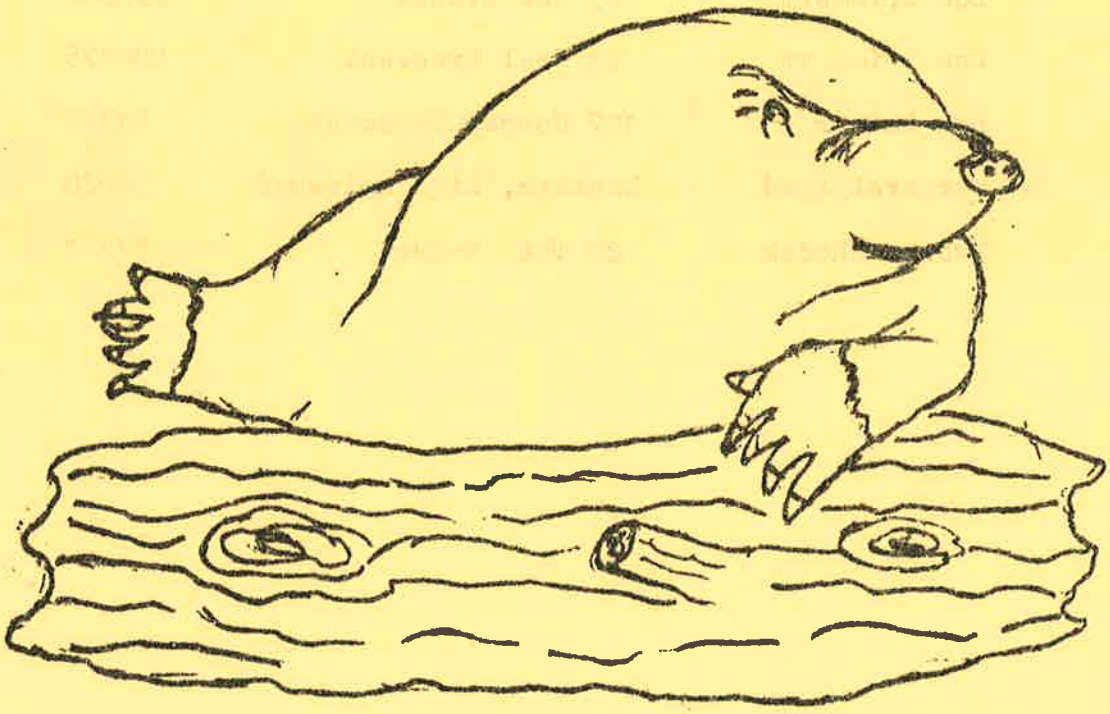
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MOLEWOOD OUTLOOK



Helen Booth

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The Front Cover

The happy looking mole on the front cover of this edition of our Newsletter was drawn by Helen Booth, who was twelve years old when she drew it. He looks as if he can smell Spring in the air, that is something we can all look forward to.

Helen attends Sele School and among her many interests she tells me she enjoys swimming at Hartham - 'though not perhaps in this weather, - and reading - a much more comfortable hobby in the long dark evenings so

Thank you Helen!

Young Artists

With Helen's drawing we have come to the end of our store of delightful pictures that we have been using for our Newsletter covers. So it is time, once again, to appeal to all children in the Estate to get out their pens and pencils.

If you would like to see your picture printed on a cover and distributed to over 400 homes, then read on ...

This is what we want, the picture must be:-

1. in black, on white paper,
2. the same size as this Newsletter - A4,
3. a picture you think has something to do with the area we live in,
4. and have the words 'Molewood Outlook' on it.

Please sign your name on the front where Helen signed her's, and put your name, address and age on the back.

This is not a competition - that is, there will not be first, second and third prizes. There will, however, be some selection made by the Committee as a whole, and a reward for each one we use, when we use it. So do your best.

Good luck! We look forward to seeing your efforts, which should be handed to any Committee Member by the end of February.

The Adventure Playground

We have sent a letter of thanks to the Council about our Adventure Playground. They responded to our requests for this to be improved, and we were happy to pass on the many appreciative comments that we have received, from mothers whose children can now enjoy this area.

Greenwich

Many thanks to Ted Brown who organised the highly successful trip to Greenwich. Reports say that it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

If you have any suggestions for future trips please pass them on to us.

Car Lifts

One of the things we have organised for the Estate is our car service. This is for members who for one reason or another need to get down to the town in

the evening and have no means of transport. This service continues to exist and is entirely free. If you need a lift, perhaps to Castle Hall for an evening event, or if you would care to offer your services, please get in touch with Yvonne Rhodes.

Causes for concern

I have been asked to bring the following matters to your notice:-

1. The parking of cars is still causing annoyance to some people who have pointed out to us that it is sometimes very difficult to get in or out of their own drives because of other people's awkward parking.

   Also some cars have been seen parked after dark on the roads facing the wrong way. (Please see P.C. Pryce Jones' article)

2. A complaint has been received about cats making free use of gardens other than their own.

3. Complaints about dogs continue to come to us. There is one in particular that is making something of a nuisance of itself, especially to people walking their own dogs. He is big, black, has a collar and seems to come from the neighbourhood of Cumberland Close. It appears he is allowed to roam free all day, and he barks a lot.

   It may be that the people who own such dogs simply do not realise the nuisance they cause.

   May we suggest that if you own a dog you consider this matter?

4. The alley between Peel Crescent and Cowper Crescent is still being used by motor cyclists who switch off their lights to avoid being recognised. Even, incredibly a mini has been seen taking a short cut!

