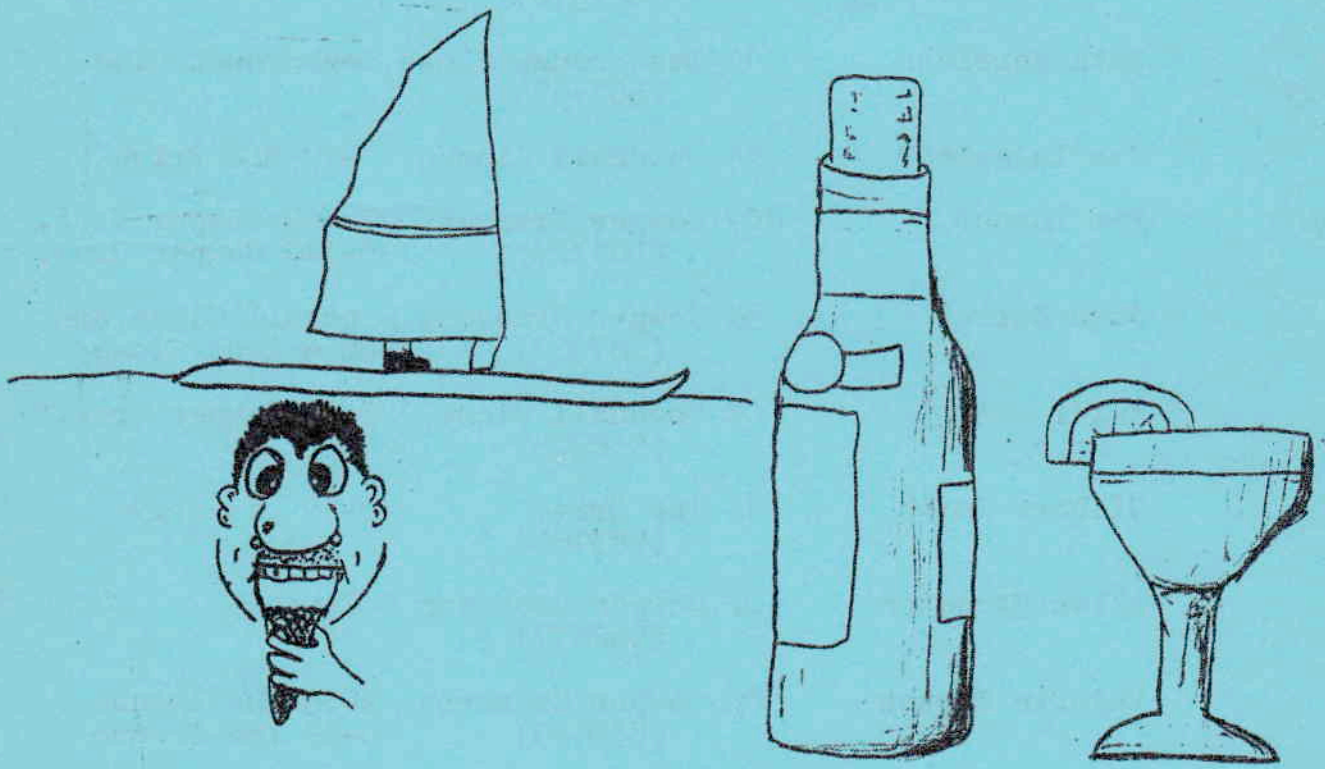
MOLEWOOD OUTLOOK





SUMMER '92

COMMITTEE 1992/1993

	NAME	ADDRESS	ROUND
	Brian Bower	39 Peel Crescent	Peel Crescent
Correspondence Secretary	Dorothy Bradley	115 The Avenue (584608)	36-156 The Avenue
	Olive Church	122 Cowper Crescent (583412)	1-75 Cowper Cres.
	Francis Cotterill	31 Woodhall Close (500758)	----------
	Brian Euler	52 The Wick (558619)	2-66 The Wick and The Orchard
Treasurer	Dennis Goodrum	43 The Avenue (587319)	Lodge Close
Minutes Secretary	Ruth Harrison	14 Desborough Close (587457)	Desborough Close
	Jan Leggetter	14 Woodhall Close	1-57 The Drive
Chairman	Pam Lutner	107 Cowper Crescent (581329)	77-109 Cowper Cres. 98-142 Cowper Cres.
	Joan Murrel	38 Cowper Crescent (587982)	Woodhall Close and Cumberland Close
	Heidi Scott	6 Woodhall Close (558208)	2-96 Cowper Cres.
	Gilbert Smith	15 The Drive (583168)	2-58 The Drive
Editor	Allan Streeton	22 Cowper Crescent (582617)	Molewood
	Valerie Sutton	106 Cowper Crescent (550459)	9-59 The Avenue 10-34 The Avenue
	Pat Thomas	64 The Wick (587901)	1-73 The Wick
	Val Underwood	33 The Avenue (552007)	Lyshill Gardens
	Joan Walkom	12 Woodhall Close (587297)	61-133 The Avenue
	Harry Walkom	12 Woodhall Close (587297)	----------
	P.C. John Baldwin	Neighbourhood Watch Bobbie	

MOLEWOOD OUTLOOK SUMMER 1992

A WARM summer welcome to all our readers and a SPECIAL welcome to our new Committee members. With our ever widening circle of members we feel that we now have a strong Committee which will give a wider view of any matters which concern YOU, although we always welcome any ideas and suggestions which you might have.

Not all of our new Committee members wish to sit in on EVERY meeting, but have kindly volunteered to give much needed help on various projects such as deliveries of such things as ..... this mag. It certainly helped on sub. collecting this year, which was carried out in a fraction of the normal time. Our thanks also go to retiring Committee members Eileen Beale and Sylvia Heffner for their hard work in the past.

