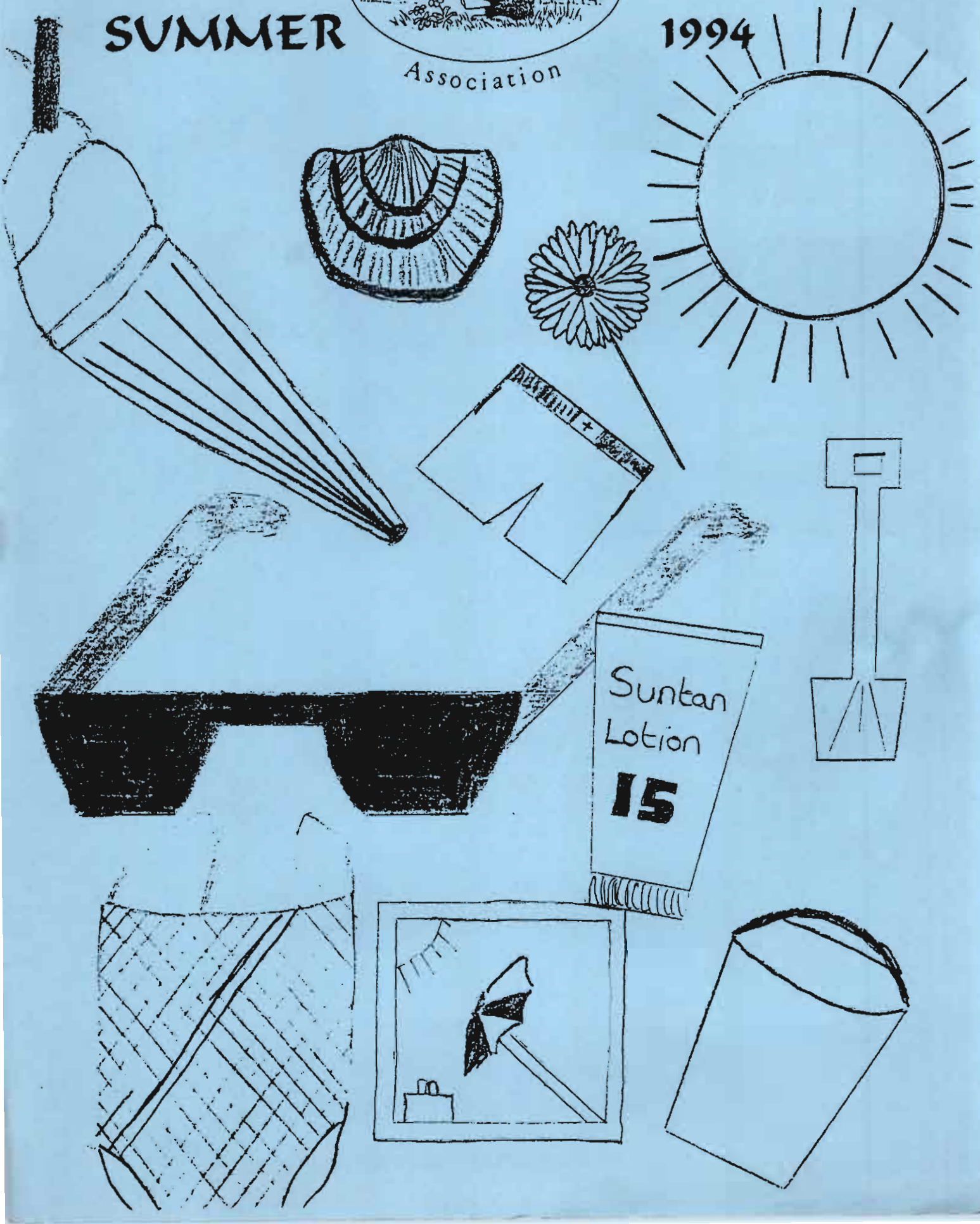
# MOLEWOOD SUMMER OUTLOOK 1994

Molewood Residents Association






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and, of course, our very own Neighbourhood Watch Bobbie,
JOHN BALDWIN.

