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A.G.M. ISSUE

Another A.G.M. may have passed - BUT - summer is almost here!

So, whether you are sipping a tequila sunrise in Mustique, slaking your thirst with a tin of lager on the golden sand of ... Bognor, or just enjoying the peace (skeets allowing!) of Molewood et environs, we are sure that the violence of last winter's gales are but a memory now - even though it was only a month or two ago! You might even find a moment or two to scribble a small contribution to YOUR mag. (may-be not, judging by the emptiness of the two stratgically placed 'suggestion boxes').

Pam Lutner presented the prizes for the Flower Competition.
The winners were:-

Summer 1989

1st Mr. & Mrs Elliott	£10
2nd Mr. & Mrs Kenney	£ 7
3rd Mr. & Mrs Draper	£ 5
4th Mr. & Mrs Sapin	£ 4
5th Mrs Digweed	£ 3

Tub or Basket

Mr. & Mrs Smith	£ 5

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1st Mr. & Mrs Payne	£10
2nd Mr. & Mrs Pavely	£ 7
3rd Mr. & Mrs Proctor	£ 5
4th Mr. & Mrs Kenney	£ 4
5th Mr. & Mrs Eves	£ 3
6th Mrs Singers	£ 3

Thanks to all for helping to make our neighbourhood worth watching!

This is to be but a brief 'Outlook' focusing mainly on the A.G.M. which, we are delighted to say, once more filled our usual venue - Duncombe Hall - to capacity. After the 'formal' part of the evening was dispensed with we had the pleasure of some spellbinding talks from:-

WING COMMANDER ZENA CHEAL: This was a fascinating biographical talk on Zena's early years in India. Many amusing and exciting memories were conjured up for us to enjoy in the -'Days of the Raj'.

BARNEY STARK: With the aid of video, Barney gave some useful and entertaining tips and anecdotes on SECURITY in the home and car, but ... more later!

GEORGE SANDELL: George, who is Chairman of CAGE (Campaign Against Gravel Extraction) brought us right up to date on all the excellent work being carried out continuously by his team of experts. Evidence has reared its' head again ('Mercury') showing that all their earlier predictions are proving correct.

In between all this, much food was consumed and washed down with vino, and for this thanks goes to those who spent so much of their time in the preparation.

COVER PICTURE

The very high standard is being maintained, proving once again that our young Molewoodians are extremely talented.

The artist of this cover picture is Claire Firman, age 13 who lives at 44, The Wick, with her parents and older brother Darren.

Claire is in her second year at Presdales school, Ware and was formerly at Bengeo J.M.I. School. To list all her interests and hobbies would fill this magazine but, mainly, she has many awards for athletics, and is a member of Hertford and Ware Athletics Club. She is keen on the javelin, running 1500 metres and the penthathlon.

She is a Guide with 6th Hertford Baptist and has many badges to her credit. Also, she plays guitar, electronic organ and likes both ballet and modern dancing.

As the impressive cover shows, she is very interested in art and craft work. Claire's ambition when she is older, is to work with children.

Thank you for your contribution Claire.

For future issues remember ... A4 paper: black and white only: fairly bold outlines: include the words MOLEWOOD OUTLOOK; Name and address on back ... please. For the next issue, please try and incorporate an AUTUMNAL theme. And, if you feel like writing about your holiday, favourite sport or pastime, etc. we might just be able to squeeze that in too .....

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 26th Annual General Meeting

Bryan Thurston gave an interesting review of all the events which have occurred over the past year and which have been continuously discussed at both the M.R.A. and Neighbourhood Watch Committee meetings, namely:-

Road surfaces (being done): L.V.S.A. (Skeet Shooting); our involvement with CAGE: Social events e.g. Chelsea Flower Show, parking on roads.

Brian emphasised that in matters of concern, whilst your committee will continue to represent you on every possible occasion, messages are brought home far more forcibly if YOU will individually ALSO attend any hearings and write letters to the Authorities concerned.

Brian rounded off by thanking all those members who have served on the committee, especially our hard-working Secretary and, dare we say - the Ed. and contributors to M.O.

On the final point, the officers stood down and were immediately re-elected for the following year with ONE exception ... sadly, Brian himself stood down as joint Chairman, and also from the committee. Since his election, he has been involved in other work which, he feels, will not leave the time needed to devote to M.R.A. matters.

SO, WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF THANKING YOU, BRIAN, FOR ALL YOUR WORK AND SUPPORT AS A COMMITTEE MEMBER, AS JOINT CHAIR PERSON, AND ALSO FOR REPRESENTING US ON THE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF 'CAGE'. GOOD LUCK!

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Income & Expenditure for the Year ended 31 March 1990

1989				1990
451		Membership Subscriptions & Donations	437	
-		Income from Social Functions	497	
13	464	Interest Received	13	947
57		A.G.M.	69	
-		Cost of Social Functions	343	
291		Newsletter, Notices, etc	207	
59		Competition Prizes	4	
20		Presentations & Subscriptions	36	
62		Neighbourhood Watch	75	
5		Postage and Telephone	10	
-		Printing New Rule Books	74	
88		Repairs to Equipment	32	
30	612	Depreciation of Duplicator	30	880
	(148)	(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year		67

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1990

1989				1990
		ACCUMULATED FUND		
482		Balance as at 1 April 1989	334	
(148)		(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	67	
	334			401
	90	EQUIPMENT, less Depreciation		60
		CASH		
170		Bradford & Bingley Building Society	299	
51		National Westminster Bank - Current	18	
23		- Deposit	24	
	244			341
	334			401

I have examined the above Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet and confirm them to be in accordance with the books and records of the Association.

