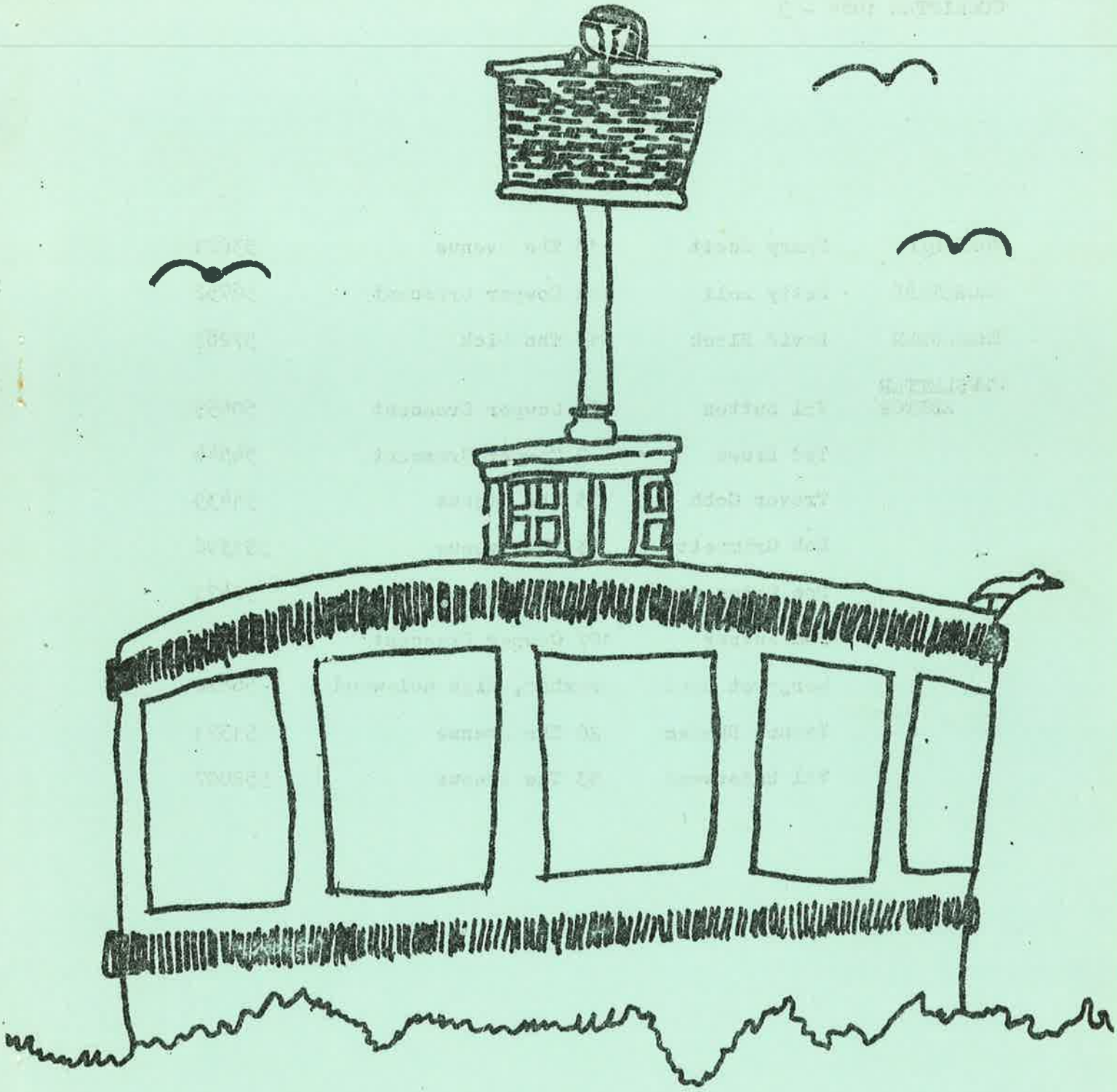
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MOLEWOOD OUTLOOK

Christopher Sutton

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The Front Cover

The front cover of this edition of the Newsletter was drawn by Christopher Sutton of 106, Cowper Crescent, who was ten years old when he did it. It is the view of the Water Tower as seen from his bedroom window, but with the aerial adorned by a look out - (mole's nest)?

