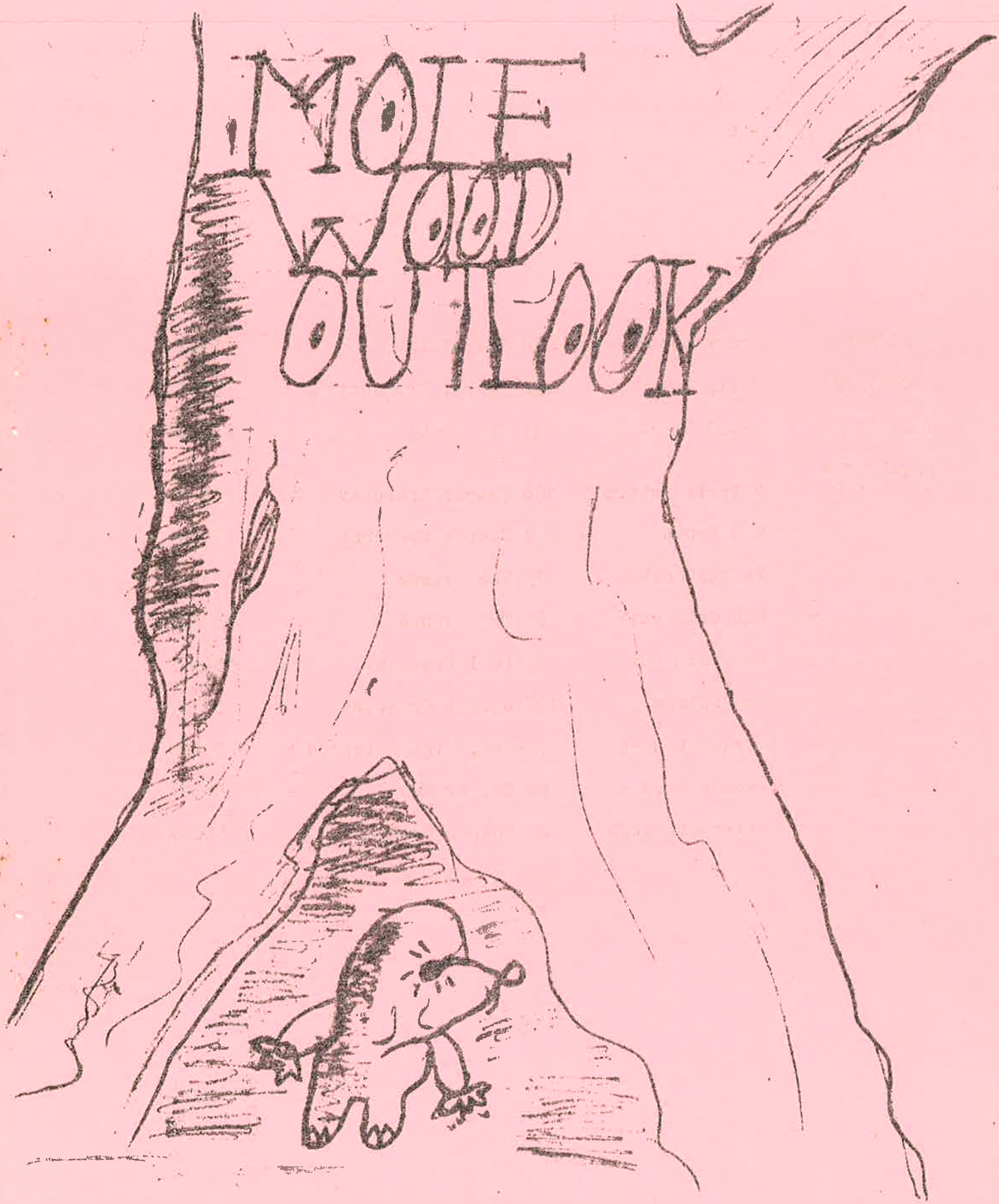
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MOLE WOOD OUTLOOK



by

Margaret Warriner

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Newsletter Covers

Many thanks to all the children who responded to my invitation and sent in drawings to be used on our forthcoming Newsletters. We had some lovely pictures which we will be showing with you over the next year.

Well done!