# MOLEWOOD OUTLOOK ~ SUMMER 1994

Thoughts ( or is it *memories ?)* are conjured up in our cover picture by Linda Bishop of 24,Cowper crescent, who receives £5 for her lovely picture.

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A.G.M.

ON a very chilly evening of the 18th. May the 30th.( *'pearl')* A.G.M. of the Molewood Resident's Association took place in the main hall of Bengeo County Primary School. In spite of the earlier 'kick-off' time of 7.30 p.m nearly 100 'Molewoodians' piled into the hall and, against a regal backcloth of the Valley of the Kings, a lively meeting took place.

Far from the usual formal atmosphere of many A.G.M.'s this was a 'get-together' of friends and neighbours on the estate, which may be why your Association has been said to be the "best one in the area"! (or is it the cheese and wine?)

For those not fortunate enough to attend the event here are some of the main points from the minutes plus other matters which your committee have considered during the year:

CHAIRPERSON Pam Lutner reported that it had been a very successful year !

TREES AND BUSHES: Members were asked to trim back any overhanging trees or bushes which can be a danger especially to children who's faces can get caught by sharp twigs.

PLAYSPACE: This , and the goalposts have been vandalised, but everything appears to be O.K. now. In response to earlier complaints that the football field was being used for *adult* football matches rather than keeping it as an area for local children, the matter is still being investigated as to the *legality* or otherwise of its present usage. It would appear that it *may* be perfectly legal for teams to use for matches, providing they have paid.

DOG NOTICES:- More of these have been ordered and will be erected soon. It may be worth remembering that the fine of £50 may soon be increased to £2500, a high price to pay for disregarding this by-law !

WOODHALL CLOSE; Sadly, nothing can be done about the grass verge as - surprise, surprise -no money is available from the Council.. We will continue pushing for this.

FOOTPATH:The one into the woods has now been made good.-

WATER TOWER; Happily, another planning application has been refused. and we are waiting to hear when Mercury Communications are going to appeal. We will keep you informed of progress.

GARDEN CENTRE: This has been made safe and all greenhouses removed. As it is strictly designated for agricultural purposes no development is likely to take place apart, that is, from another garden centre.

QUIZ NIGHT: This was a resounding success, although the hardest question of the evening was, how to fit everyone who turned up, into the space provided ? It was so successful that many residents have requested another,whichwe will try and arrange for those long winter evenings to come.

The chips were down for all later in the evening, together with fried fish for a tasty traditional supper for the ' brains of Bengeo'.
Many thanks to Valerie, Derek, Tom and Caroline and helpers.

ELECTION of officers took place with Jan Legetter and Brian Euler, whom we thank for their help, resigning.. A warm welcome was extended to the following who have been elected to the committee:-
Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Betts, Mr. Luckton, Mrs. Archer and Mrs. Coleen. Mrs. Greenfield has kindly promised to be Secretary.
The remaining officers and members were re-elected..

PARKING: There still remains a problem for the Avenue shopkeepers who's spaces are continually taken up by other residents who leave their cars there all day, also inhibiting shoppers arriving by car. Occasionally, the parking extends out to nearby houses where residents have been trapped in their own drive by inconsiderate drivers ! It's still amazing how many people use the road rather than a near empty drive for parking, thereby making driving extremely hazardous for others. To the very few, more *consideration* please !

TREASURER'S REPORT: Although unable to be there Dennis Goodrum's report and audited accounts were presented. The balance is in a very healthy state and it was decided that the Assoclation gave the auditors ,who have voluntarily carried out their tasks for many years a suitable gift, together with our thanks, for their work.

