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Now is the start of another 'Molewood Residents Association' year. By this I mean that we have had the 'A.G.M.', collected your subscriptions - or you wouldn't be reading this - and wound up the annual accounts.

It is time to look ahead. We have had a mixed Spring - some really glorious weather that sadly deteriorated into cold, wind and rain, but there is always hope for a wonderful Summer.

In this edition of the 'Molewood Outlook' we have another historical contibution from Malcolm Moulding, an account of an election with a difference by the Rev. Christopher Wallington, a cockney comment on the Cockney Night by Allan Streeton and a cautionary word from our policeman P.C. Mark Harrigan.

All in all it's a good mix again, but I can always do with more!

Don't be shy, give it a try!

The Cover Picture

The picture on the cover of this edition of 'Molewood Outlook' was drawn by Alexander Dukcevic when he was eight years old. It is particularly suitable for Spring as it shows a bird with a nest full of eggs. It also has a windy feel and we've had plenty of that this year.

Alexander has many interests including tennis and swimming. He belongs to the 'Bumbles Cub Pack' and is working on his 'Silver Arrow' at the moment. Recently he gained his 'World Conservation Badge'.

There is one pet, a tabby cat called Susie, who waits by the front door every day to greet Alexander and his younger brother Oliver when they come home from school.

Alexander likes playing computer games and reading, but what he loves most of all is drawing. He draws 'anything' and 'all the time' so perhaps we may see more of his work!

Thankyou Alexander!

Good News

I have two weddings to tell you about in this edition and they both took place in April.

"Marry in April when you can
Joy for maiden and for man".

1. On the 18th of April, Easter Saturday, Karen Brandford of Desborough Close was married to Richard Wing at Holy Trinity Church.

The weather was lovely, everything was perfect and the BrownieGuard of Honour - a well kept secret - was a delightful surprise for the Bride!

The Bride's two sisters Helen and Nicola and the Groom's sister Alyson were

the bridesmaids, in pink.

Karen and Richard first met eight years ago when Karen was only fourteen and they were both at a Guide and Scout Camp at Lochearn Head in Scotland!

Karen is now a Laboratory Technician and Richard is an Electrical Engineer.

They have kept up their interests in the Guide Scout Movement for Karen is now a Leader of the '1st Bengeo Brownies' and Richard is a Leader of the '3rd Hertford Scouts'!

After a honeymoon in Tunisia the young couple are settling down at Crouchfields.

2. On the following Saturday the 25th of April, the sun shone brilliantly again when Beverley Sheppard of The Avenue and David Norton had a Service of Blessing at Holy Trinity Church.

Beverley's sister Jacqueline and a five year old cousin Michelle were the two bridesmaids wearing apricot.

Beverley, who was born and brought up in Bengeo, is now a nurse at the Westminister Hospital in London, David is with the Foreign Office. It was in London that they met eighteen months ago. After the Ceremony the couple flew to Crete for their honeymoon.

David, who has spent three years in Bangladesh followed by three years in Britain, is due for another foreign posting next year. As yet the couple don't know where they may be sent but are looking forward to a lifetime spent in many interesting places round the world.

We send our Congratulations and Best Wishes for the future to both young couples.

"Tuesday's child is full of grace"

3. Two of our Committee Members, Pam Lutner and Trevor Cobb, have become grandparents since the last 'Molewood Outlook'. Could anyone miss the large notice and big blue bow in Pam's garden?

The baby in question is Adam born to Wendy (nee Lutner) and Stephen Cobb. He arrived on the 3rd March a few days after the Cockney Night and a fine healthy boy he was too, weighing in at just under 9lbs!

He has auburn hair and blue eyes and needless to say everyone is very proud of him.

Congratulations to Wendy and Stephen and our very best wishes to Adam for the future.

Now we have a cry from the heart by one of our most hard working Committee Members who is beginning to feel rather 'fed-up'!

Dear Residents of Molewood,

Writing articles in magazines is not what you could call 'my cup of tea', but I felt I just had to 'put pen to paper'.

We moved into The Wick about two and a half years ago and I joined the Residents Committee soon after. To say that it has been easy would not be quite true. We as a Committee try to think ahead about what the members might enjoy in the way of socialising. We arranged trips to France, had Barn Dances, Cockney Nights, B.B.Q.s, etc., all of which were well publicized in the News Letter, Village shop and on Notice Boards around the Estate. At a very rough estimate the outsiders out-numbered the residents on more than one occasion! If we had had to rely solely on the residents then there would have been more than one flop!