Christopher is a keen Star Wars fan, perhaps the mole is keeping watch for an invasion by Darth Vader, or even the first sign of the returning Jedi?

Thank you Christopher!

The A.G.M.

The A.G.M. was held this year in Bengeo Infants School on the 3rd of May, and was attended by eleven members of the committee and seventeen members of the Association.

Many thanks to those who attended.

The agenda did not take long to run through. There were one or two changes in the Committee - you will see the new list in the front of this Newsletter. Our Chairman, Deryck Rhodes, retired after four years hard work for the Association, and was succeeded by Nancy Scott, who in turn was succeeded as Secretary by Betty Hall. Deryck was warmly thanked for his strenuous efforts on our behalf, and will doubtless continue to retain interest in us in the future.

Under the heading A.O.B. three matters were raised,

i. The meeting was asked for suggestions for future social activities. No-one could think of anything new, but if since then some fresh ideas have dawned, remember it is never too late to pass them on to a Committee member.

ii. Young people on the green opposite the shops have sometimes been causing a nuisance. If anyone sees damage been done please contact the police.

iii. It was reported that the lane under the railway bridge between Molewood Road and North Road had been badly rutted by lorries carrying out repair work to the bridge.

Since the meeting we have sent a letter to B.R. requesting them to do something about it.

The formal part of the evening was over in just about half an hour and there then followed a most interesting and informative talk by our local 'bobby' P.C. Mike Pryce-Jones. He has recently replaced P.C. Starr. Later in this Newsletter you will find a report on the talk written by Ted Brown, so I need say no more here.

Finally we all gathered round the wine and cheese and continued the discussion stimulated by P.C. Pryce-Jones until the caretaker arrived and

began to stack the chairs away.

A very good evening was enjoyed by all those who attended. Perhaps next year you will join us? We intend to have a large notice displayed in the Avenue Stores to remind all those who find meetings - particularly A.G.M. easy to forget.

There will be no excuse next time!

The Spring Garden Competition

Just before the A.G.M. the Rose Bowl was presented to the very aptly named Mrs Digweed! Her flower filled Spring garden at 31 Lodge Close was packed full of enterprising ways of using a comparatively small space beautifully. With such a name, Mr and Mrs Digweed must feel they have a lot to live up to. Anyway it was a very well deserved prize.

Congratulations!

The other winners were, -

2nd Mr and Mrs Croucher of 11 Lys Hill Gardens, and

3rd Mr and Mrs Howard of 59 Peel Crescent

The prizes were £5, £3 and £2 gift tokens from the Garden Centre.

This competition, by the way, is judged without prior warning by our own resident expert Pam Lutner, who is herself excluded, being a Committee member.

The Cowper Crescent to Peel Crescent footpath.

We have been contacted about the state of the footpath between Cowper Crescent and Peel Crescent. It seems that some dogs are being allowed to foul this area at will, thus making it very unpleasant for pedestrians walking through there at night as there is no light. We have tried several times, by the way, to get a light placed there, but so far we have met with no success.

To quote a recent article in the Mercury -

'New bylaws passed by East Herts Council make it an offence for dogs to foul footpaths and highways, or any grass verge next to the road so long as it is less than three metres, about 10ft wide'.

Be warned!

Also, in the same footpath it is not unknown for motor cyclists to take the short cut, thus risking an accident with a pedestrian or a car turning into its own garage, or even more likely, when its backing out.

This does not appear to be merely ignorance on the part of the motor cyclists, since they switch their lights off! Presumably in order not to be recognised. Just to save a few yards, it hardly seems worth it.

If you see this happening do not hesitate to contact the Police.

Sacombe Road

It has been brought to our notice that Sacombe Road is being used as a rubbish dump by some thoughtless people. It is particularly annoying in the Spring when the woods and verges are cloudy with bluebells. (If you didn't see them this year then do try to go next year). Anyway, the point is that bluebells or not, our countryside is beautiful, and to see rubbish dumped in it is a very sad sight.

