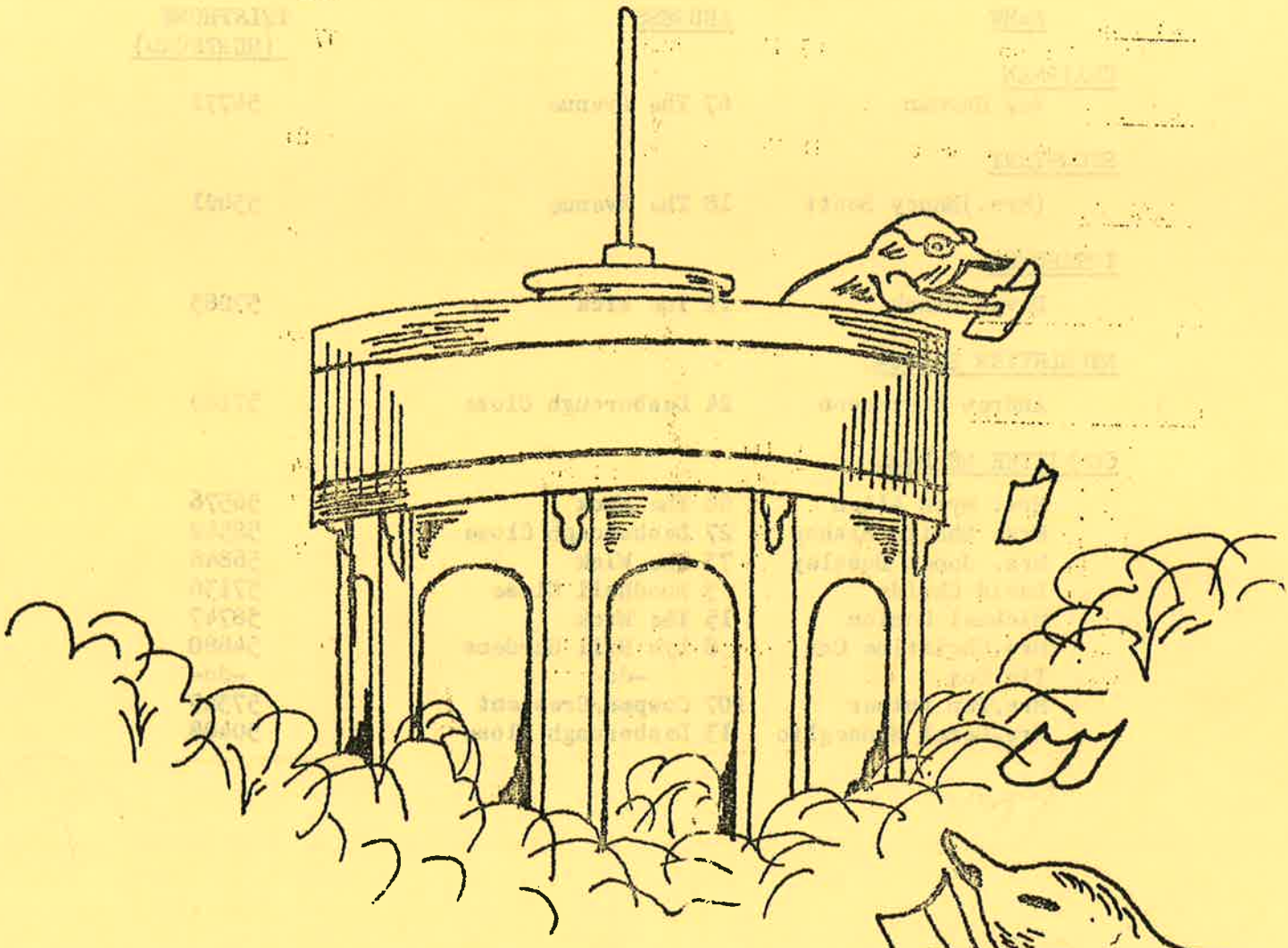
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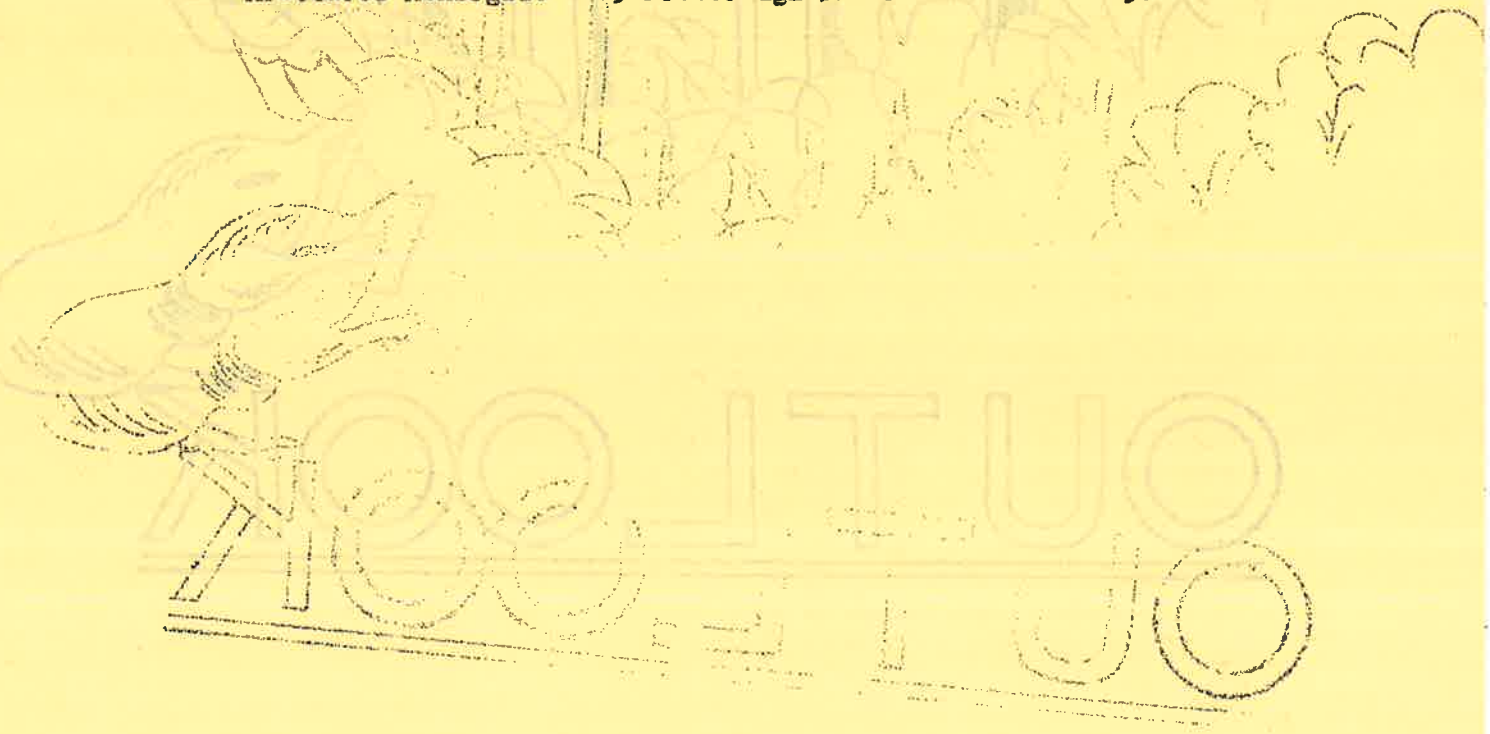