HOUSES - MOLEWOOD PIT: The planning application for seven detached houses to be built on ground formally used( to the annoyance of many!) for industrial purposes went on view to the general public at Wallfields until the 27th. May. In 1989 a footpath was proposed to go around the edge of the pit immediately to the rear of houses in Cowper Crescent and The Avenue. This was subsequently turned down, so now there will be no acccess directly on to our estate and the development of these 'up-market' dwellings may even enhance the appearance of this area.

PAVEMENTS: Commencing in August more maintenance work will be carried out on Desborough and Cumberland Closes and Peel Crescent. Other pavements have now weathered a winter and appear to have become iess slippery during bad weather.

GARDEN COMPETITIONS: Prizes were given to the summer and autumn winners, full details of which were given in the last issue of M.O. This years' Spring garden winners were:-

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| 1st. | Mrs. Proctor | 40, The Wick |
| 2nd | Miss Beaveridge & Miss Strohm | 55, Cowper Crescent |
| 3rd | Mrs. Digweed | 31, Lodge Close |
| 4tb. | Mr. & Mrs. Scott | 53, Lodge Close. |
| 5th. | Mr. &Mrs. Cooper | 83, CowperCrescent |
| 6th. | Mr. & Mrs. Rippon | 105, The Avenue |

ADVERTISEMENT: Tbe hoarding on the flank wall of the house in Bengeo street has now been removed, tbankfully !

SUBS Although thought to be much lower than many otbers it was decided not to increase the subscriptions from the present 1.50 per *household* for the year 1994/5. What a bargain !

THANKS: The Chairman thanked Allan Streeton for all his hard work on this magazine ( "Thank you" !) and all the other members for their hard work during the year. Our response is: " Thank you Pam for your tireless work ( and for driving us to it!)"

INDY-AVENUE ? The speed of some cars around the estate causes some concern, especially for children and the elderly. John Baldwin said that the roads were not in the category for 'sleeping policemen' or bollards and, in any case, these have proved very unpopular with other residents once installed. However, he promised to go and have a chat at the offending persons houses if he can be advised of the offenders, please.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

With the Crime Prevention Panel displaying the various gadgets which could make life safer for us either as individuals or from house theft, P.C.John Baldwin launched into his talk by thanking all the N.H. co-ordinators and residents for reporting crime, without which the police would be almost powerless. Even so, crime was up by 13% on last year. although the police 'operation Spider' is having a good effect as far as house burglaries are concerned.

Don't forget the FREE service which he can give on house security and that most of the major insurers are now insisting on various locks being fitted before they will put a house on risk. Discounts of all sorts are also available including one for being in a N.H.W. area.

CRIME PREVENTION DAY was a great success and another will be held at Bengeo County Primary School on Saturday 25th.June 10 a. m. to 4 p.m. where there will also be a car boot sale(no connection between the two....we presume ?) We hope this mag. arrives on your doormats in time.!

There has been an increase in petty vandalism on the estate. WHO is responsible for damage to shrubs, plants, pavements, cars, and graffiti ?Any ideas on the culprits, then please advise John Baldwin (strictest confidence assured)

Crime has dropped in Bengeo considerably over previous years and it is obvious that the ma! jority of offences are committed by a *minority* of individuals. Take the criminals out of circulation and the crime problem is, to a large extent, solved.

When leaving property of any description outside remember, if it is movable, it may be *'nicked.* So secure such items or lock them away inside!

Interesting statistic from one of the Sunday papers: On average one home can be expected to be broken into once every 12 years. By joining a Neighbourhood

Watch area this is subsequently reduced to *75 years* ( A little while to go yet !)

If anyone finds the top of Pam's stone windmill please let her know. Her grandchildren as well as local children found this fascinating. (what possible use can this be to the thief ?)

## C.A.G.E.

George Sandell gave a short talk and although everyone is aware of the planning consents, his optimistic message was "All is not lost". A more detailed report will follow when more details, secret at this stage ,will be revealed.

Having dispensed with the formalities everyone got down to the serious part of the night, namely drinking and eating after which we all took our wine glasses back to the seat and heard a *smashing* talk and display by Eddie Smallwod of Chrystal Art, Luton, on the history of Glass. This was highly entertaining and informative with demonstrations of glass blowing and model making.
A cracking good evening !

