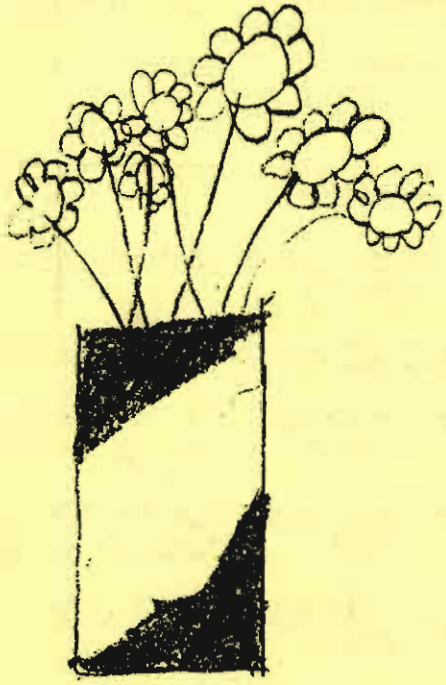
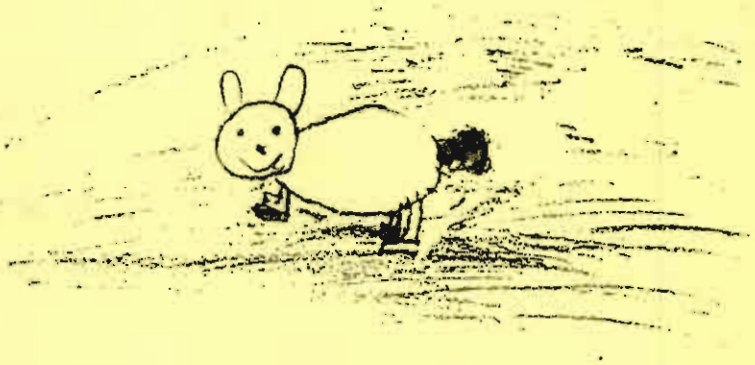
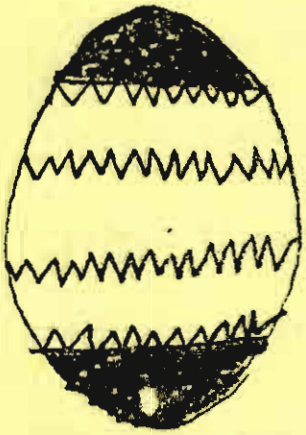
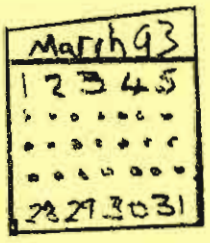
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MOLEWOOD OUTLOOK SPRING 1993

WELCOME to Spring and the first '93 edition of 'Outlook'!

A.G.M.

FIRST AND FOREMOST - please note in your diaries that on Thursday 13th May at 8p.m. the A.G.M. of your Association will be held in Bengeo County Primary School dining room. Come on down!

As usual we will provide entertainment after the formal part is dispensed with, and yes - WINE and other beverages to wash down the cheese and assorted delicacies.

The guest this year will be MARGARET ROGERS who will talk on "Land of Ice and Fire", so give the telly a rest and come and see some colourful slides of Iceland's fascinating active volcanos (the heating will be on!)

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Since the last Molewood Outlook your committee has been busy with a number of issues - some old and some new, details of which are published here should you wish to raise any matters at the meeting. (We have been assured that the Hall IS booked this time!)

A fond farewell to DOROTHY BRADLEY who has resigned from our committee. Our special thanks for all her work over the years including that of Correspondence Secretary and ESPECIALLY for her hospitality at 15, The Avenue where the majority of committee meetings have been held over the past few years.
Also, VALERIE SUTTON has resigned after many years of enthusiastic service to the Association. Prior to the present incumbent Valerie not only edited this publication, she also printed, collated and stapled, as well as marking up each copy and organising the delivery to the Estate, jobs now carried out by a variety of people!

Both Valerie and Dorothy will be sadly missed, and we thank them for all their help and involvement over many years.

COVER PICTURE

'Springing' into action for the cover picture this time is DANIEL PERRY aged ten, the brother of our last Molewood Outlook artiste, Kirstie, whose grandparents live in Woodhall Close.