   Please take the number if you see this happening and inform the police.

Helping the police with their enquiries

You will see that we have an article by P.C. Pryce Jones in this edition. It is nice to be able to welcome him back, by the way. What he says is entertaining and the message comes through forcefully - consideration and cooperation.

You can always get in touch with him via the Police Station - Hertford 57711, if you don't see him around. He will be very pleased to talk to you.

Red face corner

Apologies to Karen Blandford who read in the last issue that she had been on an expedition to Iceland! This came as quite a surprise since all the rest of the group went to Norway!

My mistake, it was Norway all the time.

Sorry Karen!

A Happy New Year to everyone!

BEING - AWARE

Before I launch into my item for this issue of the news-letter, I would just like to take two lines to say "I'm back!" Owing to manpower commitments it has been necessary for me to spend the past 14 weeks or so 'on loan' to one of the regular shifts at Hertford Police Station carrying out general duties in Ware and Hertford. But now I have resumed my duties as the local beat officer in Bengeo so if you have any problems I can help with make use of your local officer.

I have headed this item'Being Aware', because as we enter the New Year, the problems that affected us in the old year are still with us.

If you see anything suspicious DO contact the local officer or local Police Station
DO take the trouble to jot down the number of that car or van that seems to be cruising round and round the neighbourhood.
DO take time to telephone the Police if you hear noises from next door when the neighbours are supposed to be away.
DO tell your local officer of any incidents of vandalism or damage in the area.

As Police Officers we never take any calls lightly, we would rather attend 10 false alarms than have the umpleasant task of collecting information after a burglary or theft has occured.

The responsibility for fighting crime rests with us all, I am your local officer, help me to help you, and pass on any information you may aquire. If this sounds as if I am trying to recruit 'norks', I make no apologies, in a way I am, the effects of crime can be shattering, and next time it could be YOU.

The old problem of motor vehicles being left in dangerous positions has again re-surfaced (did it ever go away), as the lonely dark nights are set to continue for some time yet, ask yourself "Is it necessary for me to leave my car parked here?" When next you visit friends or return home from work, ask yourself "Is my car in a safe position?, can it be seen (and avoided) by any other road user whether driver or pedestrian?" If the answer is no, then not only are you being inconsiderate to other road users but you are possibly committing Traffic offences, you have been warned! As you know certain roads in west Bengeo in particular, were constructed long before the current levels of road usuage were envisaged. We must all co-operate to ensure, as far as possible, a free flow of traffic on our roads.

On a lighter note, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy, prosperous, and a Crime free New Year.

Oh and yes, one final word, I am aware of the large hole in'The Avenue', the Police are looking into it!

P.C. M. PRICE-JONES

21.1.85

THE END OF THE MOLEWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION?

1985 may be a very significant year for the Molewood Residents' Association. During the past few years, very few members have offered to serve on the committee, and furthermore there is an acute shortage of volunteers to become officers of the Association. The committee is now considering

either (1) winding up the Association at the next A.G.M.,

or (2) changing the rules of the Association so that the committee needs to meet less frequently.

The Molewood Residents' Association was formed about 20 years ago, since when it has always been well supported - the annual membership has been more than 400 households for many years. In comparison with other residents' associations this membership is large and stands us in good stead when negotiating with local authorities and other public bodies. Our negotiations are usually successful and our functions are well attended - we are a flourishing association but almost nobody wants the job of organizing us!

Can YOU help?

Would you be prepared either (1) to join the committee

or (2) to take on some active task such as

a) membership secretary,
b) secretary (writing letters etc.)
c) treasurer
d) chairman?

If you can offer to help on a regular and reliable basis, please telephone NANCY SCOTT - HERTFORD 53621 as soon as possible.

Yellow Pages

Equipment for hire

Extension ladder Aluminium with easy reach	£1.00	per week	)
Car ramps	10p	" day	) Hertford 57285
Jump leads		"	)
Battery charger		"	)
Preserving pan		"	) Hertford 51329
Tree pruner (6' lightweight)		"	)
Bulb planter		"	) Hertford 56479
Lawn spreader		"	)
Lawn roller		"	)

Duplicating Service

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Charges:-

Setting up	50p
100 sheets (printed 1 side)	£1.50
100 sheets (printed 2 sides)	£2.00

(Minimum charge £2.00)

Charges include white or coloured paper.

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Mavis Bishop — Hertford 56292

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Bookings and enquiries

Mrs C. Ruoss — 1, Lodge Close — Hertford 53284

Charge £2.85 per hour.

Home Selection Pottery Parties

Eileen Rosier — 89 Cowper Crescent — Hertford 58530

Insurance and Financial Matters

Molewood Insurance and Financial Services

Allan Streeton	22 Cowper Crescent	Hertford 56217

Free advice on Life Assurance, Pensions, Annuities, Investments, Mortgages - new, and conversions from Ordinary to Endowment.

Cycle Repairs

Graham Hicks Cycles	Brockett Road, Hoddesdon	
Garry Lutner	107 Cowper Crescent	Hertford 51329
Graham Hicks		Dane End 457

Bull Plain Market every Saturday.
Repairs by experienced cycle mechanics - on the spot repairs - fully reconditioned cycles for sale - cycles built to order plus orders taken for new ones - part exchange - accessories - collection and delivery - wheel building - BMX gears and parts.

(Moving in the near future to Burford Street, Hoddesdon.)