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MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 1979/80

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Tim Cox	-do-	-do-
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COMMITTEE

As you will see from the list of committee members, there have been some substantial changes this year. After three years as Chairman, David Childs felt that he needed a break from this particular responsibility, and Sheila Bishop has similarly given up the Secretary's post; both, however, continue to serve as ordinary committee members. Grateful thanks are due to both David and Sheila for their work on behalf of the Association, especially as both given time to other local activities as well. Thanks also to Mrs. Pat Brooks, Irene Cherry and Pamela Conlon who have left the committee after many years' service.

Warm appreciation is also due to David Brooks, who has now left the committee after several years editing this newsletter with calm efficiency.

Replacements for these posts have come forward (after suitable persuasion!) and David Black is staying on for one more year to perform his usual sterling work as Treasurer. Several new members have accepted election to the Committee. No earth-shattering changes are envisaged to our generally low-key activities, but we hope that the influx of new blood will enable us to deal with matters affecting the estate with fresh enthusiasm.

COUNCILLOR ROGER MARTIN

As all of your will be aware, Roger Martin has now become a member of East Herts District Council, in addition to retaining his seat on Hertford Town Council. Roger Martin has for many years been both a resident of the estate and an active member of the Residents' Association. As a Town Councillor he has taken time and trouble to look after this area's interests. Although his first concern will of course be the whole of Bengeo, which ward he represents, we are sure he will give particular concern to issues relating to the estate when they come before the District Council, and will raise items on our behalf. We would like to congratulate him on his election.

GRASS

Yes, you're right - the greens and verges have had only two cuts this year, despite monsoon conditions. Or rather because of them - grass everywhere became so thick that the District Council's grass-cutting team took longer to go round their various sites. And, as you may have noticed, the effect isn't all that neat. There remains some grounds for concern in that the Director of Technical Services has suggested we may have only another two or three cuts this year and cannot specify when that will happen. Whilst we appreciate that the District Council will be looking to economise on manpower, it does seem reasonable that we should know how the available resources are to be used in regard to this area.

We are taking the matter up with the District Council and pressing for a reasonable number of cuts during the rest of the summer and autumn.

TREES

If you have a tree that overhangs the footpath, please could we again remind you politely to trim it so that people can walk under it without ducking. For older people especially, it can be quite a disturbing element in their walk to the shop or post office. Don't forget also that a tree which in dry weather easily clears the head of sixfooters may, in wet weather, have even the smallest of us bending down or

TREES (continued)

walking into the road to avoid it. May we also remind you that to leave an overhanging tree forming a significant hazard to pedestrians in this way is an offence under the byelaws; the District Council may, if they wish, trim the tree and bill the householder concerned the costs of the work.

SACOMBE ROAD FOOTPATH

The District Council have now applied for planning permission to build a footpath behind the hedge along the Sacombe Road, abandoning the present pavement. This is to be welcomed, as the Association has pressed for this for some time. Unfortunately, the plans allow only for the path to run between the two gates along the field, leaving the narrow section at either end, with the additional danger of a steep access slope down from the new section to these retained sections of the pavement. In addition, no access if planned to the garden centre, leaving visitors on foot to walk along the road. In the committee's view, it would be far safer to run the footpath from the infant's school gate to the corner of The Wick. We have accordingly written to the Director of Planning on this, and we will be following the matter up

SACOMBE ROAD GRAVEL EXTRACTION

Having made some start at working the site on the east side of Sacombe Road, Messrs. Braziers have built a substanial entrance on to the Sacombe Road, as will have been noticed. However, they have also applied for planning permission to construct a private road on a wayleave across agricultural land to the B158. This accords with the approach agreed by Messrs. Braziers after a site meeting between representatives of themselves and of the Association together with our former MP Shirley Williams. Whether the gravel working will see substantial use in the immediate future is not known. If so, we trust that the bulk of lorry movement will use the private road rather than coming out on to the Sacombe Road; although the firm will take some limited traffic that way.

MOLEWOOD GRAVEL PIT

Work on extraction in the pit at the rear of The Avenue seems largely th have stopped, although some people have reported working on occasions. The only matter that can concern us in this respect is working out of hours on gravel extraction. Planning consent on the pit allows extraction work to proceed between 7.30 am and 5.30 pm (7.30 - 17.30) on Monday to Friday and 7.30 am to 1.30pm on Saturday. Any working signicantly beyond these hours is not permitted. If any residents think that working at other times is taking place, will they please inform Reg Harman or any other Committee member so that it can be looked into. But, please note

A. This applied only to the gravel extraction, not to the other businesses located in the pit

and

B. Do produce a record of the time(s) and date(s) concerned, we cannot raise the matter without facts.

One other issue has been brought to the notice of the Committee. There is, on the footpath through the Great Mole Wood, a wide gap in the hedge and fence alongside the pit edge, and the pit edge is very close to the path (rather less, in fact, than the 10 feet required in the planning consent). Since the footpath is narrow, this could create a dangerous situation, for children and cyclists especially. In law a property owner is required to take reasonable precautions to avoid his property causing danger to people going about their lawful business.

MOLEWOOD GRAVEL PIT (continued)

On this basis, we are writing to the owner and his contractor, asking that they put some reasonably sound fencing in the gap.

BENGEO STREET - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The District Council has recently pressed the County Council again to consider providing a pedestrian crossing - probably a zebra - on Bengeo Street. This was previously propoed in 1976; however, a survey then of pedestrians and traffic showed that the relevant criteria were not met. A further survey is now proposed by the District Council Technical Services Department, of which details are not yet to hand. In view of the importance of the facility to everyone in Bengeo, the Committee are considering organising a survey as well, since it is possible that the District Council data will not be made available publkcly.

YELLOW PAGES.

MOLEWOOD SCHOOL OF DANCING Linda & Gordon Davies A I ST^{D} (B.B.)	Ballroom & Latin-American. Adults FRI. 8.45pm. Children WED. 5.30pm. Parish Hall, Duncombe Rd.	Hert. 54753
FLORISTRY 'Pam'	Weddings, funerals etc. flowers for all occasions	107 Cowper Cres. Hert. 51329
LIVE POP GROUP 'Hopkins Wood'	Ideal for Disco's, school, Club dances, parties	Hert. 58501
SECURITY PRODUCTS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS Chubb/Yale/Union etc. good discounts	Front entrance door locks, Personal attack alarms electrical alarms locks for internal doors & windows/wooden or metal	Hert. 57809
DUPLICATING Jane Geering	Very reasonably priced service in an efficient manner.	Hert. 51655
TYPING Myra Allen	Stencils typed for above service or plain typing. Shorthand taken.	Hert. 56576
EQUIPMENT FOR HIRE Ladder (Extension)	Aluminium with easy reach £1 per week	Hert. 57285
Car Ramps	10p per day	-do-
Jump Leads	10p per day	-do-
Preserving Pan	10p per day	Hert. 51329