When one spends three to four hours calling on homes on a cold or wet evening, surely one deserves a little support? Please let us know your likes or dislikes, and we will try our hardest. It may not seem so, but we have been doing just that for quite some time.

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU.

Yours
Brian Euler

To take your minds off the General Election here is an entertaining account by one of our members of a ballot of a different sort, the election of the Chancellor of Oxford University three months ago.

RETURN TO OXFORD

Who would have thought there would be so much interest in an Election to make a new Chancellor of Oxford University? Certainly not Oxford itself where it was thought that perhaps 4,000 of its M.A.s would turn up to vote (it has to be in person and wearing an M.A. gown).

The Colleges had a little advance notice of a much larger invasion and they prepared their ancient, and some modern, halls with lavish lucheons to fortify the weary travellers. Not even Bill Giles (BBC weatherman) could dampen enthusiasm with his forecast that Saturday March 14th would bring "sleet and snow and a miserable weekend".

The writer of this article left his home in Cowper Crescent, Bengeo on a 'Day Return to Oxford' and joined the voters. We arrived there, more than 8,300 of us, in glorious sunshine which remained unbroken throughout the day - there was a wonderful touch of Spring in the air. That luncheon was greatly appreciated, and we streamed out of the Colleges to join the very long queue where we brushed shoulders with Michael Heseltine, Douglas Hurd, Kenneth Baker (to name but a few familiar faces) while we moved slowly towards the only Polling Station.

On our way there some of us received a friendly smile from Roy Jenkins who was looking full of confidence. Which was justified for that evening he was declared to be the new Chancellor of Oxford University (an Office held for life) with 3249 votes, against 2674 for Lord Blake an historian and Provost of Queens College Oxford, and 2348 for Edward Heath our former Prime Minister. There was an 'also ran' - a G.P. from the Midlands, Dr. Mark Payne who won 38 votes.

Roy Jenkins was magnamimous to his rivals in his Victory Speech in which he also said that he intended to be "not simply a figurehead" and that he would be "a spokesman for the universities in general", which incidentally are all short of cash these days.

Christopher A. Wallington (Rev.)

Causes for Concern

We have received many complaints and comments from people anxious to maintain the Estate as a pleasant place to live in. I am therefore bringing them to your attention again.

1. Rubbish bags. When you put your bags out for collection it would be helpful if they were tied up first. Many people already do this but some bags are left open to the wind with the inevitable results.

2. Car parking. Many cars are parked at the kerbside for long periods, often overnight, making normal driving difficult and the passage of the '333' like a chicane.

Some cars are parked in such a manner that they obstruct the drives of the houses opposite, making it impossible to reverse out in one manoeuvre. A little more consideration would be appreciated.

3. Overhanging branches. I think we have had more complaints about overhanging trees than anything else this year! I mentioned it in the last 'Molewood Outlook' but we have seen no response. Branches do not necessarily have to be cut - perhaps they could be tied back?

We are considering delivering individual letters to certain houses and we hope for some improvement soon.

The Council has the authority to trim back anything overhanging the pavements and charge the householder for the work.

4. Obstruction. The access road that runs behind the shops past Helens and the Launderette has been frequently obstructed by cars parked'briefly'? by shoppers. This is a matter of great annoyance to anyone wishing to enter this road and perhaps even more to anyone wishing to leave it.

5. Noise. Summer is coming, let is hope it is sunny, warm and quiet. Too often the peace that most of us want to enjoy in our gardens can be ruined by noise - radios through open windows, or car radios played loudly while the car is being cleaned or just children allowed to scream unchecked.

Spare a thought for others!

It is strange how place names linger on long after the reason for them have been forgotten. In this next fascinating article Malcolm Moulding looks at our connection with the 'knights of old!'

THE MONK-KNIGHTS OF BENGEO TEMPLE

Most people in Bengeo will be familiar with Bengeo Parish's place-names of "Temple Fields", "St. John's Wood", or "Temple Farm", Tonwell, (in "Temple Lane"). These are the last links with the ancient Manor of Temple Chelsin, owned by the Knights Templars during and after the Crusades.