We think he deserves one of the Easter Eggs in the picture, don't you?

Come on all you budding young artists of the 'Onion Patch' let's have your submissions for the 'Summer '93' Molewood Outlook!

There will be a PRIZE for the best submitted picture (£5 - no less!). Remember - on A4 paper please with BOLD picture lines (for printing purposes).

MATTERS OF CONCERN

SHRUBS & TREES

Please check that your shrubs and trees are not protruding over your garden walls - these are potential hazards to children especially if in pushchairs, people with poor sight and the blind. Action can be taken against owners if an accident should occur. A little thought now could save a lot of problems.

FOUL PLAY

If the sight of three committee members scaling lamp posts one Sunday in March caused a few raised eyebrows, it was not due to some over zealous celebrating the night before!

Your mountaineering trio were affixing the new 'dog fouling' signs on strategic lamp posts, especially near to greens where kiddies play, warning dog-owners of the dangers to others - and possible costs to themselves - in letting their dogs defecate on footpaths and common greens.

It is AN OFFENCE to let your dog foul footpaths, grass verges and greens. The signs are now on display within the Estate, with more to follow. We have also ordered dog waste disposal bins with the appropriate signs. All dog owners should now be carrying poop-a-scoops, many designs are now available.

Dog waste is a potential health hazard. The grass areas on the Estate are a natural invitation for children to walk on, it is very distressing for them and parents to have it trodden into their houses and carpets, a little more thought would make the Estate a cleaner place to live in.

FOOTPATH SURFACES ETC.

REPRESENTATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE COUNCIL ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

Although welcoming new footpath surfaces on various areas of the Estate, unfortunately in icy conditions they proved to be too smooth and dangerous resulting in residents being unable to walk on them. Various remedies are being discussed and we are awaiting an answer.

We are also asking for reinstatement of various lengths of grass verge and a green in The Avenue. These were spoilt with a mixture of sand and gravel mix put on to them, reason not known!

We have asked for the footpath from Cowper Crescent through to High Molewood to be continued with tarmacadem under the barriers, as, when it is wet, a large puddle forms in this area and is difficult to negotiate, especially with push chairs.

COUNTRY GARDENS/OLD BENGEO GARDEN CENTRE SITE

We have made representation to the council about this disgusting and dangerous area. We are asking for the site to be made safe, buildings to be demolished, and want to know whether the owners/receivers have insurance if an accident happens on the site. We know children should not be in there, but with easy access, and children not seeing the dangers that adults do, an accident is waiting to happen. Please warn your children of the dangers, especially with the lighter evenings and holidays ahead. Ask questions of your local councillors.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING AT LEA VALLEY SHOOTING SITE, BRAMFIELD ROAD

Hertfordshire Environmental Association is still alive and working hard for our right to enjoy peace and quiet in our homes and gardens, especially in the summer. Your support would be greatly appreciated, and a newsletter will be published soon. In the mean time if you would like any more information now, please contact either:-

Tony Pitcher Hertford 589680
or John Bonaker Hertford 551140

Let us remind ourselves that the warmer spring and summer days are approaching, and with them, the risk of being outdoors with the unwelcome background of gunfire noise.

We ask all of you who are directly affected, to go on complaining to the Environmental Health Officers, Mr. R. Morton or Mrs S. Green, 0279 655261 or write to them at Wallfields, Pegs Lane, Hertford.

Please do it, every complaint has to be logged and letters replied to. Don't put it off - keep the pressure on.

GOAL POSTS IN PLAYSPACE - SACOMBE ROAD

After recent complaints about the siting of the goalposts being too near the children's play equipment and swings, they have been moved further down the field, so avoiding the dangers of balls hitting children playing. Thanks to Mike Hall, Works Environmental Officer.

Whilst in the same area, it is envisaged that the spinney end of the playspace might be made into a conservation area, as recent findings show that this may also be ancient woodland. (see Mrs. Shirley Patey's letter).

WATER TOWER

A great deal of disturbance has been caused by development around the Water Tower, as those in the immediate vicinity will be only too painfully aware!

Paul and Andrea Humphrey have been campaigning against further development for some time. Whilst there is nothing further to report at this stage we hope to bring you some news soon - perhaps at the A.G.M!

