MOLEWOOD ESTATE RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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This is the first newsletter since last July, and we hope you will accept our apologies. In recent months the Association has passed through some difficult times, The following have resigned:-

Miss Woodhead - Chairman
Mr. Payne
Mr. Patient - Secretary
Mr. Griffin

The present committee is as follows:-

Mr. J. Barnes	Chairman
Mrs. Williamson	Secretary
Mr. R. G. Brown	Treasurer
Mr. D. Carter	
Mr. D. Littleford	
Mr. R. Home	
Mr. P. Clarke	
Mrs. L. Strudwick	Assistant Secretary
Mrs. P. Ovenden	
Mr. Randall	Vice Chairman (co-opted)

The position of Chairman and Secretary have recently been accepted by Mr. Barnes and Mrs. Williamson as a stop-gap measure until the Annual General Meeting in May. We hope members will give thought now to the selection of their future officers and committee. It is important that we have people who can give the time that the work requires and who will undertake to stay the full term.

School Entrance

Following representation we made on this subject the Hertfordshire County Council has written to us saying that it is hoped that pedestrian access from The Avenue to the new Junior School will be provided early this year. When the new Infants School is built, this in turn will have its own access from The Avenue.

Water Rate

We wrote to the Prices and Incomes Board concerning the 30% rise in Water Rate. We have received a reply from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government pointing out that because there is sufficient statutory control over water rates this is not a suitable subject for reference to the Prices and Incomes Board.

Trading Discounts

1.	Moore Bros. (Brentford) Ltd. 50 High Street, Brentford, Middlesex. Tel. ISL 5953/5	Discount Store. Various Discounts
2.	Pike and Popham, 39 Cowbridge, Hertford. Tel. 4186	D.I.Y. and decorating materials Discounts 7½% to 10%
3.	East Herts. Electrical, 3 Market Place, Hertford. Tel. 3866	Electrical goods 10% to 25% discount
4.	Jewsons and sons, Railway Street, Hertford. Tel. 2431	Timber Discount 10%
5.	Lillywhite Frowd Ltd. Medway Wharf Rd. Tonbridge, Kent. London Showroom 18/29 Mora Street, City Road, E.C.I. Tel. CLE 0871 ϕ	Sports Equipment and sportswear Discounts up to 2o%
6.	John Bishop Wines Ltd. 176 Park Avenue, Brent Crescent, London, N.W.10. Tel. ELGar 1977 ϕ	Wines and spirits min. order 12 botts. (can be mixed)
7.	Ware Furnishing Store, 23 High Street, Ware. Tel. Ware 3688	Furniture and Prams Discount 15%
8.	Car tyres	Discount 12½% any make, fitted free at Bishops Stortford or at home by appointment 5/- per wheel. Free wheel balancing.
	Car batteries	Crompton Parkinson Discount 30%
9.	Anti freeze ϕ	19/- per gallon
10.	Midas Carpet and Flooring Co. 19 Sadlers Way. Tel. Hertford 3537	Carpets etc. Discounts up to 20%

ϕ contact Mr. Carter, 33 Woodhall Close.

Maintenance of Gas Boilers

There have been some further queries concerning the maintenance of gas boilers and for members interest we are publishing a copy of a letter received from Hubert C. Leach Ltd. early last year.

> "At the time that the houses on the estate were being offered for sale the Gas Company offered to maintain the boilers free of charge and this may have been mentioned in the Estate Agents brief specification of the houses. Obviously we have no subsequent control over the policy of the Gas Board from time to time and it appears that they have decided to make a nominal yearly charge for gas boiler maintenance.
> We are convinced that the charge now made, which we believe to be £2 per annum, is extremely reasonable and could not be equalled by a private contractor. ".
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> signed P. B. Leach

Swimming Pool

We wrote to the local council following complaints that the swimming pool was sometimes closed to the public without prior notice. The Town Clerk has advised us that this year all bookings for the pool will have to be made by 15th March and it will therefore be possible to know well in advance the days on which the pool is closed to the public.

Play Space

From contact we have had with our members we know that there is a strong desire to have some play space provided for the children of Bengeo. We have written to the local council on this subject and we have made representations through our local councillors Mr. Pugh and Mrs. Coleman but regret we are so far unable to claim any success. We are in the process of again writing to the local council on this subject and we shall at the same time ask for some action to be taken regarding the state of the play equipment at Hartham and in the Castle Grounds. We shall keep you informed of our progress.

Road Safety

Our representative on the Hertford Borough Council Accident Prevention Committee reports that on 16th Oct. last year at 12.20 p.m. there was an accident in The Avenue involving a little boy aged 5 who ran from the nearside and was slightly injured by a car. We would be grateful for any suggestions concerning road safety and would ask you to drive with extreme caution when on the estate.

Wanted

A ladies hairdresser willing to visit homes to cut hair for women and children. Anyone willing to do this please contact Mrs. Strudwick (Hertford 4885) so that we can notify our members.

Nursery School

The Nursery School Committee hope that the school will start operating after the Easter holiday at the Youth Centre in West Street. The fee is 4/- per morning. Children are eligible to attend at the age of 3½. If you wish to enrol your child you should telephone the enrolment officer Mrs. Grewcock, Hertford 5109. If your child is not yet 3½ you are advised to contact the enrolment officer as soon as possible as there is a waiting list for future enrolments. The school will be open to visitors on Wednesday, 12th April at 2 p.m. and the staff will be present. We have also been asked to appeal to you to support the Nursery Schools fund raising functions.