Under a Charter of Henry III in the 12th century Richard de Tany then High Sheriff of Herts and Essex, took over Chelsin Temple for the Knights Templars to be used as a Training Commandery and Preceptory for the military order of Monk-Knights, preparing for the Crusades. Those who enrolled gave up half their property to the Order, vowing to serve until death observing strict monastic disciplines and learning the Martial Arts.

Richard de Tany was a good example of a Crusader. Like his father before

him he was a Seneschal or Steward and rode with the alliance of European princes to the Holy Land in the Third Crusade. He was invested in the Chapter of Paris by Pope Eugenus and the Archbishops Reuer, Rothomage and Drascumne, with a hundred and thirty other novices in white vestments with red crosses on their left breasts and swords fixed in broad belts over their chain mail shirts. Such was the attire of their greatest leader Richard I, (Lionheart), who himself confirmed the charters and privileges of Temple Chelsin in its early days.

Chelsin was only one of many such establishments throughout the kingdom and they enjoyed the privilege of View of Frankpledge, Soc Sac and Toll, and gallows and Free Warren denied to the laity. Because of their power however and their abuse of it; in 1309 they were dissolved and their property granted to the Knights Hospitallen., a similar but more humane body of knights. In the case of Temple Chelsin they took over all the lands, demesne, mills, fisheries and orchards which stretched north to Standon and south to Goldings; and administered a colony of lepers some where within that area, perhaps Crouchfield (Field of the Cross), we cannot be certain, or even Great Molewood, which was once holy ground.

The bell tolled for Temple Chelsin and all such institutions and monasteries between 1530 and 1540, when Henry VIII dissolved them and seized their lands and property. Temple Chelsin was given to the King's Secretary, Sir Ralph Sadleir of Standon Lordship. Thereafter it descended through his family and ultimately to the Abel Smiths of Watton Woodhall.

Of the Manor of Chelsin today nothing remains except traces of the old moat in a wood behind Temple Farm, Tonwell. For us today only the lingering names "Temple Fields", "St. John's Wood", and "Chelsing Farm" on the ordinance survey maps provide a silent link with the monk-knights of long ago. Richard De Tany's effigy is however still in Eastwick Church near Harlow, a seven hundred-year-old mailed Crusader reclining on one side in the north transept, last local survivor of the Crusades against Islam.

Malcolm Moulding

Now for a few words from Trevor Cobb of 'The Avenue Stores' who has been our Chairman for the last two years and has just announced his resignation.

Trevor's Talk

At the end of my second term in office it is time for reflection .

It has become a regular feature of the Entertainment Industry to hold Award Shows to give itself a pat on the back and to present an 'Oscar' to whoever is next in line to receive one. The real heroes, the audience who pay the money, are too easily forgotten.

Our Association however bucks the trend - the true heroes are your hard working Committee who give their time so freely and it is you their audience who do not support them.

Our functions are well attended but usually only by a loyal band - where were you?

If we are to be simply a protest not a social group why did only one third of the membership support our protest on the Riding Centre at the Pit?

Perhaps the answer lies in the importence of local Councils who have now

lost an appeal against the proposals for the Christ's Hospital site. Perhaps of course since these proposals were apparently opposed by 80% of local people it follows that only 20% will use the facilities - I wonder!

The main event of the year has been the establishing of the area's largest 'Neighbourhood Watch Scheme', a tribute to our Coordinator and her group.

Please support the Scheme and help keep this Estate a pleasant place to live in.

I wish my successor all the best and hope that the last couple of years have been worthwhile.

Trevor Cobb

Neighbour Hood Watch

Pam has passed the 'Buck' so to speak and asked me to say a few words on the Neighbour Hood Watch Scheme. So far it seems very quiet, as of course it should be, and will continue to be so if we all pull together, and don't get complacent.

The running saga of the signs is still with us, 'little but good' might be said of some things but certainly not about the signs. We are still trying, and will continue to do so, to get the larger ones. We want people to be of no doubt of the area they are entering and please remember 'Safety in Numbers', the more stickers on view the safer we will all be.

Lets all try and keep Bengeo and Molewood Estate a safe and happy place to live,

Yours
Brian Euler
Assistant Coordinator

Hello again to all Molewood Residents

I start this newsletter with two warnings:-

1. The double yellow lines in Bengeo Street, again the scene of numerous illegal parking offences. As a direct result of parking on these lines, an accident occured in which the rider of a motorcycle was in collision with a car, which had parked illegally on these lines.