Against the name of each Committee member we have put the part of the Estate for which they are responsible in regard to subs, deliveries, etc., so if you have any queries on deliveries - don't call the Ed. but get in touch with your local friendly 'roundsman'! (Sorry ..... 'person').

Thank you once again for your support, and now to the .....

..... 1992 Annual General Meeting .....

which was due to take place at Bengeo Junior School at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 12th May 1992, but ..... didn't!

Owing to the school overlooking our booking, all was locked and in darkness when the Committee met at the appointed venue to prepare seating and victuals prior to the 'kick-off'. Soon the playground started to fill with bewildered members, much to the embarrassment of the Committee. Luckily, the whole matter was later brought to a satisfactory conclusion when, on discovering that our old haunt Duncombe Hall was 'free', we all transferred over, and, with relief, took up our new/old places for the meeting - if somewhat later than planned!

Inspite of our protracted start the meeting soon got warmed up with lively responses from the packed house. After pangs of hunger had been satisfied and thirst slated, we all sat back and wished that OUR gardens could be as colourful as those seen on a colour slide show given by a VAN HAGE's representative. It was a dazzling end to an evening which started with much frustration - in an overcast playground!

The following are the full published Minutes for those unable to attend.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th May 1992

Present: Officers, Committee and about 55 members of the Association.

1. Apologies had been received from Dorothy Bradley, Mr and Mrs Voller, Miss Jolly, Miss Ison, Mr and Mrs Singers, Mr and Mrs Brooks, Mr Procter and Mrs Cherry.

2. The Minutes of the 1991 AGM were presented, Mrs Harrison proposed and Mrs Scott seconded that the Minutes be adopted.

3. Matters arising.
Apologies were given for the change of venue as the Committee were not able to get into the School. This made the meeting start half an hour late. Mr Martin and P.C. John Baldwin were welcomed along with the members of the Association.

