Outlook

Molewood Residents' Association

Summer Edition 2013



Record Turnout for our AGM

Over 100 residents attended our AGM at Bengeo Primary on Friday 17th May. Local councillors Andrew Stevenson, Peter Ruffles, Graham Lawrence, Sally Newton and Linda Radford attended. Various topics were discussed including local traffic issues and the recent planning application for the Bengeo Nursery site.

Nick Gough, Liz Walton and Alan Sewell were voted in as officers of the association for another year. Emily White from The Drive and Sorcha Blanchard from Buckwells Field joined the committee.

Nick introduced Mark Prisk, our MP and guest speaker. Mark is Minister of State for Housing and spoke passionately about the national housing situation, the supply and demand for housing and pressure on the green belt, a topic the residents know well.

Mark wrapped the evening up with tales of visits to the Tardis that is 10 Downing Street, chats with "Old Dave" and (one of) his favourite residents, Larry the cat.

Full minutes of the AGM are available at http://www.molewood.org.uk/

Launderette closes

The new owners of the Launderette on the Avenue, The Walton Lodge Veterinary Group, have started stripping out the partitions and removing the washing machines.

After thirty years running the Launderette Chris invited us in and showed us the scraps of wallpaper from when the shop first opened in 1963 as a McMullens off licence.

Chris and his wife Pat received many thank you cards from grateful customers. They will be keeping a couple of the dryers for spare parts as they will continue to run their other launderette in the parade on the Green, Ware.

The closure has raised interest in the history of shops on the Avenue and we'd be delighted to hear residents recollections.

Please email us at enquiries@molewood.org.uk





Banner Image Competition

How would you like to see your photograph or drawing as the backround to the Outlook banner? Please email your entry to enquiries@molewood.org.uk and we will select the best for each edition. It should be seasonal and reflect the Molewood area. Good Luck!

Waterford Hamel Planning Application

Members of the Assocaition have attended meetings with Heaton Planning and understand that a planning application for 9 sustainable homes on Waterford Hamel is imminent. The proposals include a new footpath along the west side of Sacombe Road, between The Wick and Vicarage Lane. The application is by Lafarge Tarmac, the site's owners'.



Speeding 333 Bus

At the Molewood Residents' Association AGM the issued was raised about the 333 bus driving too fast round the estate. We plan to take the issue up with the bus company and would like you to help us.



If you witness a bus driving too fast feel free to tell a committee member or email us noting the registration number if possible - enquiries@molewood.org.uk



An Important Hospital Helper

On 20th June the Mercury ran a story on local community worker Zillah Driver MBE who ran the Hertford County Hospital tea bar for 20 years.

Mrs Driver, from Cowper Crescent, first became involved with the tea bar through the Women's Royal Voluntary Service and became manager in 1983. Over the following 20 years the tea bar made around £65,000, which was put toward hospital equipment, a relative's rest room and the former hospital nurses' home.



Bengeo Nursery Development

Bovis's plans to develop Bengeo Nursery were refused by the Planning Authority in March this year. We do expect an amended application to be made, but we haven't heard anything on this yet. We will post any updates on our website.



Sacombe Road playground opened

East Herts councillor Linda Haysey, who is Executive Member for Health, Housing and Community Support, cut the ribbon at the official opening of the Sacombe Road Playground and Fitness Area in June.

The event was also attended by Hertfordshire county councillors Peter Ruffles and Andrew Stevenson.

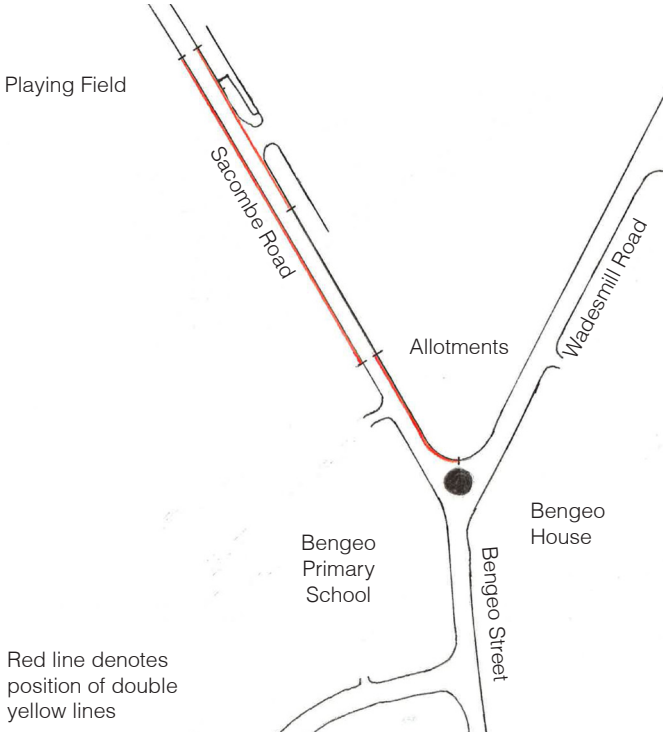
The district authority carried out the work in partnership with Fairview New Homes, which built the neighbouring housing development.