Also it's a quite unnecessary one.

This may be a good time to mention the Official County Dump again. It really takes very little more effort to go to the right place than to drive down Sacombe Lane or any other lane come to that, and hope not to be seen dumping rubbish illegally.

The Dump is on the left side of the B1001 Watton Road between the Wadesmill roundabout and going towards Ware.

The opening times are -

	April to September	October to March
Mon. - Sat.	8.00a.m. to 7.00p.m.	8.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.
Thurs.	closed	closed
Sun.	9.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.	9.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.

We have asked the Council to arrange a special collection of the rubbish. This of course will cost the Council - and therefore us - more. When there is so little public money to spare it seems stupid to waste it.

The Pit

Mr Bowen Wells M.P. has visited the Pit in the company of certain members of the Committee and he has already written letters in an attempt to clarify this long drawn out dispute.

Perhaps the pendulum is beginning to swing?

Car lifts to and from Hertford

This is a reminder that our scheme for offering lifts to and from the town to elderly or incapacitated people is under way.

If you need a lift, or wish to offer one, please contact Nancy Scott 53621.

Local Information

You will find in this Newsletter a special section full of useful local information, just the thing to keep by the telephone. This is revised once a year and I have tried to include the kind of details that are most likely to prove useful.

If you know of any other local groups or activities that you would like to see included in this list, the number to ring is 50459. I will mention them in the next newsletter and put them in the main list next time it is repeated.

How Safe is Your Property?

Most residents are probably aware that the estate is now patrolled by a "Bobby on his Bike".
Constable Pryce-Jones is our community policeman with special responsibility for Bengeo. You'll find him a friendly young man and very approachable. Indeed, he will be delighted to stop and talk to you - to act, discuss or advise on any matter relevent to police work.
Other than on special occasions - such as the current miners' strike - Constable Pryce-Jones spends most of his duty hours in our area. When he is not available, or off duty, the area comes under the general net of the Hertford Police Station with its patrol cars.

Following our A.G.M., Constable Pryce-Jones gave an interesting and informative talk on the subject of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes which Herts. Constabulary is hoping will be taken up and developed in all local communities.
The principle behind such a scheme is for a neighbourhood group to work together - and with the police - to reduce the opportunities for criminals to work successfully in the neighbourhood.
It's really a very simple scheme - advice on how not to leave obvious signs that a house is empty - keeping an eye on any doubtful looking activity in the area and - not being afraid of reporting ones suspicions to the police.
As Constable Pryce-Jones stressed - the Police really do not mind if a reported suspicion proves to be something quite innocent.
Other facets of the scheme outlined were - the security of cars, post-code marking of portable valuables, obtaining advice on home security and reporting on security weaknesses in the neighbourhood such as badly lit or vulnerable areas.

More detailed information can be obtained from the police station or from the Crime Prevention Officer at Police H.Q., Welwyn G.C.
If you would like the estate to develop a Watch Scheme - please let the M.R.A. committee know.

Some statistics on crimes in Hertford and Ware for 1980 were ...

Crime & number reported		Detection Rate Success
Robbery & Assault	64	70-80%
Burglary	262	46%
Theft	1173	30%
Criminal Damage	289	30%
Car Thefts	178	14%
Stolen Cycles	69	14%

Ted Brown

The London Marathon

Finally I cannot let this opportunity go by without a word of congratulation to two Molewood residents who not only competed in but also completed the London Marathon recently! They are Martin Cress of Lodge Close, and Frances Cotterell of Woodhall Close.

Well Done!

A very happy Summer to you.