T.A. Busby
Certified Accountant

Thank you Dennis!

The liquidity will be much improved by your subs which we are now collecting ..... Received with many thanks!

We now have a large representation from The Drive, and we hope to publish a FULL list of all households who subscribe in the next edition.

MIND THE DOORS!

Going on holiday? Then make sure thieves don't turn your homecoming into a nightmare. PC Barney Starr, Hertford Police crime prevention officer, offers some helpful tips, to defeat the house-breaker.

The holiday season is reaching its peak. A chance for a break, change of surroundings, new faces and places. We all need a break, but its good to get back to familiar surroundings and find that your home is just the way you left it.

1. Lock all doors and windows.

2. Lock the garage or shed and put all your tools away. If you have to leave a ladder outside, padlock it to a secure fixture, a tree or drain pipe for instance.

3. Cancel deliveries of milk, newspapers etc.

4. If you have to leave your pets at home please make sure they will be properly looked after.

5. Turn off gas and water supplies. Turn off electricity unless you need it for a time-switch or freezer.

6. If you have a garden, mow the lawns before you go.

7. Deposit small valuables like jewellery items at the bank. The remaining valuable items should be marked with an ultra-violet marking pen with your post code followed by the number or the first two letters of the house name. Then if you are unfortunate enough to have the property stolen and it is subsequently recovered, the police can identify it and return it to you.

8. Tell your neighbours that you're going on holiday but NOT the queue at your local supermarket.

By taking these simple steps you can be reasonably sure of a happy return. But what about your car if you're using it on holiday? Well again there are a few steps you can take to prevent yourself becoming another crime statistic (389,576 cars stolen in 1987, and an even larger amount of property from cars).

1. When you leave your car always remove the ignition key. Lock and check all the doors and windows. The smallest gap can give a thief a way in.

2. Never leave valuables like cameras, binoculars, cheque books and or credit cards on view, inside the car. If you can't take them with you, lock them in the boot out of sight.

3. It only takes a few seconds to steal luggage from a roof rack. Make sure it is properly secured and never leave it unattended.

After all those do's and don'ts, it only remains for us to say, 'bon voyage, have a nice holiday'.

YOU CAN LOOK AFTER IT WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

Checklist

..... Lock all doors and windows.

..... Lock the garage or shed and put all your tools away. If you have to leave a ladder out, padlock it to a secure fixture.

..... Don't lock internal doors and desks. This only means more damage if someone breaks in.

..... Cancel deliveries of milk, newspapers, etc.

..... Deposit small valuable items, like jewellery, at the bank.

..... Using an 'invisible' marking pen, mark all remaining valuable items with your postcode and house number or the first two letters of the house name. Then if they are stolen and subsequently recovered, the police can identify and return them to you.

..... Don't draw your blinds and curtains. An automatic time-switch to switch a light on and off in a downstairs room is a good investment.

..... Arrange for pets to be properly looked after.

..... Turn off gas and water supplies. Turn off electricity unless you need it for a time-switch or freezer.

..... Cut the lawns before you go.

..... And finally, don't forget to make sure your house and its contents are adequately insured.

ONCE YOU HAVE TICKED OFF ALL THE ABOVE ...

... HAVE A GOOD HOLIDAY.

Thank you Barney. It's really just all COMMON SENSE! But - we still need reminding, and it wouldn't be a bad idea if we all KEPT Barney's article to check off the various items before we go away.

Flowers, Flowers and Flowers

Once again we must give our thanks to Pam for a great day out. For those of us sampling our first trip to Chelsea, it was a day never to be forgotten.

I think for me, it was the blaze of colour wherever you looked, that stayed with me, whether it was the blues of the delphiniums or the yellow and orange poppies, the african violet or the magnificent lupins or the riot of the hues in the roses. No matter which direction you looked or walked in the great marquee it was like a rainbow of colour.

And yet they made it all look so easy and everyone was so helpful, with a cheery smile as well. The outside gardens were all so different and many so full of ideas for your own that to put all your new ideas

together you would need acres and acres of land. I came away determined to have a Pergola with a riot of roses climbing up and over everywhere. Well the Pergola is up, the roses planted. All I have to do now is have the patience to let them grow and climb!

It was well worth waiting till 5 o'clock. I think all of us brought home something when the stand started selling the plants, at the end of the show.

I hope we can persuade Pam to run this outing again next year, and that I've given you some idea of what a day out at Chelsea is like.

Brian Euler

STOP PRESS

GRAVEL!!!

As mentioned, it is all back again, rearing its dusty head!

Immediate action required by ALL concerned ..... please write a letter of objection to:-

DAVID BEALES
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
E.H.D.C.
P.O. BOX 102
WALLFIELDS
PEGS LANE
HERTFORD SG13 8EQ

(BY 20TH JUNE IF POSSIBLE)

Next stage of action to be advised.

(See CAGE Newsletter June 1990)

That's it!

Have a wonderful Summer.

See you in the Autumn .....

ED.