4. Chairman's report.
CAGE had been going for three years and the Committee were thanked for their very hard work and the local residents were also thanked for going to the Public Enquiry. The result of the appeal would not be given until Autumn.
Work was still being carried on by CAGE on existing sites and everyone was asked to keep an eye on the local pits.
Any lorries seen driving through the weight restriction should be reported with relevant information.
Twelve Neighbourhood Watch boards were being made. The first two or three would be ready around early Summer.
The Village type Public Notice board was passed by the members, the site to be confirmed later.
Pam asked whether the Association would also buy the dog fouling signs for the Estate. This request was passed.
Thanks were given to Dorothy Bradley for her hospitality, Dennis Goodrum and Ruth Harrison for their work. Allan Streeton and all the others were also thanked. The Newsletter was thought to be excellent by other Associations and Pam was thanked for her work.
Trees in The Avenue were given by Hertford Town and District Council and there would be more later on in the year, with some to go in The Drive. The drought and their first year of the trees' life would decide if they were going to survive. They would have to be watered regularly and this request was made to people who lived near them.
Over hanging trees and bushes on paths were dangerous to the young, old and blind so it was asked that they be kept back.

5. Treasurer's report.
Expenditure was slightly more than income for this year's accounts. The cost of printing had gone up and there were more members this time with The Drive. The First Aid course made a little money. The '500' Club was actually 569 due to the demand and £2,400 was given to CAGE's funds.
The report was yet to be audited but it was still proposed by Mrs Ruggles and seconded by Mr Harrison.

6. Election of Officers and Committee members - Eileen Beale resigned from the Committee. A request was made for someone to fill the position of Minutes Secretary but there were no offers. Officers - Pam Lutner, Dorothy Bradley, Allan Streeton and Dennis Goodrum were proposed by Mr Martin and seconded by P.C. Baldwin. The rest of the Committee were proposed by Mr Scott and seconded by Mrs Ruggles.
As there was a shortage of Committee members, people were asked if they would join as four more were needed. The volunteers were Pat Thomas, Jan Leggetter, Francis Cotterill, Joan Murrel, Joan Walkom and Gilbert Smith. These were proposed by Mr Leggetter and seconded by Mr Euler.
People also volunteered to help with deliveries (see list at end of the Minutes).

7. Spring Garden prize winners.
The Rosebowl was won by Mrs Murrel, who also received garden tokens and flowers along with all the other winners of the garden competitions.

Summer/Autumn 1991 - 1st Mrs Murrel
2nd Mr & Mrs Voller
3rd Mr & Mrs Kenny
4th Mr & Mrs Karn
5th Mrs Sharpe
6th Mr & Mrs Procter
Hanging basket/tub - Mr & Mrs Parker

Spring 1992 - 1st Mr & Mrs Procter
2nd Mr & Mrs Payne
3rd Mr & Mrs Eves
4th Mr & Mrs Karn
5th Mrs Singers
6th Mr & Mrs Rippon

8. Any other business.
a) It was asked whether it was possible to plant trees where tarmac had been laid, Pam Lutner thought that it was unlikely, but Mr R.Martin would look into it.

b) A proposal was put forward that the subscriptions should be increased to £1.50 per household and this was passed after it was suggested that they should be increased to £2. This was felt to be too large an increase.

c) A suggestion was raised as to whether the '500' Club could continue and the money raised could go towards financing the MRA's expenditures or given to a charity. The Committee felt that it should only be done to raise funds for MRA and that only one sum collected instead of paying monthly. If other people on the Estate would like to take on the responsibility of running it then the Committee had no objections.

d) Ruth Harrison would carry on being Minutes Secretary until she either moved out of the area or someone else could be found.

P.C. John Baldwin talked about his new role as the Neighbourhood Bobbie, the Police Surgeries, crime in the area and the local problems.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm and after wine and nibbles, Mr Stuart from Van Hages gave a talk and slide presentation on hanging baskets.