Sales from the Crime Prevention table went well, especially the replica model of the Mercury bus (the paper, that is !) which is expected to become a collector's item.

CONGRATULATIONS go to two young Molewoodian achievers:

Firstly, to KEVIN BISHOP of 24, Cowper Crescent on his tremendous achievements in Basket Ball. To quote his coach.."If Kevin lived in Eastern Europe, he'd be a national hero"! Later this month 6'9" Kevin is off for 3 weeks training in the U.S. He said, "I have been playing basketball at Wodson Park, Ware, for over three years. Having progressed through playing for various teams in different leagues and thoroughly enjoying myself, I decided that I would go to the Wodson Park basketball camp in the summer of 1993. On the last day of this camp I found that I had won an all expenses paid trip to the basketball camp in *Syracuse* University in New York State for 2 weeks of basketball tuition, leaving Heathrow on 24th June. This was a much sought after prize because the Americans are by far the best players in the world.

Whilst over there I not only hope to improve, but also to pick up experience, of the American game. To supplement the winning of this trip, last season, the team I played for in the county league did the league and cup double and I also got signed up in October '93 to play for the Ware Rebels in the National League Division- 1, and my court time steadily increased as the season progressed. The last game of the season was against the Welsh National team in which I made my first appearance in the Starting Five.

CHRIS. SUTTON who's achievements and future plans were mentioned in the last M.O. now writes on.....

-THE THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE:

On the 7th. and 8th of May I took part in the Timberland Three Peaks Challenge, a sponsored event that set the challenge of climbing the highest mountains in England ( Scafell Pike ), Wales (Snowdon) and Scotland (Ben Nevis) in thirty six hours. This event was organised by Raleigh International and

I took part to raise money for my expedition to Malaysia later this year with Raleigh.

After meeting at Snowdon at about 4 a.m, all 500 of us set off in teams of ten to twelve at fixed intervals. Each region of Britain has a Raleigh Support Group and there were teams from all regions.

The weather at Snowdon was pretty bad. It rained at the bottom and the cloud was so low, you couldn't see more than 50 yards in front of you. The climb wasn't too bad, short scrabbles up steep stone slope and along winding mountain paths.

It was snowing at the top, and there were no views at all, due to the cloud, but it was well worth the effort.
Next came Scafell Pike. This was very different from Snowdon. The weather was clear and warm (at the bottom at least) There were lots of steep climbs and narrow paths and the view from the top was amazing, we could see for miles.
All to soon it was time to climb down and move on to Ben Nevis.
Each team had a photo taken with Rebecca Stevens at the base and then started the assent. The climb wasn't so difficult, as long. We couldn't see the peak from the bottom and every time we turned a corner there was another hill to climb.
When we eventually got to the top, there was about 8 feet of snow covering the peak. Again, the views were fantastic but the cloud was just beginning to move in and we had to descend the mountain.
The whole challenge was a real experience for me and I got such a sense of achievement from it all. It's the sort of thing I would love to do again, as I had never done any mountain climbing before.

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me or who wished me good luck. In total, I raised over £550 towards my fund. *Thank you very much indeed* !

(If you know of any other achievers, young or not-so-young, let us know)

A FEAR OF FLYING ? Getting all set to jet off to sunny Spain, the Greek Islands, Italy or France? Still rather nervous about the flight ? Don't worry, you are not alone. Here are some explanations of all those nerve racking strange whirrs and bangs we all hear sitting strapped in our seats.

The 'cracks' that appear in the wings are in fact leading- edge slats, trailing-edge flaps, allerons and spoilers. You may be cracking up , the 'airplane' isn't !.

The jumbo is not on fire when flames shoot out of an engine. This sometimes occurs when it starts up.

"What's that sudden vibration' ? It won't shake to pieces, it's usually when the engine is running and the aircraft is stationary.