HERTFORD IN BLOOM

The Hertford area has again entered the above competition. Our Estate is noted for its excellent gardens. One important area is that of the shops, as this comes under the commercial section and is judged separately, with prizes for individual shops. People come from a distance as well as close by to shop here, and they frequently comment on how the tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets, enhance and compliment our fine parade of shops. Thank you to the owners and flat dwellers for the floral displays.

OTHER COMPETITIONS CONNECTED WITH HERTFORD IN BLOOM

As well as the garden competition, there are others for residents of Hertford to enter. There is a photographic competition for all budding David Baileys! All we ask is that you take a photograph of a flowering subject within our area, and then send it to Hertford Town Council. Prizes for the best.

Children's painting competition. Children are invited to enter appropriate paintings, and send also to Hertford Town Council, conditions same as above. There may be a class for adults as well. Look out for posters giving information.

ON THE SUBJECT OF COMPETITIONS

Listed below are our own garden competition winners from last Autumn and this Spring. As usual I found the task extremely difficult. As I mentioned before, there are many lovely gardens on our Estate, and I think we are very lucky to live in such a nice area. Many visitors comment on this.

Autumn Competition 1992		Spring Competition 1993	
1st	143 The Avenue	1st	83 Cowper Crescent
2nd	40 The Wick	2nd	51 Cowper Crescent
3rd	31 The Drive	3rd	40 The Wick
4th	34 The Avenue	4th	55 Cowper Crescent
5th	16 The Wick	5th	105 The Avenue
6th	1 Desborough Close	6th	34 The Avenue

Best hanging basket/pots etc; (38 Cowper Crescent Summer 1992)

Well done! Presentation of prizes will be at the Molewood Residents' Association A.G.M. on ~~Wednesday~~ 12th May, at Bengeo County Primary School. (No hiccups this time we hope!)

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

We are hoping to have a village type notice board erected near the shops in The Avenue, for local news and Neighbourhood Watch etc. Can any carpenter/builder etc. help with materials? Any offers of help would be gratefully accepted. Contact Pam Lutner.

TREES

We have arranged with the Environmental Officer of East Herts District Council to plant some trees and a new flower bed in the grass area facing 38-42 The Wick. We are also hoping to renew some of the existing flower beds with evergreen shrubs in the near future. We would like to thank the Environmental Officer for the new trees that have been planted in various situations. A welcome environmental project. Could we ask that you adopt a tree near you, and keep it watered regularly for its first year, especially if we have another dry summer?

REQUEST FOR HELP

On occasions we need extra volunteers to help deliver leaflets, news items etc, when full time committee members may not be available. Often, as with Neighbourhood Watch items, the leaflets have to go out urgently on that day. Could you help? If so, please contact Pam Lutner.

Also, could we have some volunteers to have small notice boards in their front gardens for Neighbourhood Watch information? This is urgently needed, again contact Pam Lutner if you can help. Thank you.

THE PITS!

We have reproduced the latest map showing the phases 1-12 and 19-20 of the southern part of the site recommended for excavation by the Inspector, and also the northern part - phases 13-17 which she has recommended rejecting.

At this stage the Secretary of State has NOT reached a decision, pending further consultations.

C.A.G.E., together with its partners in the Aggregates Group will be doing everything in its power to persuade the Minister that the whole application should be dismissed in line with the new recently published government guide lines.

Said Mr. George Sandell; "We must not lose sight of what has been achieved during the past five years' campaigning, and continue to battle on to ensure that justice is done, in order that the people of Hertford and the surrounding villages get the best possible deal". Hear, Hear!

(We were hoping for some further news from C.A.G.E. before "going to press", but no doubt a separate news sheet will reach you soon. If not watch this space in the next edition).

The dust has not yet settled!

"HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY - NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH"

This is the title of John Baldwin's new publication, extracts of which we now reproduce:-

February was substantially down in reported crimes in the area with only eight during the whole of the month. Our Bobby also thanks one and all for their help in detecting the crimes and apprehending the criminals.