List of helpers:

Mr & Mrs Harrison	Dorothy Ison
Mrs Cross	Jean Jolly
Jenny Stanfield	Mrs Mayer
Nancy Scott	Grace Eve
Mrs Birmingham	Oscar Cuneen

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT - YEAR 1991-92

1990-91		INCOME	1991-92	
459		Membership subscriptions	490	
20		Interest received - Bradford & Bingley	15	
18		Equipment - hire charges	-	
34		Neighbourhood Watch - refund re signs	-	
-		First Aid course - entry fees	245	
	531			750
		EXPENDITURE		
61		A.G.M.	153	
130		Social Events	-	
155		Newsletter, notices etc.	239	
66		Garden competition - prizes	66	
34		Donations & subscriptions	53	
-		First Aid Course expenses	231	
-		Bank charges	21	
30		Depreciation on duplicator	30	
	476			793
	55	Surplus/(deficit) for year		(43)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1992

1990-91		ACCUMULATED FUND	1991-92	
401		Balance at 1st April 1991	456	
55		Surplus/(deficit) for year	(43)	
	456			413
30		EQUIPMENT less depreciation	-	
384		CASH - Bradford & Bingley	213	
16		Nat. West Bank - current	24	
26		deposit	26	
-		Reserve - deposit on copier	150	
	456			413

Subject to audit
D.E.J. Goodrum 22/4/92

COVER PICTURE

Memories of summer pursuits are conjured up in this issue's cover picture by twelve year old Richard Hughes of 27 Woodhall Close.

Richard and his brother Robert are both students of Richard Hale. Richard's main interests are fishing and music.

Not ... art, Richard?

Thank you Richard!

Once more a plea is made - this time from Zilla Driver:-

Britain in Bloom time is upon us once more and the national judges will be coming to Hertford between the 15 - 18th July. So that Molewood Estate presents the best possible appearance it would be good if each household just cleared the weeds outside their own front wall and gutter. Just a few minutes of your time might make all the difference between our success and failure - we have the regional trophy to defend! (Well, by the time this mag. hits your mats it may be too late for the trophy, but - the message is still clear!)

MOLEWOOD ESTATE

The Ed. is still holding the details of the original Leach Development papers, if the kind contributor would care to collect them.

'NEIGHBOURS'- WATCH?

On one of the many sizzling hot June Saturdays a large crowd gathered in the school fields for the traditional BENGEO DAY. This year's big day out was livened by the unexpected guest appearance of 'Neighbours' star Jerromy Angerson alias 'Josh Anderson', much to the delight of the younger females (and some not so young!)

A G'Day!

BARNEY AND BARNES IN THE BARN!
('Owls of Laughter)

INDEPENDENCE day may have been wet and cool, but it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of a large group of CAGE anniversary walkers who gathered at Stoneyhills in Michael McMullen's barn.

A magnificant spread included strawberries and cream, all organised by Angela Gingell.

There was liquid sustenance for the tired damp walkers, including Nik Bergson's home made beer - 'Tunwell Ale'.

Following this there was a sing-a-long-a-John with multi-talented John Barnes singing and playing ukulele, guitar, and piano, beguiling all with his usual cheeky humour ..... plus a plea for his Footpaths Society. The only feathers to get slightly ruffled were those of 'Barney' the barn owl who was in the audience on the shoulder of John Brunige. He seemed to enjoy all the laughter and noise and, at times, almost seemed to be swaying in time with the sing-a-long.

A pleasant change from the august surroundings of County Hall chambers where many had been sitting at the C.A.G.E. enquiry earlier in the year.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

Having thanked Mr Michael Hall for arranging the tree planting in The Avenue, we have had to write to him again. This time it was a complaint on behalf of residents outraged by the felling of mature plum trees outside their houses. Apparently, aware of the problems caused, particularly to children, by the falling fruit, residents offered to prune the trees themselves. Now the trees have been felled, leaving an ugly patch which spoils the appearance of the area. We have asked that equally mature, attractive trees be planted. Our letter has been passed to the Landscape Section where it is "receiving attention".

