

Spring Edition 2013



Mark Prisk MP to talk at our AGM

We are delighted to announce that Mark Prisk has been confirmed to speak at our AGM on Friday 17th May.

Mark is the Member of Parliament for Hertford and Stortford, and the Minister of State for Housing and Local Government since 2012.

With national pressure for new housing greater than ever, and our proximity to the Green Belt, it will be interesting to hear his views.

Mark will talk for 10 minutes followed by questions and answers for 20 minutes. Refreshments will be available.

We encourage all residents to attend

To see the full stories and all the photos go to our website at http://www.molewood.org.uk

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Friday 17th May 2013
7:15 (for 7:30) pm

at Bengeo School

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Minutes of 2012 AGM
3. Any Matters arising there from
4. Chairman's Report
5. Financial Report
6. Election of Officers
7. Election of Committee Members
8. Invitation to any elected representatives present to address the meeting.
9. Any Other Business
10. Talk by Guest Speaker Mark Prisk MP
11. Q and A session with Mark Prisk MP

Banner Image Competition

How would you like to see your photograph or drawing as the backround to the Outlook banner? Please email your entry to enquiries@molewood.org.uk and we will select the best for each edition. It should be seasonal and reflect the Molewood area. Good Luck!

Tree planted in Memory of Pam Lutner



East Herts District Council have planted a tree for us in memory of committee stalwart Pam Lutner.

The tree has been planted in the Sacombe Road playing field and is a Snowy Mespilus also known as Juneberry and Serviceberry. The young leaves are an attractive bronze colour when they first emerge, darkening to a lush green in late spring and summer.

The blossom will be pink and turns white. It will bear edible blue/ black berries between June and August. The tree grows to a moderate size with a height of 20-26ft and spread of 13ft.

We feel that it is a fitting tribute to all the great work that Pam did on the estate. Pam was chair of the committee for 10 years between 1989 and 1999. Our oldest Outlook edition shows she was on the committee from at least 1976!

Protecting the Sacombe Road playing field

The committee has agreed to start work on the possibility of making the Sacombe Road playing field a town green to give it additional protection against any possible threat of development in the future. We are looking for people to help with this so please get in touch if you are interested.



Bengeo Nursery Application Refused

On the 20th March the East Herts District Council development control committee agreed with their planning officers and voted to refuse Bovis planning permission. The developer had tried to have the vote deferred so they could amend the design, but this was turned down.

it was an entirely appropriate decision!

Councillor Peter Ruffles via Twitter

Town Councillors Linda Radford and Andrew Stephenson ably spoke against the application, and about 20 Bengeo residents were present.

Councillor Peter Ruffles responded to a tweet from Ciaran Gold of the Hertfordshire Mercury, saying it was an entirely appropriate decision.

There were 8 individual reasons which contributed to the rejection. This includes the harm caused to greenbelt land outweighing the benefits and the design failing to satisfactorily respond to the context of the site. The Association expects the developer to return with a new planning application, so be on the lookout in the Mercury and Outlook for updates.

Demolition of Barns at Waterford Heath

A Notice of Demolition for the Black Barns at Vicarage Lane, Waterford Heath, was submitted to East Herts District Council on 24th April.

The barns, built in the 1940's, are currently scaffolded and deemed unsafe. Their removal could allow the nature reserve to be expanded.



Trim Trail at the Sacombe Road playing field

East Herts Council have completed a Community Fitness area at the Sacombe Road Playing field.

They have installed eight pieces of new play / fitness equipment around a 250m grass marked running track in the open space at Sacombe Road. These eight individual pieces of play / exercise equipment are designed to be used by older children and adults to encourage healthy activity through play and exercise. All the equipment have signs explaining how to use them, but everyone will be able to use it for fun as well.

An official opening is being planned in the last week of May as this is half term and there will be children around.

Bengeo Stories Exhibition at Hertford Museum

An exhibition highlighting the unique stories of Bengeo; find out how this once rural village became part of the bustling County Town and discover the artists, pioneers and inventors that lived there.

A book accompanies the exhibition which has a chapter about the water tower in Molewood.

Hertford Museum until 29th June 2013
Tuesday - Saturday, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm. Free entry

Launderette to be replaced by Vets



In the last newsletter we let you know about a planning application to convert the launderette into veterinary consulting rooms. Permission has now been granted subject to certain conditions, which include:

- Animals cannot be held there overnight
- Opening hours restricted to 9am-7pm Mon-Fri and 9am-1pm Sat
- Unable to open Sunday or bank holidays

The Walton Lodge Veterinary Group Ltd now have 3 years to convert the launderette into consulting rooms.

The Drive Charity Table Quiz

The Drive, Bengeo held a quiz on Friday 12 April to raise funds for the Isabel Hospice. A terrific turnout of local residents, their family and friends, resulted in the church hall on Duncombe Road being full to capacity.

Generous local businesses provided some amazing prizes for the raffle which combined with ticket sales resulted in over £1000 being raised for the Hospice.



Drop us a line if you'd like to arrange an event for your street and the Association may be able to support with some sponsorship money.

Your Committee

Chair	Nick Gough	11 Lys Hill Gardens
Treasurer	Alan Sewell	16 The Avenue
Secretary	Liz Walton	69 The Wick

General members

Marie Archer	55 The Wick
Amanda Dial	114 Cowper Crescent
Peter Dougherty	47 The Wick
John Edwards	8 The Wick
Joan Murrell	38 Cowper Crescent
Rachel Ogier	103 Cowper Crescent
Ben Penrose	104 Cowper Crescent

Outlook Editor	Emmet O'Sullivan

What's On?

5th - 6th May

Stapleford Flower Festival
St Marys Church, Stapleford.
12 noon till 5pm. Free Parking.

12th May

Hertford Castle Open Day
12 noon till 4pm last entry 3:30pm.

17th May

MRA AGM at Bengeo Primary School.
With guest Mark Prisk, MP
7.15pm for 7.30pm start

9th June

Classic buses of the 1950's and 1960's
All Bus Rides are Free

23rd June

The Hertford Carnival. Hartham Park

1st July

Bengeo Day at Bengeo School.

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Subscriptions for 2013/14

Annual membership of Molewood Residents' Association costs £2 and runs from June each year. Members of the committee will begin collecting subscription payments, door to door, in June. This will give people the opportunity to discuss how the committee is doing and how it can work best to represent residents.

If you would like to pay in advance or if it is more convenient you can drop the payment along with contact details through the letterbox of our treasurer, Alan Sewell, 16 The Avenue.