The February crimes consisted of one theft from and two thefts of vehicles, and two criminal damage crimes, as against February '92 total of Twenty two such incidents! One unpleasant incident involved an elderly lady in her Molewood Road home, Two characters entered through a window above a single storey rear extension, saying that they wanted to see if she needed any tarmacadam done. Fortunately nothing was stolen, but if you were around the area about 4 pm on 12th January and noticed two males in their late 20's both around 5'8" in height, please contact the police. It may be helpful! (Hertford 587711 or Pam Lutner - Hertford 581329).

Watch out for a 'portable alarm' system salesman who obtains his 'prospects' from Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and the like, and then sells to victims of burglaries. Alledgedly the alarms are N.B.G. - according to one 'victim', but, in any case - don't buy from door to door salesman.

LOOK at your household insurance policies! It may well be that claims will NOT be met if you have not complied with all the security arrangements required by your particular Insurance Company - e.g. five lever mortice locks for doors. Check it out! The Company may stipulate certain makes of locks, in which case get estimates and prices from at least three companies.

DIARY OUT AGAIN! 4th July. Don't celebrate Independence Day - come along for another CRIME PREVENTION DAY. Watch the Notice Boards.

The SPRING is SPRUNG - and so is the dedicated army of garden implement thieves. If you want to keep your mowers and strimmers - please LOCK them away and think about the passive infra red units available which will operate anywhere there is an electricity supply. Don't worry about WORRYING the police on ANY suspicions you may have about anyone or anything. If, as has happened, you get a RUDE response - COMPLAIN, says our friendly Neighbourhood 'fuzz'.

Another of John's 'Police Surgeries' was held in New Road on the 28th March when motor cycles were stamp-marked.

We welcome a new representative for Desborough Close, Mr. Ken Lupton.

DO NOT let strangers into your home without checking all identities. If in doubt, phone the company they are supposed to be working for, (leave them on the doorstep whilst checking, with the door closed), or phone police. It is better to be safe than sorry. If possible, take note of vehicle numbers and makes.

PLEASE NOTE

Keep garage doors locked and closed, far too many are still being left open with their contents on display. Potential thieves walk around areas looking for this, so don't be surprised if your bikes, tools etc, disappear at a later date!

Car thefts are a daily occurance now, lock your cars and fit good security alarms, garage them at night. You may not be covered by insurance now if you don't take these precautions.

House and car security checks can be carried out by P.C. John Baldwin, contact him at Hertford Police Station.

Thank you John: we appreciate all your help and hints.

CRIME PREVENTION PANELS - article by David Brooks

I do not expect that many of you are aware that a Crime Prevention Panel operates in this area. This article will, I hope, give you an idea of the functions of a Panel as they differ from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Neighbourhood Watch originated in the U.S.A. during the mid 1970s but the concept dates back a great deal further than that. The concept arrived in this country in the early 1980s when community spirit and neighbourliness appeared to have been lost in many areas over the last few decades as a consequence of a modern age that encouraged isolation. Wider car ownership and housing design for example, plus a generally insular attitude, had contributed to a deterioration in the communication people had with their immediate neighbours.

Neighbourhood Watch sought to re-establish some of these old community values, with a view to crime reduction in particular, but also for the peripheral purpose of improving community spirit and police relations with the general public.

Since the launch of Neighbourhood Watch, there are now thousands of groups operating throughout the country, with new groups being established all the time. Groups are set up and assisted by the area's

Neighbourhood Police Officer. Each group is led by a Co-ordinator who is the link between the group and the Police.

As you are probably aware there is a number of active groups on our patch, very well supported by our local Police Officer, John Baldwin.

Crime Prevention Panels was an initiative launched by the Home Office twenty years ago, to involve members of the public willing to assist the police and the community in countering crime. Membership of Panels is by invitation, to selected persons from a wide spectrum of the community. Qualifications for membership include an acknowledged interest in the local community in general, with crime prevention in particular, an executive or management position in a local commercial undertaking or organisation, persons who are self motivated with the ability to promote crime prevention projects in the area where the Panel operates. Volunteers are selected and accepted based upon the criterion of active participation rather than remedial discussion. It is recommended in the Home Office guidelines that Panels should be limited to twenty persons, but sub-committees can be recruited for specific projects.
A Chairman and a Treasurer are elected from the Panel members. The Secretary must be the local Crime Prevention Officer for the area.