On the subject of trees, Avenue residents have responded well to the request to take care of "their" trees. Despite this, some may not survive and will be replaced.

We have thanked Mr Michael Stewart of Van Hage's Garden Centre for his interesting talk at the A.G.M., apologising for the unavoidable change of venue, and hoped that he would pay us another visit.

The vandalised road sign in Woodhall Close will be replaced as soon as a new one can be made.

Dorothy Bradley

A continuing GROWL is heard about the dog fouling which, inspite of the penalties, does not seem to improve very much. To try and reduce this hazard to health the committee are investigating the possibility of strategically placed warning signs, [illegible] and also if we can follow some areas who have special bins where 'poop-a-scoop' deposits can be made.

Also in the interests of brightening up the Estate we are hoping to plant more shrubs in bare patches of green, also replacing some which have seen better days.

M.B.E.

We offer CONGRATULATIONS to Rosemary Swallow of Bengeo Wick on receiving the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthdays Honours in June.

CUTTING EDGE

The ever lengthening grass on our greens is causing some concern and efforts are being made for the Council to attend to this. It might help to get some action if YOU could follow up the Association's correspondence by writing to: TONY WALKER at the Department of Technical Services if the offending blades have not been shortened by the time you read this.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our friendly Local 'crime-buster' John Baldwin reports in his June Newsletter that detection of crime is UP! Strangely, few of the crimes were actually reported by the public so PLEASE inform the Police of ALL crimes of which you are aware. Early detection saves the police a lot of time, and detection of petty crimes often leads the police to solving larger ones.

Thefts from cars are common as are bicycle thefts, especially where youngsters leave bikes, especially mountain bikes lying around in front gardens. Mums and Dads are urged to check frequently the safety of their children's cycles, many of which are potential 'DEATH TRAPS', so PLEASE check tyres, steering, brakes etc before any disastrous accidents! Get them etched (no, the bikes!)

Another common form of theft is tools and gardening equipment. Keep those mowers etc safely locked away.

TRAFFIC offences as always continue unabated, and a general tightening up with speed-traps in Bengeo Street and parking on footpath and other offences are being closely watched by the fuzz.

Keep a watch out for the next POLICE SURGERY which have become very popular.

Finally, John thanks everyone for their help towards making Bengeo a safer crime-free area.

Our thanks to you also John!

WATCH OUT ..... for .....

Casual callers asking for something like a glass of water (then nip in and steal any jewellery etc.)

Cars driving around slowly with two or more occupants (often 'casing' houses for signs of openings, equipment lying around, etc).

People snooping round parked cars.

Bogus 'Police Officers' with immitation identity cards 'checking' (again to gain access to commit a felony).

REPLACEMENT double glazing salesmen. Make sure the units are NOT going to be installed with renewable battons on the OUTSIDE of the units, rather than on the INSIDE.

If you have elderly neighbours they may be particularly vulnerable to all these things, especially if they are on their own. So keep a friendly eye open ..... it could save a lot of distress.

RAPTOR RESCUE (BIRDS OF PREY REHABILITATION)

Members of the local 'Tuesday Club' were highly entertained recently by a speaker and some 'feathered friends'. We feel that it could be of general interest:-

The Secretary
3 Highwood Road
HODDESDON
Herts.
EN11 9AJ

GENERAL INFORMATION

Raptor Rescue is an organisation which has, since its inauguration in 1978, assisted sick and injured birds of prey and, when fully recuperated, correctly returned them to the wild. The members of Raptor Rescue work alongside the R.S.P.C.A. and the Police in many parts of the country. Despite our success to date, we only handle a very small percentage of the vast number of birds requiring our assistance. Conservation of our wild raptor population is vital. With an estimated 60% - 80% mortality rate within their first year, combined with a declining habitat, the use of various lethal chemicals and persecution from a variety of sources, we feel that our concern is not misplaced.