L O C A L I N F O R M A T I O N

Local Government

County — County Councillor

Mr. J. J. Forrester
397 Ware Road
Hertford.
tel. Hert. 52736

District — East Herts District Council

Local Councillors for Bengeo

Roger Martin
41 The Avenue
tel. Hert. 56549

Gill Geale
Anaga
47 Fordwich Rise
tel. Hert. 53365

Andrew Wheale
Bengeo Rectory
Byde Street
tel. Hert. 54537

Town — Hertford Town Council — The Castle, Hertford

Local Councillors for Bengeo

William R. Hunter
114 Duncombe Rd.
tel. Hert. 51920

Glenn H. Sexton
61 North Road
tel. Hert. 56295

Andrew M. Wheale
Bengeo Rectory
Byde Street
tel. Hert. 54537

Roger A. Martin
41 The Avenue
tel. Hert. 56549

The County Council is responcible for:-

- Airports policy
- Careers service
- Conservation
- Consumer protection
- Education
- Environmental health
- Fire Brigade
- Footpath maintenance
- Highways
- Libraries
- Police
- Public transport & coordination
- Record Office
- Refuse disposal
- Registration, births, marriages & deaths
- Road safety
- Small holdings
- Social services
- Strategic planning
- Street lighting

The District Council is responsible for:-

- Allotments
- Building regulations
- Cemeteries
- Clean Air Act
- Concessionary fares
- Electoral registration
- Environmental health
- Food hygiene
- Home safety
- Housing
- Land charges
- Local licences
- Markets and fairs
- Museums
- Off-street parking
- Parks and open spaces
- Planning
- Refuse collection
- Rates collection
- Rents
- Sport and recreation
- Street cleaning

The Town Council is responsible for:-

- Hertford Cemetery
- Most allotments
- Representing towns people re planning the future of Hertford.
- Various grants to Societies for running expenses, prizes etc.
- Anything to do with the Mayor.

The Mayor is William R. Hunter
114 Duncombe Road
tel. Hert. 51920

As you can see many of these responsibilities over-lap, but we hope this information may be of some help.

The District Council's main offices

General Enquiry Office and Administration	Council Offices The Causeway Bishop's Stortford tel. B/S 55261/ 53151/54239
Planning	Wallfields Peg's Lane Hertford tel. Hert. 54977
Technical Services	The Castle Hertford tel. Hert. 54977
Health and Housing	99, and 103 New Road and The Priory tel. Ware 2291/61261
Leisure Services and Area Offices	Vale House Cowbridge tel. Hert. 54977

'Emergency' numbers (apart from 999 calls)

Hertford Police Station	Hertford 57711
Hertford County Hospital	Hertford 52275
Veterinary Surgeons	Ware 68874 - they have a surgery in Ware, one in Buntingford and one in 77 Fore Street Hertford. The tel. no. is the same for all of them.
Library	Hertford 53487
Electricity Board	01-366-1112
Gas Board	Harlow 29571 after office hours Potter's Bar 51234
Water Board	Harlow 20081 after office hours 65797
Citizens Advice Bureau	Hertford 51441
Trading Standards Officer	Hertford 54242 ext. 5538
Careers Service	Ware 4913
Social Services Dept.	Hertford 54242

Local shops open on Sundays

The Avenue Stores	morning
Newsagents, The Avenue	"
Spar, Bengeo Street	"
Bengeo Stores, Crouchfields	"
Bengeo Garden Centre	all day

Half day closing and market days

	Half day	Market
Hertford	Thursday	Saturday
Ware	Thursday	Tuesday
Stevenage	Wednesday	Fri/Sat.
Harlow	Wednesday	Fri/Sat.
Welwyn G. C.	Wednesday	-
Hoddesdon	Thursday	Wednesday
Hatfield	Thursday	Wed/Sat.

Churches

Catholic Church The Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph

23 St. Johns Street, Hertford. tel. Hert. 52109
Rt. Rev. Monsig. E. T. Bassett

Mass Times: Saturday 6.15 pm
Sunday 8.30 am
10.30 am, 6.30 pm

Holy Trinity, Bengeo Parish Church

Bengeo Street
Rector Colin Weale: Bengeo Rectory, Byde Street.
tel. Hert. 54537

8.00	Holy Communion
9.30	Parish Communion (creche avail)
11.00	(4th Sunday only) Family Service
11.00	(all other Sundays) Sunday School
6.30 pm	Evensong

Some services at St. Leonards during Summer months.