This edition's cover was drawn by Margaret Warriner, aged ten, who lives in Desborough Close. It reminded me at once of the beginning of 'The Wind in the Willows' when Mole says "Hang spring cleaning", and climbs out into the warm sunshine after so long in the dark.

Margaret is a very active girl who enjoys riding and swimming. Her indoor hobbies include reading, collecting key rings - she has over sixty five! - and of course drawing. This is not the first time she has had her work printed, she also drew the winning poster for the pantomime 'Puss in Boots'!

Well done Margaret and thank you!

St. Leonards Week 8.6.85 - 16.6.85

St. Leonard's Church, Bengeo, will be open each day between 11 a.m. and 7.30p.m. on the above dates. A Children's Art Competition is to be held for display during the week. There will be three classes, under 7 years, under 12 years and under 15 years. The subject to paint or draw is the exterior of St. Leonard's Church. The pictures must be no bigger than A4 size, but can be done in any medium e.g. collage, paint, crayon, inks, etc. There will be three prizes in each section. Mr. Trevor Chamberlain has kindly agreed to judge the competition. Closing date 3rd June, 1985. If you are interested, please contact Mrs B. Hall 132 Cowper Crescent (56752).

Three evening events, all at 8 p.m. are as follows:-

Monday 10th	A historical talk (admission free)	
Wednesday 12th	An organ recital)	Tickets at £1.50 each
Friday 14th	A piano recital)	

Fish Scheme

Some people have asked for an extension of the M.R.A. taxi scheme for evenings to be extended to afternoon hospital visiting and collection of prescriptions. These are already covered by the Fish Scheme operated by the Misses Bedington of 50 The Drive, telephone 53257. If you are facing an emergency or need help please do not hesitate to get in touch.

A Disco for Ethiopia

There will be a disco on May 18th at the Church Hall from 7.30 - 11.00 p.m. Admission by ticket only. Tickets - a donation of £1 minimum per child over 10 years (a little more would be appreciated) available from Carole Ruoss, 1 Lodge Close (53284). All profits to the Save the Children Fund for Ethiopia.

'Woodlands'

Increasing numbers of people have been seen lately walking through the private wood behind Cowper Crescent. Mr. and Mrs Cant who own the bungalow 'Woodlands' and the surrounding land have asked me to point out that there is no public footpath through their garden, and they are asking people not to trespass any

more. They have put up 'Private' notices but these have been removed by vandals.

The trouble is that the more the 'path' is used the more it looks like a real path, so please don't do it.

It is also requested that people whose properties back on to 'Woodlands' should not throw their rubbish over their fences.

The official dump is still on the B1001 Watton road and still open every day except Thursday, so there is no reason or excuse for dumping any waste anywhere except in the proper place.

Cause for concern

I have been asked to draw your attention to - no, not cats or dogs or even overhanging trees (though there are still some offending branches), but to something never mentioned in a Newsletter before and that is - jogging!

Joggers and runners of all sorts can be seen in increasing numbers in the Estate and along Sacombe Road and I am passing on two requests to them.

1. Please make sure you can be seen by wearing something white or reflective. You may feel very conspicuous and highly visible, but in dark colours this is not necessarily so.

2. Please remember that the correct side of the road for running or walking is the right hand side facing oncoming traffic.
There is no future in ending up healthy but dead!

Help!

In every Newsletter there is a section entitled 'Causes for Concern', and it is depressing to read - and indeed to write - about the same irritations over and over again, things that could so easily be remedied with just a little thought and consideration for others.

However, although there are always plenty of complaints it would be very nice to balance these with happier items. I sometimes pick up success stories and pass them on, but I may easily miss them.

So how about it? I need your help.

If there is any cheerful story with local interest that you would like to see appear in the Newsletter, please let me know at 106, Cowper Crescent, (550459).

It would be nice to have a regular 'Congratulations Corner'.

Don't be modest (get someone else to tell me!)

Our new roundabout

What do you think of it so far?

We have had several comments about it already. The general opinion seems to be that it is too small, too 'tight', and 'there will be an accident there soon'.

If you have a strong opinion about it, please let us know, and we will follow the matter up.

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. will be held this year on May 7th at 8.00 p.m. in Bengeo Junior School. There will be wine and cheese and a talk by Mr. Peter Ruffles with his own slides of Hertford.

P.C. Pryce-Jones, whose second article you can read in this Newsletter, also hopes to attend.