The driver of this car recently appeared at court and was fined £60.00 for driving without due care and attention, licence endorsed with four penalty points and £15.00 for parking on the lines, as I said, a direct result of parking illegally! You cannot say you have not be warned. Park sensibly, or pay the penalty.

2. It has been brought to my attention that some of our residents may be responsible for shooting at animals, namely cats and birds, with their air-rifles and or air-guns, maiming or injuring them!

You the culprit may not be reading this newsletter, but if you are, beware! You will be dealt with according to the laws that exist in relation to the use of the weapons and cruelty to animals. If you, the reader, know or suspect that one of our residents is indulging in these mindless acts then please let me know.

As a certain T.V. star says 'Your calls will be treated in the strictest confidence!'

If you happen to be reading this and are one of the offenders responsible, then please take note, you will get caught eventually! We know who you are!

Well thats enough from the official side of the policing of Bengeo and now for something completely different.

Neighbourhood Watch - High/Great Molewood

At a meeting held last year by the residents of both High and Great Molewood, it was decided that because of the location it would perhaps be better for them to form their own independent Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, although certain residents were already part of the Molewood Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

The meeting was attended by Constable Graham Thompson local officer for Sele Farm and Constable Mike Price-Jones Crime Prevention Officer.

As far as policing goes, High and Great Molewood are now covered by two police officers, Constable Thompson and me. So if you live in this area 'you have not been forgotten'.

A last few words from me

I hate to keep using sayings or catchphrases used by T.V. personalities, but please, "Shut that door".

Yes, garage doors are still being left wide open, or shut and not locked, enabling thieves to enter and steal your property.

There have been several reported incidents in the Bengeo Area in the last few weeks, so please, "Shut that door", but don't forget to lock it as well!

Well, that's enough from me, take care and see you soon.

Kindest regards

P.C. Mark Harrigan
Bengeo Beat Officer

Retirement

Someone who has had a valuable influence on the children in the Estate is about to leave us. Mrs Outlaw is retiring this summer as Headmistress of Bengeo Infant School, after eighteen years.

There have, of course, been many changes but through it all the school has remained remarkably stable. It has always been a happy school with teachers working as a team and preferring to stay for long periods, thus benefiting the children who thrive in a safe and secure environment. This has been due largely to the warm and friendly personality of Mrs Outlaw. Her door has always been open to the children who would bring their treasures to be admired or their work to be praised, parents too felt welcome to come and see her at almost any time and always received a friendly and sympathetic reception.

Many people visiting the school have remarked on the very high quality of

the children's work displayed. Those of us who have known the school for many years can say that it has always been like that under Mrs Outlaw's leadership, a bright colourful and happy place for children.

Mrs Outlaw has regrets about leaving, as many regrets as there are children, they have been her life for so long. She will also find it difficult to say goodbye to the teachers and helpers whom she says are 'a fantastic team'.

Asked how the many cuts in Education had affected the school, Mrs Outlaw immediately spoke of staff cuts, the sadness of losing a teacher who did not want to go and the distress of telling a devoted Welfare Helper that her hours were to be cut. These things can damage a school and it has taken a great deal of skill to minimise the harm.

Other changes have occurred. Who would have thought eighteen years ago that infants would have access to computers? But, as Mrs Outlaw says, "You don't change for the sake of change, you have to try things out and keep the best". Science education and environmental studies are much more prominent now than they were.

Mrs Outlaw and her husband, a heat recovery engineer who is also retiring, hope to move to Cornwall eventually, but are going to take their time about it. What they most want now is "a breather".

With interests in tapestry and other similar creative crafts Mrs Outlaw will not be idle. She also goes swimming regularly and surfing in Cornwall whenever she can.

Perhaps however, her greatest enthusiasm is for gardening. "Just being in the garden is wonderful".

We will all be very sorry to see her go but let us hope that she will have some sunny weather to enjoy her garden and that she and her husband have a long and happy retirement whereever they finally settle. She will take with her the thanks and best wishes of all who have known her.

The Spring Garden Competition

Once again Pam Lutner has been inspecting all our front gardens to choose the hard working winners of our Spring Garden Competition. Once again it was difficult, but here are the results:-

1st	Mrs Digweed of Lodge Close
2nd	Mr. and Mrs Kenney of The Avenue
3rd	Mr. and Mrs Alburn of Lys Hill
4th	Mrs Howard of Peel Crescent

Highly commended:-

Cowper Crescent	46, 79, 134, 136
Peel Crescent	10, 26
Woodhall Close	13

The prizes are 1st £8, 2nd £6, 3rd £4 and 4th £2 garden tokens. The winner of the first prize also receives the Rose Bowl!