Baptist Church

Cowbridge, Hertford.
Rev. Dr. M. J. Collis, The Manse, 18 Westfield Road, Bengeo, Hertford.
tel. Hert. 52761

Main Sunday services:

11.00	Morning Worship (also Sunday School, Covenanters, and Creche)
6.30 pm	Evening Worship

United Reformed Church

Cowbridge, Hertford.
Rev. Paul C. Snell, The Manse, 18 Grange Close, Hertford.
tel. Hert. 53227

Main Sunday Services:

10.30	Family Church (creche available)
6.30 pm	Evening Service

(Holy Communion - 1st Sunday morning
3rd Sunday evening)

Methodist Church

Ware Road, Hertford.
Superintendent Minister: Rev. David M. Caink
The Beeches, 104 Ware Road, Hertford.
tel. Hert. 53644

11.00	Morning Worship & Junior Church (creche avail)
6.30 pm	Evening Worship

Public Transport - Bus & Coach

Operator

London Country Bus Services Ltd.
Lesbourne Road
REIGATE, Surrey RH2 7LE
tel. Reigate (07372) 42411
Managing Director: D. L. Fytche

Local Information contact:

Enquiry Office
Hertford Bus Station
tel. Hert. 53445

(open 8.30 to 13.00 and 14.00 to 17.00)
or:
Bus Garage
Fairfax Road
Hertford
tel. Hert. 52281

(Garage Traffic Superintendent: P. Bailey)

A comprehensive timetable for the Hertford & Harlow area is published by London Country, also including other operators' services - available from the bus station, bus garage, public libraries and some newsagents.

Route 333

The first two coaches from Hertford to Molewood are at 7.59 and 8.47, after that they run at 13 mins past each hour.
The return runs from the Avenue shops at 23 mins past each hour. The last bus from Hertford is at 18.13 pm returning from The Avenue at 18.23.

Public Transport - Rail

Local Information

Hertford East (for services to Liverpool St. etc.)
tel. 52521

Hertford North (for services to Moorgate and to Letchworth, etc.)
tel. 52768
or tel. Welwyn G. C. (923) 33741 - talking timetable

Stevenage (for mainline services to the North East etc.)
tel. Stevenage (90) 66666

Hertford North, Stevenage } London enquiry bureau (01) 278 2477

Complaints & Suggestions

in both cases: County Planning Officer (Transport Coordination)
County Hall, Hertford. SG13 8DN
tel. 54242 (Ext. 5031/5606/5607)

Local Organisations, Clubs and Classes

Bengeo Cubs & Scouts

Group Scout Leader
Hugh Rogers
120 Bengeo Street
Hertford 51083

Bengeo Brownies & Guides

Acting District Commissioner
Miss D. Hynds
16 The Drive
Hertford 52450

Bengeo Youth Club

Judy Stewart
3 Lys Hill Gardens
Hertford 57922

Bengeo Tigers

Tony Betts
42 The Wick
Hertford 53952

Football for boys from 6 to 16

Panda Club (World of Wildlife)

Mrs Webb
31 Cedar Close
Hertford 51189

For children from 7 to 14 yrs, alternate Wednesdays

East Herts Music Centre

Miss J. Middlemiss
Herts County Music School
Westfield House
West Street
Hertford 54619

Classes held in Bengeo Infant School include aural work, movement and instrumental work.
For children from 7 to 11.

Mother and Toddler Club

Mrs Perry
10 Cowper Crescent
Hertford 54798

Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Bengeo Parish Hall. All mothers with preschool children welcome.

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Mr. John Harrold
11 Longwood Road
Hertford 53713

Second Monday in every month. Bengeo Parish Hall. Talks in the winter, walks in the summer.

W.E.A. (Workers Educational Association)

Mrs Begg
1 Westfield Road
Hertford 54079

Two series of talks each year commencing in September and January in Bengeo Parish Hall, on interesting subjects ranging from 'The Environment' to 'Portrait Painters' to 'China'. This September the subject is 'The History of London'.