Those of you who came to the A.G.M. last year will remember what an enjoyable time we had, and this year we are having the Junior School so that the chairs will be more comfortable.

It should be another very good evening and of course the more of you who come the better it will be.

'Beautiful Britain in Bloom'. How can you help?

As you may have read in the Mercury recently a committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Mayor, Councillor Bill Hunter, to involve everyone in and around Hertford and that includes Bengeo, in the 1985 'Beautiful Britain in Bloom' competition.

'Everyone' means just that:- large and small businesses, shops, garages, organisations, clubs, schools and individuals.

The committee would like to hear from anyone who could offer help or ideas to improve Hertford's entry, Of particular use would be voluntary helpers to plant and/or maintain flower beds, collect litter, maintain tubs or hanging baskets etc. Perhaps someone with a local firm or business might like to sponsor a flower tub or window box, or provide plants to brighten up a certain area. It has been suggested that our own Avenue shops would look all the better with a few tubs. What do you think?

All comments, requests for more information, offers of help or sponsorship should be sent to our local Town Committee member - Pam Lutner, 107 Cowper Creseent, Bengeo. 51329.

Advence notice to children - there will be a painting competition for three age groups - under 10, 10 - 13 and 14 - 16 years of age. You are asked to design one page of a 'Beautiful Britain in Bloom' calendar illustrating one month.

So there it is! Last year we won the regional 'England in Bloom' competition so we have something to live up to. Let's do even better this time!

Springtime Greetings.

Seasonal Crimes? A Spring Trend

Spring is with us (or so the weather forecasters insist), and with it a new rash of thefts from garden sheds and garages.

If you take a good look around your shed or garage and tot - up the value of the items you store there, I am sure you will be surprised at the value of property hidden away; lawn mower, garden tools, power tools, joinery equipment etc. It all adds up to a nice "little haul" for an opportunist thief.

It must be pointed out that most thieves and burglars these days, do not carry house breaking tools around with them because of the risk of being stopped and charged with the offence of "Going equipped to steal". So they

usually use tools found at the scene. One such incident attended recently in Bengeo illustrates this perfectly. Thieves broke into a garden shed by using an old spade found in the garden to force the screws out of the door hinges on the garden shed. They stole about £600 worth of power tools, garden tools etc. Such a lot was stolen in fact, that the offenders used a wheel-barrow found in the shed to take it all away!

If you have the sort of garden shed that has the hinges on the outside, use a hammer or a punch to flatten the screws heads so that they cannot be undone, or better still move the hinges to the inside of the door. The injured party in the offence I described above had recently purchased a brand new, high quality padlock for his shed door and was most impressed, unfortunately this was simply by-passed by the thieves and when the offence was discovered, the shed door was hanging on by, yes you've guessed it the new pad-lock, the hinges prised off by the spade found in the garden.

A point to remember, if the dog does start barking and creating a fuss during the night, get up and have a look outside, you never know, it may be your house or shed under attack.

One final item - on a very serious note I'm afraid. Everyone must be aware of the two recent incidents involving the deaths of young children in different parts of the country.

Parents must tread a very narrow line between warning their young children "not to speak to strangers" and of upsetting their children so much, as to make them suspicious and unwilling to go out alone.

These two most recent cases illustrate, however that the point must be continuously hammered home. As the weather slowly improves, more and more children will be out and about after school and at week-ends.

Parents Please 1. Be aware of where your child is,
2. Make sure they don't go off alone.
3. Never accept sweets or lifts from strangers.
4. If you arrange to meet your child from school or elsewhere, tell your child to wait at the appointed place and not to walk off to meet you if you are late.
5. Tell your child that it is safe to approach certain people to ask for help if required, e.g. a policeman, school teacher, someone they know etc.

The above is obviously only a guide, let us all work together to ensure a safe and incident free Summer for the young children in Bengeo in '85.

One very last word, I hope I have not sown the seeds of trepidation with regards to the garden shed item, it is a horrowing prospect, but let us all reap the rewards of common sense and cultivate the fruits of caution!! Don't blame me I was helped by a colleague!!

Constable M. Price-Jones

Yellow Pages

Equipment for Hire

Extension ladder Aluminium with easy reach	£1.00 per week)	
Car ramps	10p " day)	Hertford 57285
Jump leads	")	
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