Wheel noise on an uneven runway often cause alarming thumps., No cause for concern. The auxiliary Power Unit for air conditioning and pressurisation usually causes whirring sounds. Even a tyre burst, unlike a car. is not a major worry as aircraft can usually land quite safely on the remainder. The roar of engines required for maximum thrust on take off often subsides as if about to

stop once airborne. No problem. This is done for fuel conservation, noise abatement requirements and to give a more comfortable ride.
What is that rumbling beneath my feet? It's just the undercarriage being retracted.Oh, we'll never make it through this violent thunderstorm ! Don't worry. Lightening passes harmlessly through the cabin. The aircraft are well prepared for it. Still feel uneasy?
Go by car or train ! There was of course the case on one flight when the usual announcement came over the tannoy..." Good morning, this is your Captain. I hope you are enjoying the flight. At present we are flying at 5000 feet over the Atlantic. The weather in New York is mild and sunny and our E.T.A. is 1500 hours."
(later)" You will observe, if you look out of the port side, that the port engine is on fire."
(later)" Now you will see that the starboard engine is engulfed in smoke and fire."
(later) " If you look down on to the Atlantic you may be able to make out a small yellow dot. This is a dinghy which contains your Captain and crew

This is a recorded message. Over and out."

WHILST on the subject of flying: Neighbours watched bleary eyed as a hot air balloon billowed out and rose into the early morning sky on the Saturday of Bengeo Day. The peace was again shattered on the following morning at about 6 a.m. with the roar of the motors used for inflation followed by the gas jets used for lift off.
There was more hot air than the aforementioned M.R.A meeting. and the air was somewhat blue in households immediately backing on to the school playing fields
Is this going to be a regular event, we wonder ? Watch this space.

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GARDEN of REMEMBRANCE Don. Harris, much loved and respected head of Bengeo J.M.I. from 1969 until his death in 1991, is remembered by a garden created by his PUPILS. A commemorative plaque amongst plants, shrubs, a pond and bench creates a tranquil area reflecting Don Harris' love of nature.

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QUOTE: *" We are all better than we know: if only we can be brought to realise this, we may never again be prepared to settle for anything less "*

## MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### Income & Expenditure for the Year ended 31 March 1994

| 1993 | | | 1994 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 771 | | Membership Subscriptions & Donations | 765 | |
| 84 | | Income from Social Functions | 981 | |
| 8 | 863 | Interest Received | 2 | 1748 |
| 120 | | A.G.M. | 157 | |
| 84 | | Cost of Social Functions | 698 | |
| 316 | | Newsletter, Notices, etc. | 237 | |
| 71 | | Competition Prizes | 81 | |
| 65 | | Donations, Presentations & Subscriptions | 20 | |
| - | | Repairs to Equipment | 41 | |
| - | | Telephone Expenses | 30 | |
| 50 | | Neighbourhood Watch Expenses | 1 | |
| 188 | | Notice Boards & Dog Fouling Signs | - | |
| 7 | 901 | Bank Charges | - | 1265 |
| | ( 38) | (Deficit)/Surplus for the Year | | 483 |

### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1994

| 1993 | | | 1994 | |
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| | | ACCUMULATED FUND | | |
| 413 | | Balance as at 1 April 1993 | 375 | |
| (38) | 375 | (Deficit)/Surplus for the year | 483 | 858 |
| | | CASH | | |
| 211 | | Bradford & Bingley Building Society | 743 | |
| 11 | | National Westminster Bank - Current | 74 | |
| 27 | 249 | - Deposit | - | 817 |
| | 126 | Payments in Advance | | 41 |
| | 375 | | | 858 |

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

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QUIZ NIGHT Yes, yet another evening for the local 'master minds ', this time at VAUGHAN HALL in St. Johns Street on the 6TH AUGUST. The profits for this one will go to the charity ' Phoenix Conservation ' and 'Friends of the Earth ' Pease Tel. 586217

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Enjoy the flight !