There are eleven such Panels in Hertfordshire located as follows:-

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HERTFORD & WARE	WELWYN & HATFIELD
WATFORD	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
NORTH HERTS	BERKHAMSTEAD
HODDESDON & BROXBOURNE	STEVENAGE
BISHOPS STORTFORD	

I am a member of the Hertford & Ware Crime Prevention Panel which covers those areas together with all adjoining communities, such as Chapmore End and Bengeo etc.
We hold regular meetings at Hertford Police Station, to plan campaigns and strategies, discuss initiatives and analyse problems in areas where crimes are committed. Senior Police Officers are permitted to attend our meetings although others may be invited from time to time for their expertise on various subjects.

Initiatives and campaigns are monitored and evaluated so that performance, progress and impact can be assessed, whereby lessons can be learned and successful initiatives shared with other panels. Representatives from all the Panels mentioned above meet quarterly at Police Head Quarters, Welwyn Garden City, to study projects, mutual concerns and exchange ideas and information. The Panel is responsible for raising funds by sponsorship or donation, to cover all expenses in connection with its projects and activities. No funds are received from police resources.

The Hertford & Ware Crime Prevention Panel has become much more active in the past eighteen months. During 1991 we purchased our own caravan which we have converted into a Mobile Advice Centre. The vehicle carries lock displays and all types of crime prevention literature and information. During 1992 we attended many local events with the Mobile Advice Centre, such as school fetes, horse shows, fun days, carnivals etc. We also arranged two very successful vehicle etching days at Hertford Police Station during 1992, at which vehicles were security etched free of charge. We also assisted P.C. John Baldwin at Bengeo School on his Crime Prevention Day in December.

At these events we security stamp cycles, horse tack and many other items of value, as well as giving crime prevention advice. Bookings for this year are beginning to fill the diary.

You will appreciate that there is a large number of Neighbourhood Watch groups within the Hertford & Ware boundary, all looking after their local communities. The Hertford & Ware Panel endeavours to look after the whole area and this is one of the main differences between the two schemes.

If any one would like further details of the Panel's activities, or would like to book the Mobile Advice Centre for a particular event, I can be contacted on 587809 or through this magazine.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

JOHN BARNES once again asks that you pester your local M.P. - of whatever persuasion - about obstruction of footpaths, bridleways, etc., especially if you are a member of a ramblers' association.

If you want to read more about John's 'ramblings' on this subject together with sample letters to send to the various authorities, they are contained in his March edition of the Hertfordshire Rights of Way Association Newsletter. It gives an excellent update on all current matters affecting those interested in keeping open all our local footpaths, INCLUDING those affected by the 'megapit'.

Also, you can join him in some mid-week walks, and even a HOLIDAY walking in the Isle of Wight! Tel. John on Hertford 589143.

FIRE WARNING!

If you have a battery-operated Fire Alarm be careful when discarding the used battery. Do not place in a bin kept inside the house. It has been known for fires to start when these not fully discharged batteries come into contact with such things as brillo pads (ie wire wool) which can heat up and catch paper alight and, before you notice .....! Always discard the battery OUTSIDE the house.
Not a lot of people know that!

ANCIENT HISTORY IN OUR MIDST!

(A letter from the Head Teacher of Bengeo County Primary School)

Dear Residents,

As part of our policy of improving the outdoor education facilities for our children we have been working closely with an environmental adviser to plan areas of natural interest in the school grounds. We hope to incorporate a sensory garden, a bog garden, a meadow area and an increase in the tree population into the design, which we feel will enhance the environment and provide habitation for wildlife.

In exploring our resources we ventured into the copse at the corner of the field, which is fenced and gated. We were greatly surprised to find that our adviser was very excited to discover evidence of ancient woodland - namely two plants - arum and bluebells - the arum showing genetic variations which are quite rare. He also found evidence of a layed coppiced bough which could be of historical interest because of the possibility of original hedging around the field.

These sorts of areas are becoming quite rare and unfortunately our copse will die soon if we do not take steps to protect it. Trampling and cycling are preventing plants and bluebells from growing, and regrowth of young saplings is impossible.