OUR MAIN AIMS ARE, BRIEFLY:

a) To rehabilitate raptors as quickly and efficiently as possible.
b) To ensure that all raptor casualties are handled by competent persons.
c) To correctly diagnose and treat any ailment, seeking veterinary advice if necessary.
d) To provide adequate and suitable housing during their confinement.
e) To protect the interests of wild raptors: from shooting, trapping, poisoning, removal from the nest etc.
f) To comment, as a body, on any impending government legislation.
g) To collate and store relevant information for future reference.

We need to establish a nationwide network in order to operate more efficiently, and on a wider scale. To achieve this we need support.

OUR MEMBERSHIP FALLS INTO THREE CATEGORIES:

FULL MEMBERS — Persons who have experience in caring for birds of prey and are D.O.E. Licenced Rehabilitation Keepers.

MEMBERS — Persons who have an interest in the organisation and who wish to support it.

JUNIOR MEMBERS — Persons under fourteen who have an interest in the organisation.

All our members are welcome to attend our general meetings. Regular Newsletters containing case histories and other items of interest are printed and circulated to all members. If you feel that you would like to become involved with the conservation of our birds of prey, please contact the secretary.

AN ORGANISATION DEDICATED TO ENSURING THAT ALL INJURED & SICK BIRDS OF PREY ARE CARED FOR BY SUITABLY QUALIFIED PERSONS &, WHENEVER POSSIBLE RELEASED BACK INTO THE WILD.

A further WARM welcome to any newcomers to the Estate. We hope you find it, as we do, a pleasant, quiet environment in which to live (apart from skeet-shooting times!) A letter along the following lines has been prepared to send to all 'arrivals':-

MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Dear New Resident,

The Molewood Residents' Association would like to welcome you to the Estate and hope that you will be happy here.

If you need any information on local doctors, nearest hospitals etc just ask, and we will be glad to help.

If you would like to become a member of our Association, a fee of only £1.50 is required. For this you will receive two or three issues of "Molewood Outlooks" a year and be kept up to date on local issues. The subscription is collected sometime around May-June.

We wish you all the best in your new house.

Committee member

If you have not been contacted yet, give your local 'rep' a ring.

Welcome aboard!

TWINS

More congratulations, this time to Karen and John Uridge of 18 Cowper Crescent on the arrival of twins earlier this summer!

WATCH THIS SPACE

A Proper Notice Board will eventually replace some of the 'Heath Robinson' efforts stuck in our gardens, and we also hope to instal a GRAND one on the 'Village Green' opposite the Avenue shops, subject to Planning, etc.

There is now a DOG WARDEN patrolling the area and any dogs found wandering will be 'impounded' during which time a heavy fine will be imposed for each day. After a week they will be sent to the ANIMAL SHELTER ... so ... please take care of your pet!

ON THE BUSES

Just to remind those concerned, that the new bus time-tables came into effect on 25th July. Get one now!

Just a mini-series this time. More news and views later in the year.

Have a wonderful summer!

We are pleased to publish the addresses of ALL households in the M.R.A. who are fully paid members for the current year 91-92.

This is based on lists compiled from Committee members recent collection, so if you spot any errors ... please phone your 'roundsperson' to put it right.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

THE AVENUE	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 142, 143, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156
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CUMBERLAND CLOSE	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17
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WOODHALL CLOSE	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37
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MOLEWOOD AREA	THE HEIGHTS, WOODSIDE VILLA, WOODLANDS, 202 NORTH ROAD, MOLE END, WROXHAM, 114 NORTH ROAD, 198 NORTH ROAD, SILVER BIRCHES, THE FIRS, MOLE COTTAGE, PAMPAS, ROBINS NEST, WOODSIDE
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TOTAL 509