

Winter Edition 2013

Bengeo Nursery

Application Submitted for 58 homes

Bovis have lodged an application for the Bengeo Nursery site on Sacombe Road, following the community consultation sessions in October.

The perception is that the majority of residents oppose the development and the residents association are united in resisting the development on the principle that it builds on green belt land.

A petition to reject the application will be arranged by the Association.

We also encourage every resident to contact the planning department to express their concerns/ objections or ideas.

Every opinion will count.

We have included in the newsletter a factsheet illustrating the application which includes contact details.



The proposed development

Banner Image Competition

How would you like to see your photograph or drawing as the background 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!

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

Sacombe Road Playground



Fairview, the builders of the Serenity estate on Sacombe Road, have completed improvements to the neighbouring playground.

The new equipment includes a tyre swing, mini suspension bridge, wooden climbing structure and seesaw along with the bench provided by the MRA.

Launderette Closing



The lease on the launderette on the Avenue has been put on the market. A planning application has been submitted by Walton Lodge Veterinary Group for change of use to veterinary consulting rooms.

Waxwings in Molewood

There were some special guests at 45 The Avenue over the first weekend of December 2012. A flock of 18 Waxwings called by for 3 days' feast before heading south to the sun.



They flew in from Scandinavia attracted by the berries on the rowan tree in the front garden. Word was spread amongst the local bird watching community and that was why the tree was surrounded by people with telescopes and cameras.

The spotters come from the Hertfordshire Birds Club.



You can get tips about what interesting birds are in the vicinity by looking at their website at http://www.hnhs.org/birds/

For more information;

http://www.hnhs.org



David Lloyd Elected

The election to choose East Hert's Police and Crime Commissioner took place on the 15th November. Turnout for the vote in Hertfordshire was just 14.5% and resulted in a victory for David Lloyd, the Conservative Party candidate. David Lloyd, who was deputy leader of Hertfordshire County Council and chair of the police authority.

The elections have been described as the biggest shake-up of policing for almost 50 years. The new Police and Crime Commissioners will be responsible for appointing the chief constable of their force, setting out local policing priorities, reporting annual progress, and setting out the force's budget and grants. They will replace Police authorities, first established in 1964, which currently oversee the police.

website - www.hertscommissioner.org,
phone - 01992 556600
email - commissioner@herts.pnn.police.uk.
post - Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire, FREEPOST ANG6281, Hertford, SG13 8YS.

David started on Thursday 22nd November and he will serve a three and a half year term of office.

David said: *"I want to be the Commissioner for all the people of Hertfordshire. Running an open-access office is part of that; I want to make it easy for people to get in touch. Although over 122,000 votes were cast in this county, I recognise that the role has yet to fully capture the interests of our communities. I hope that in the months to come I will be able to repay the faith of all those who voted for me – and I will work hard to earn the trust of those who did not."*



MRA Quiz on 7th March - Bengeo Club

The annual residents quiz will be held at The Bengeo Club on Thursday 7th March. Please arrive at 7.30 for an 8pm start upstairs. Maximum team size is 8 and it's £6 per person which includes a light supper. There is a pay bar upstairs. Don't worry, the questions won't be University Challenge standard!

Please send payment to Alan Sewell at 16 The Avenue, with team details if appropriate. Make cheques payable to "Molewood Residents Association". Teams need to be registered and payment made by 1st March.

Bengeo Stories Exhibition at Hertford Museum



An exhibition will highlight the unique stories of Bengeo; find out how this once rural village became part of the bustling County Town and discover the artists, pioneers and inventors that lived there.

Hertford Museum
23rd March – 29th June 2013
Tuesday - Saturday, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Free entry

The Drive Christmas Party

Residents on The Drive had a Christmas get together on Friday 14 December. The party was part sponsored by the Association as offered in the Summer 2012 newsletter.

For the younger residents there was an afternoon 'tea' party with crafts, biscuit decorating, disco and face painting. Of course it wouldn't have been complete without a visit from Santa to hand out presents and take those last minute present requests.



A presentation of £200 was made to the Isabel Hospice being funds left over from the Jubilee street party, proceeds raised from the sale of 'The History of the Drive' by Marilyn Taylor, and the sale of copies of the street party DVD.

A lovely festive evening was had by everyone.



Drop us a line if you'd like to arrange an event for your street and the Association may be able to support with some sponsorship money.

Your Committee

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

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Marie Archer	55 The Wick
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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
Outlook Editor	Emmet O'Sullivan

What's On?

2nd - 24th February
Snowdrops at Bennington Lordship Estate
Adults £5, concessions £4 (not sundays). Under 16 £2, Under 12 Free. Open daily 12-4pm
(08701)261709

9th February
Hertford Farmers Market on Market Place
Happens on the 2nd Saturday of each month

18th - 22nd February
Bengeo School Half Term

7th March
MRA Quiz at The Bengeo Club
Arrive 7.30 for a prompt 8pm start.

23rd March - 29th June
Bengeo Stories Exhibition at Hertford Museum

24th March
Sunday Morning Walk. Victorian Bengeo
book via Hertford Museum - 01992 582686

16th May
MRA Annual General Meeting at Bengeo School

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Membership of Molewood Residents Association runs from June each year. We would like to thank all those who have renewed so far. In case you have mislaid the subscription details and not renewed, another copy is attached below and is available on the website to download. .

To join for 2012/ 13 fill in the slip below and put it with your £2 payment through the letterbox of our treasurer, Alan Sewell, 16 The Avenue.

I/ we want to join the MRA for 2012/13. I enclose my £2 payment for this year's subscription.

My/ our name is .....

and I/ we live at .....

I/ we would be happy to be contacted by email about local issues by the residents' association so here is my

email address .....