I am hopeful that with help we may save the copse and with vigilance prevent further damage. I would be very grateful for any help in this maintenance - any expertise that is available and most of all a community caring for the area.

If this project is of interest to you and you would like to visit, then please contact me on 582765.

Shirley Patey

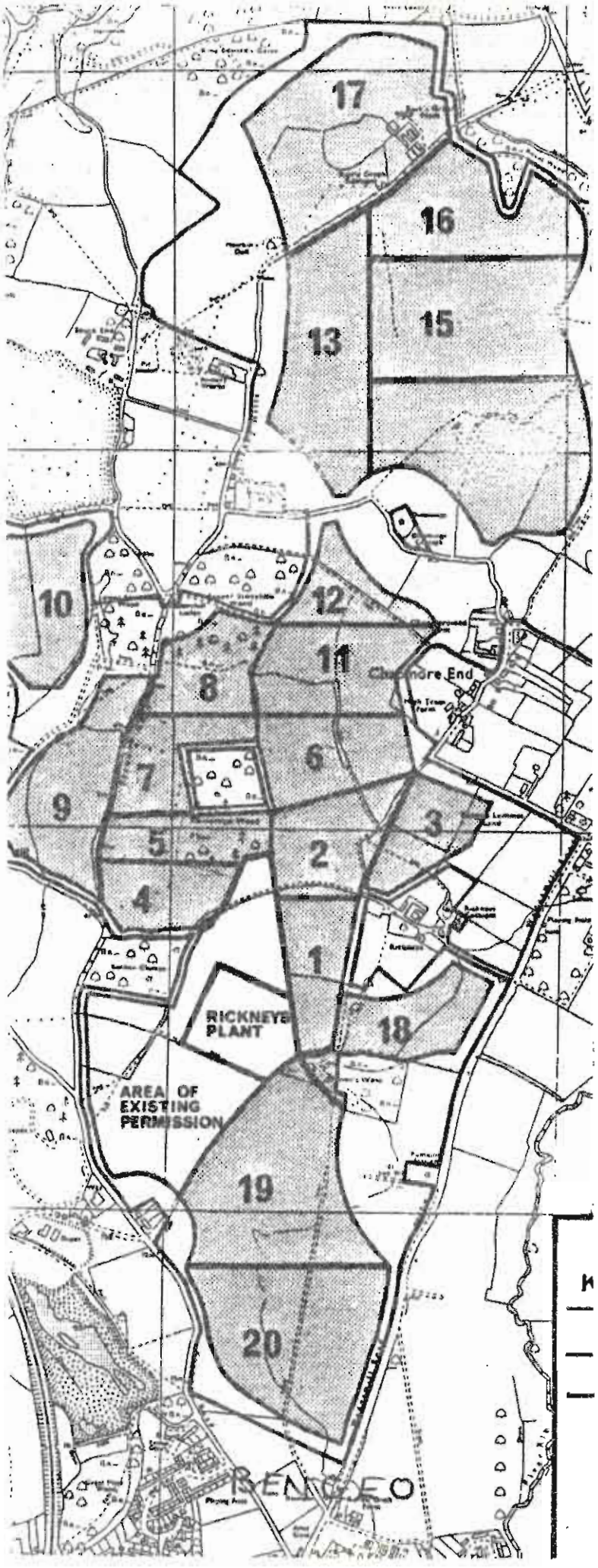
(Don't forget Shirley's invitation to participate in the life of the school - see page eight of 'Molewood Outlook' Christmas edition).

'WITH A BANG!'

Pets have not been featured in a favourable light in this mag. There was one devoted 'pet' mule adopted by a regiment in the First World War. When he joined the great 'mule train' in the sky he was buried with full military honours and his epitaph read:

'He kicked six Privates, four Corporals,
two Sergeants, three Majors, a Colonel
and ..... a MILLS BOMB!'

Have a delightful Spring Time!


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PHOENIX CONSERVATION

Can you spend a few hours a week - month to help SAVE the African elephant from slaughter by the ivory poachers?

Volunteers are needed to work at the fund-raising shop in Bircherley Green, Hertford. Please contact BRIAN SHERRIN, c/o his Dad on 586217, or call at the shop. If you cannot help, why not pay them a visit anyway? Good quality goods at BARGAIN prices!

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