National Housewives Register

Gillian Harman
67 The Avenue
Hertford 54771

Various interesting meetings evening and daytime.

Bengeo Women's Institute

Mrs Smith
15 The Drive
Hertford 53168

Bengeo Good Companions

Mrs Norman
The Cedars
Bengeo Street
Hertford 52020

Monday afternoons 2.15 - 4.15 pm. Bengeo Parish Hall. Many social activities ranging from a cup of tea and a chat to interesting outings for those who are sixty and over. New members welcome.

Women's Fellowship

Mrs Martin
13 Russell Street
Hertford 58883

Third Thursday in every month 2.45 in Bengeo Parish Hall. Interesting speakers and also outings.

Ladies Tuesday Circle

Mrs Pemberton
28 Trinity Grove
Hertford 56169

First Tuesday in every month 8.00 - 9,30 pm in Bengeo Parish Hall. Speakers and also fund raising for charity, a yearly party for the handicapped.

Bengeo Fish Scheme

Miss Kay Bedington
50 The Drive
Hertford 53257

Voluntary Aid - visiting the housebound, transport to hospital etc. Miss Bedington would be pleased to hear from anyone prepared to act as a driver for the Fish Scheme. This would be entirely at your convenience and not in any way a regular commitment.

Janet Moy's School of Dancing

Janet Moy
18 Desborough Close
Hertford 56645

Ballet for girls and boys aged 3 upwards.
Saturdays and some evenings.

'Gentle exercises for the not so fit'

Julie Harrison
1 Owls Hatch Cottages
Brickenden
Bayford 202

Wednesdays 10.00 - 11.00 Bengeo Parish Hall.
Qualified teacher and member of Physical Education Association.

Dancing Classes

Pam Blyth
1 Lys Hill Gardens
Hertford 51537 & 51560

Ballet, modern and tap dancing. Tap class for men. Keep fit.

Aerobic Workout

Mrs G. Brass
247 Varden Road
Stevenage 353831

& Mrs S. Henry
257 Varden Road
& 61645

Thursday 8.00 - 9.00 pm in Bengeo Parish Hall.
All ages from 16 - 60, and all welcome.

Ladies Keep fit with Yoga

Mrs Smits
Cedar Lea
Low Hill
Royden, Nr. Harlow
Hoddesdon 814 68720

Classes held in Bengeo Parish Hall, Monday mornings.

Yellow Pages

Equipment for hire

Extension ladder Aluminium with easy reach	£1.00	per week	)
Car ramps	10p	" day	) Hertford 57285
Jump leads	"		)
Battery charger	"		)
Preserving pan	"		Hertford 51329
Tree pruner (6' lightweight)	"		)
Bulb planter	"		) Hertford 56479
Lawn spreader	"		)
Lawn roller	"		)

Duplicating Service

Lynne Coleman — Hertford 57813

Charges:-

Setting up	50p
100 sheets (printed 1 side)	£1.50
100 sheets (printed 2 sides)	£2.00

(minimum charge £2.00)

Charges include white or coloured paper.

Typing

Mavis Bishop — Hertford 56292

Typing for the duplicating service or otherwise.

Bengeo Parish Hall, Duncombe Road

Bookings and enquiries

Mrs C. Ruoss — 1, Lodge Close — Hertford 53284

Charge £2.85 per hour.

Home Selection Pottery Parties

Eileen Rosier — 89 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 58530

Insurance and Financial Matters

Molewood Insurance and Financial Services

Allan Streeton — 22 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 56217

Free advice on Life Assurance, Pensions, Annuities, Investments, Mortgages - new, and conversions from Ordinary to Endowment.

Cycle Repairs

Graham Hicks Cycles
Garry Lutner
Graham Hicks

Brocket Wood, Hoddesdon
107 Cowper Crescent

Hertford 51329
Dane End 457

Bull Plain Market every Saturday.
Repairs by experienced cycle mechanics - on the spot repairs - fully reconditioned cycles for sale - cycles built to order plus orders taken for new ones - part exchange - accessories - collection and delivery - wheel building - BMX gears and parts.