Waterford Heath Shed to be Demolished



East Herts council have granted Lafarge Tarmac permission to demolish the big tin shed south of Vicarage Lane. This is being done for safety and aesthetic reasons. The concrete base will be kept as the Hertfordshire & Middlesex Wildlife Trust would like to build a visitor centre on it one day.

Double Yellow Lines on Sacombe Road



Hertfordshire County Council propose to implement new 'At Any Time' (double yellow lines) waiting restrictions on parts of Sacombe Road.

The measures are associated with development work at Bengeo Primary School and is connected with the completion of the Buckwells Field development.

If you wish to express an opinion on the proposals please contact Derek Crosby Email:- derek.crosby@hertfortdshire.gov.uk or Direct Dial No:- 01992 658240

Bengeo School Travel Plan

We understand that the school has drawn up a travel plan and are currently discussing it with local councillors.

The report proposes a number of measures including a 20 Mph speed limit with speed bumps on The Avenue and Sacombe Road. Additional puffin crossings are also proposed along with widened pavements around the school.

To see the full stories and all the photos go to our website at http://www.molewood.org.uk

Your Association

Molewood Residents Association was formed in the late 1960's soon after the estate was built. The aim of the association is to support Molewood residents and enhance their enjoyment of the Molewood neighbourhood. The association organises events throughout the year and contributes to community events arranged by residents. The Association issues 4 Outlook newsletters each year. If you would like to read about the early days of the estate our website has copies of early newsletters.

Annual membership of Molewood Residents' Association costs £2 and runs from June each year. Members of the committee will begin collecting subscription payments, door to door, in June. This will give people the opportunity to discuss how the committee is doing and how it can work best to represent residents.

If you would like to pay in advance or if it is more convenient you can drop the payment along with contact details through the letterbox of our treasurer, Alan Sewell, 16 The Avenue.

New Committee Members

Emily White from The Drive and Sorcha Blanchard from Buckwells Field joined the Committee following our AGM in May.

Your Committee

Chair	Nick Gough	11 Lys Hill Gardens
Treasurer	Alan Sewell	16 The Avenue
Secretary	Liz Walton	69 The Wick

General Members

Marie Archer	55 The Wick
Sorcha Blanchard	46 Buckwells Field
Amanda Dial	114 Cowper Crescent
Peter Dougherty	47 The Wick
John Edwards	8 The Wick
Joan Murrell	38 Cowper Crescent
Rachel Ogier	103 Cowper Crescent
Ben Penrose	104 Cowper Crescent
Emily White	27 The Drive

Website Manager	Paul Ogier
Outlook Editor	Emmet O'Sullivan

What's On?

27th - 31st July
Big Cat Month at Paradise Wildlife Park
9:30 - 6pm

1st August
Garden Theatre (Wind in the Willows) at Knebworth House. 7 - 9pm

4th August
Rock at the Castle at Hertford Castle
12:30 - 7:30pm

10th August
Model Railways at Stevenage Museum
12 - 3:30pm - Free

11th August
Victorian Bengeo Walk with Philip Sheail. Booking is essential 01992 582686
Walks start at 11am and are free

18th August
Hertford Castle Tours and Open Air Band Concert
2:30 - 5pm

24th August
Rafting and River Race at Hertford Castle.
Raft building starts at 9:30am. Races start at 1pm.
http://www.communitygames.org.uk/Games/herts-sports-partnership/mayors-castle-river-race

4th September
Start of Term at Bengeo Primary

15th September
Heritage Open Day and Medieval Encampment
Hertford Castle - 1 - 5pm

28th October - 1st Novemeber
Half term break at Bengeo Primary

14th November
MRA Quiz at The Bengeo Club - exact time TBC

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