Congratulations!

The A.G.M.

The A.G.M. this year was very well attended again - this is becoming a habit. About seventy people were there and we thank them for coming.

There was some animated discussion about car parking, footpaths and the new wheelie bins which, it seems, we are to have some time next year, whether we like them or not.

Three councillors were present - Mrs Jill Geall, Mr. Roger Martin and Mr. Bill Hunter - and we were very pleased to see them. Mr. Martin Weale sent his apologies.

The Garden Competition prize winners were announced and the prizes were presented to Mrs Digweed and Mrs Roberts who were in the Hall.

Trevor announced the resignation from the Committee of Mrs Pat Knaves who has been a source of strength for several years. She has been a hard working and thoroughly reliable Committee Member and we shall miss her very much. We thank her and send her our best wishes for the future.

We welcome three new members, they are Mrs Edith Copeland, Mrs Joan Roberts and Mr. Bryan Thurston. I hope they know what they have taken on!

P.C. Graham Underwood and P.C. Mark Harringan were diverted to a disturbance on the way to the Meeting but P.C. Mike Pryce-Jones made it. He used to be our policeman and is now a Crime Prevention Officer. He gave an amusing and informative talk on the 'Neighbourhood Watch Scheme' with two videos and plenty of sound advice on the latest con tricks. One of the latest is when two people knock on the door saying they have just run over a cat or dog - giving details for added authenticity and asking if the householder knows who it belongs to. The next step is to ask if they might come in to sit down or for a glass of water as one of them is so upset. While the householder is thinking what a nice person he or she is, the other is going through the house taking whatever he sees!

A variation is when an adult in a car drops off two or three children after pointing out a likely house and they do much the same thing - asking for a glass of water or the use of the loo. Some of these children are really quite young! The adult then picks up the children and takes them off to some where else!

Orders for special security locks and bolts were brisk after that with the added incentive of a 15% discount!

During the evening the meeting voted by a show of hands to press for the larger Neighbourhood Watch Signs rather than accept the smaller ones.

Finally we had our cheese and wine and enjoyed a pleasant relaxed end to the Meeting.

The Treasurer's Report

I have pleasure in presenting the Accounts for 1986/87 and the Balance Sheet at 31st March 1987 which have been approved by our auditors.

Subscriptions were raised last April from 50p to 70p which increased income by £92. Social functions resulted in a net addition of £167 to our funds. Additional expenditure however on 'Britain in Bloom', 'Neighbourhood Watch', duplicator repairs and a Stapler meant that there was finally a small

deficit of £18 on the year's activities.

It became apparent during the year that our duplicator, in spite of repairs, was continuing to be very unreliable and a decision was made to purchase a good second hand model. This was paid for in March - £150, out of capital and the cost will be charged to expenditure by way of depreciation charges over a period of years.

Because of this our finds in the Bradford and Bingley Building Society and the National Westminister Bank are down at 31st March.

Denis Goodrums
Treasurer

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Income & Expenditure for the Year to 31st March 1987

1986			1987	
212		Membership Subscriptions & Donations	304	
642		Income from Social Functions	1025	
59		Interest Received	26	
42		Duplicator Services & Hire Charges	-	
---	955		----	1355
52		A.G.M.	8	
600		Cost of Social Functions	858	
276		Newsletter, Notices, etc	254	
13		Competition Prizes	18	
19		Presentations & Subscriptions	12	
25		"Britain in Bloom"	108	
-		Neighbourhood Watch	20	
-		Duplicator Servicing	63	
-		Stapling Machine	32	
---	985		----	1373
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	(30)	Deficit for the Year		(18)

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st March 1987

ACCUMULATED FUND

	588	Balance at 1st April 1986		558
	(30)	Deficit for the Year		(18)
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	558			540
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	-	Equipment, at cost		150
	395	Bradford & Bingley Bldg Society Account		331
144		National Westminster Bank Current Account	38	
19		" " " Deposit Account	21	
---	163		---	59
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	558			540
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Confirmed to be in accordance with the books of THE MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION and the explanations given to us.

T.A. BUSBY

E. OVENDEN

Bengeo Youth Club

The above Club meets every Wednesday evening 7 - 9 p.m. in Duncombe Hall under the leadership of Vicky Wales. Admission is 30p. Pool, table tennis and darts are available and the library van calls once a month. All those between the age of ten to sixteen are very welcome.

The Club is run by a Management Committee and this group needs new members and officers.

Are there any offers?

If interested please ring 586752.

WRVS Childrens' Holiday Scheme

Every year the WRVS Childrens' Holiday Scheme provides holidays for under privileged children, with hostesses and their families.

Can you and your family give a week's holiday, in your own home to a needy child this summer? The children mostly aged between five and twelve years are recommended to the WRVS for holidays, from a variety of sources - NSPCC, social workers, Health Visitors, doctors and other organisations concerned with caring for children.

The scheme has proved to be very worthwhile and rewarding - if you are interested and would like to have further details please contact: Mrs Libby Shillito on Hertford 583979.

The Pit

There is no more news about the 'Pit' yet but I'll restate the Committee's objections to the recently proposed Equestrian Centre although you have all been visited by a Committee Member.

Briefly we feel that while it may be nice to have one or two horses around - on the roads not the greens - it would not be acceptable to have strings of horses exercising regularly in our Estate. We can see no other place where they would go.

They would speed up the erosion of the footpaths and effectively close them to pedestrians.

There would be increased parking in Cowper Crescent and The Avenue - cars and horse boxes.

At weekends, when we most want peace and quiet, there would be more noise and activity - Gymkanas for example.

Mr. Benson has only recently signed an agreement stating that there should be no noise between the hours of 5.30 p.m. - 7.30 a.m. Monday to Saturday and 1.30 p.m. Saturday - 7.30 a.m. Monday or any Bank Holiday.

Unfortunately this agreement is already being broken and we are monitoring the situation.

What hope would there be for the future?

"..... MORE RABBIT THAN SAINBURY'S....." COCKNEY NIGHT OUT

Following the rave reviews of the Spring Supper Dance last year, the Committee organised a COCKNEY NIGHT OUT on the 28th February at Sele Community Centre.

The evening was a huge success and ..... but let us eavesdrop and hear what one of the 'cockney sparrow' revellers has to say .....

"Blimey, did we 'ave a knees-up!

Me an' the ol' dutch wiv our mates Gill and Ton put on our titfers, best peckham ryes, combed the old barnet before putting on our dover boats, slung moggy out for the night and off we goes, all doled up like. Tried to get the skin and blister to join us and old grandpa, but he just muttered ... "Gercha! I'm off to the boozer".

Quite cheap it was, only set us back four readies each.

Cor, you oughta seen some of the get-ups - real dogs dinners! There was Bet in her complete Pearly Queen garb. Looked a real brahmma!

Luv a duck what a party! and the NOSH ... No sarnies and brown ale that night! Could 'ave been back in the Ol' Kent Road ... real pie and mash. ('ad to laugh, took a butchers at Trev - nearly broke 'is 'ampstead 'eath on the pie crust).

Then there was the music - some real good ol' London pub songs. Well, what do you expect? It was them real swingers - the 'CHEETAH' group, bashing out some of the favourite Chas and Dave songs. Then Johnny Barnes 'ad a session on the ol' johanna. That got 'em all going - Sing-along-a-John. The walls was all decorated wiv real good pictures done by Fred Church, and they 'ad this competition where you 'ad to guess what all the cockney expressions meant. I mean - it was a real doddle ('oo don't know that Apples and Pears is ... Stairs?). Mind you ... I could add some what wasn't up there!)

'ang about, I must go and pick up the ol' man from the boozer - or I'll be in a bi' of bovver! Ta ta ....."

"Ta mate!"

Allan Streeton

Forthcoming attractions

Owing to the difficulty we the Committee have experienced in selling tickets for our large events - dances, the trip to France etc., we have decided to concentrate on smaller outings. Accordingly we are considering theatre trips, and a trip on a narrow boat in the Summer.

We should like your views on these and any other ideas you might have. You only have to let your nearest Committee Member know or put a note in the Suggestion Box in Trevor's shop.

Meanwhile do not forget the Auction. It has been put back to June 27th at Bengeo Parish Hall. Please do not throw anything away, sell it and do yourselves and us some good at the same time.

Finally, let us hope that between now and the next Molewood Outlook in the Autumn we enjoy a Summer that is sunny, warm and happy.

Valerie Sutton
Editor