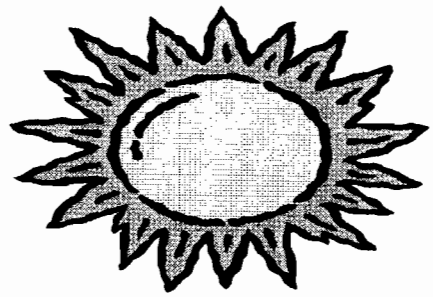
MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS



ASSOCIATION

MID SUMMER
2002

MOLEWOOD OUTLOOK

WELCOME to the mid-summer mini-edition of Outlook. (Once again, summer is half over before it's begun !)

This contains fairly important information, although we hope to produce a fuller special JUBILEE edition to land on your mats in the Autumn !

We cannot let June pass, however, without marvelling at the wonderful *spirit* created by the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations engendering a revival of British patriotism and pride, sadly lacking in recent years !
More of all that in the next issue.
Certainly the World Cup fervour also helped, with the flag of St. George enjoying a triumphant renaissance, even though the result was disappointing for England !

Taking over the baton from soccer was Wimbledon which, as at the time of preparing this, still had St. George smiling !

We hope you will read this in time for the following, although many details have already been distributed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.....

Sunday 7th JULY :- North of Hertford-Summer Stroll.

(See also Notice Boards)

16th. JULY:- ' OPEN DAY' at Syd and Maureen Rowley's amazing garden at 90 Cowper Crescent. 2- 4.pm
Admission £2, which includes tea and cake.
All proceeds will be donated to Isabel Hospice.
(Any additional donations will, of course, be appreciated, no matter how large !)
We take this opportunity to thank Syd. for his work on refurbishing some of our dilapidated Notice Boards - free of charge - although we will make a charity donation.

18th. August (Sunday):- Coach Outing to Hever Castle..
(See back page for details & application)

Have YOUR say.....
Monday 15th. July. 7.30 pm at Sele School
Policing Hertford - Public Meeting.
(See Notice Boards)

IT'S A KNOCKOUT !
Sunday 14 th. July..at.....HAILEYBURY COLLEGE
Come and have FUN at the same time knowing that the money raised will go to a worthy cause, namely THE HERTS BREAST UNIT APPEAL.
Organised again by HEADLINES it is a fun day for all. If not competing why not come with family and friends and enjoy a picnic out ?
For further details 'phone Headlines on 551064

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Dig this.....!

GOLDEN JUBILEE GARDEN COMPETITION

Committee members will once more be moving amongst you to select which, in their opinion, have the most attractive front gardens on their particular patch.
Following this a member of the Bengeo Cottage Gardeners Society will select six of these which they consider are the best.
We are hoping that Russell Jeffreys will then judge the top three Jubilee gardens with the winners to receive tokens from Riverside Garden.
We hope to also present winners' trophies to be displayed in the winning gardens.
OK - get busy with the trowels and lawn feed !

The GOAL POSTS have now been re-installed in the Playing Field.

Loads of *rubbish*—will be the *only* contents allowed in the WHEELIE BINS from the 1st. August which should then exclude *garden* waste.

We hear that a spate of Wheelie bin *thefts* have been reported in Rib Vale area - for what purpose we cannot imagine !

AGM

The turnout was far less than usual for the 37th agm on 1st. May, which may have been due to football and other events.

DENNIS GOODRUM stepped down from his post of Treasurer, which he has held for 17 years!
Octogenarian Dennis, also a very talented musician, was presented with a bottle of red wine plus a generous round of applause from all those present.
The picture on the back page shows Chairman Guy Thomas making the presentation to Dennis.

DAVID BISHOP of 24, Cowper Crescent was elected as Treasurer of the Association.

Secretary PENNY ANDREWS resigned from the committee so.....if there's anybody out there who would like to fill the post of Secretary, you will be warmly welcomed by us !
The rest of the committee were duly re-elected.

Resident and Councillor RICHARD OVENDEN spoke on the *Rat Run* which, in spite of the prolonged campaigns, had *died a death.*

RUSSEL JEFFREYS , proprietor of the Riverside Garden Centre, stepped into the breach at the last moment to replace the published speaker who let us down.
He gave a very interesting talk on a subject dear (in all senses !) to most resident's hearts - gardening.

Ken Lupton gave an update on NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH and expressed the need for more co-ordinators to make N.W. a viable proposition.

The following was presented to us on 28th. February,(hence the daffodil reference) by a member in her 80's:-

I know I've said it all before.
And I don't wish to sound a bore,
But once again The Avenue
Is such a lovely place to view.
With yellow daffodils so bright,
And do you think we might
Thank the lady's patient calm
With branches keeping them from harm
Molewood's a lovely place to know
I pray t'will always be so.
It's great we can upon it look.
Thank you from all of us. Joan Cook

We are ALL NIMBIES when our properties and outlook are threatened !

Both GRAVEL EXTRACTION and in-fill HOUSING DEVELOPMENT are once again threatening to lower our quality of life locally. You will already be familiar with the proposals and those that oppose are no doubt ready to *take up the cudgels* once more.

GRAVEL:-
By the time you read this Herts County Council should have announced its preferences (5th. July). If the ' Aggregates Panel ' earmarks the Bengeo site the 12-year old fight will start again. (We said before that we had won the battle - but not the war !)
So, please keep an eye out for announcements and possible public meetings later.

HOUSING

When people purchase their houses one of the prime considerations is its *location and amenities.*
Those that specifically chose and were prepared to pay extra for an *open aspect* do not wish later to have a pleasant country view replaced by the flanking wall of a house and surrounded by other houses on a new estate !

There seems to be growing pressure against fulfilling housing targets by building on Greenfield sites by *in-filling* on ' brownfield' sites such as on our estate.
From July documents on the situation will be available at District Council offices, libraries and at the website www.hertsdirect.org

These long-term plans are of course necessary, but housing requirements can easily be thrown off course by many unforseen economic occurrences.

BENGEO SCHOOL'S Headteacher Kath. Hallahan reports that the Jubilee Picnic on 31st. May was enjoyed by over 400 pupils.
Their cook Mrs. Gray made a large cake sufficient to feed all the children and staff.

They were also pleased to be able to loan some of their tables to our Woodhall Close residents for their Jubilee Picnic and would like to record their thanks for the generous donation of £20, which will be put towards books.

IN ADDITION to the aforementioned events your committee are considering organising another QUIZZ NIGHT and also a RIVERBOAT TRIP at some time in the future.
Watch this space.....

In the meantime, we hope you all enjoy the good old summer time, whether it be the Seychelles, Scotland or Scarborough.

Have fun !



DAY TRIP TO HEVER CASTLE

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2002

INCLUDED IN PRICE:
COACH, ENTERANCE INTO CASTLE AND GARDENS
JOUSTING TORNAMENT PERFORMED BY 'THE KNIGHTS OF ROYAL ENGLAND'
COACH TO LEAVE FROM BENGEO SCHOOL

TIMES: TBA

£15.00 PER ADULT £10.00 PER CHILD (14 & UNDER)
Other attractions: 2 licensed
restaurants, water maze, gift, garden and book shops
miniature model house exhibition.
To book your seat please let Jane Cooper/Jayne Clark know by the *22nd July with payment.*
3 or 5 Woodhall Close, Bengeo, Tel: 01992 584365
(Trip will be cancelled if not enough takers)
Cheques to be made payable to Molewood Residents Association
.....Please book me Adult _____
Child ____ places for the Hever Castle Trip
Name:

Address:

Telephone: