

MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

Newsletter November 2020

Dear Member

The coronavirus pandemic goes on; and on. Maisemore Gardens residents have coped well with the problems. Throughout the summer there have been social gatherings on the green (all suitably social distanced) which have helped bring the community together, maybe as never before. It has been lovely to see the children enjoying themselves on the green. Members have been keen to help others who may have problems with mixing or getting out. We all now await a vaccine, but don't hold your breath, it appears that it will be a slow process.

We have not managed to organise an AGM yet. Any ideas we had (having it in the open on the green or by Zoom) wouldn't be fair to some section of the members, so we are leaving it until we can have a near-normal meeting in a hall. The AGM pack was distributed to members and we have had some feed-back from that.

We have a new volunteer to help with the running of MGL; John Watt (42) is helping as a co-opted member of the Council of Management. Mike Boys has been helping out with the change-over after his retirement as a director, but our new secretary, James Leeming, is now fully up to speed as Secretary and Mike can relax. We give Mike tremendous thanks for the work that he has done for Maisemore Gardens Ltd and all its members since 2013 – seven years! It hasn't been possible to make a suitable presentation to him, but we will make amends at the next AGM.

As mentioned before, we are in the process of re-organising the MGL website to make access easier and hold more information on it. If you have any thoughts on this they would be welcome.

The SSE electric cable work is now finished and the dinghy park is back to normal. It has been put to good use this year by the windsurfers and dinghy sailors. There has been mention that feeding the seagulls is not good for our environment. They come down and leave their calling cards on cars and houses.

Two houses are for sale as well as the lower flat. We will be sorry to lose residents, but Maisemore is very popular and we will soon be welcoming new people. We hope that those leaving will be happy in their new homes.

A lot of work has been done on the gardens, particularly during the past year. Mark, our gardener of the last 6 years, is now fully retired, playing golf and relaxing in Portugal a lot of the time. We wish him a happy retirement. We now have a new gardener – see Sarah's report below.



Activities have continued into the autumn, mainly with some mad swimmers who still go into the sea for a quick swim at high tide, then rush home for a hot shower. Also our windsurfers are keen to get out when the weather is bad enough.

(Photo taken this month)

We are lucky to have a number of members who have organised information exchange for residents to help with a lot of the problems that occur at this time. Have a look at;

- Facebook 'Maisemore gardens community' run by Carol Lovesey
- Whatsapp for pilates, swimming, walks (when allowed) organised by Suzy Daniels, text 07775 941687

Finally, we are not sure what will happen in the run-up to Christmas, but it looks like we may have a short period with families.

Have a Great Christmas.

Martin Gebbett,
Chairman pp All the Directors of MGL

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The work on refurbishment is nearly finished and all the planting has settled in well. We are planning to move one or two things round now the cold weather has come and Helen has prepared several cuttings which will fill in blank spots later.

We are very happy with the way Paul Laugesen, our new gardener, has got to grips with the gardens; Helen will now be able to become a dilettante again, which she prefers, and I can go back to my role as Queen Mother!

We shall continue to encourage the small wildflower patch and are thinking of planting a quince tree against a wall as so many residents seem to enjoy making quince preserves. Let us know what you think about this.

The garden club has not really got going – meetings are rather difficult in present circumstances and the pressure is off now Paul is with us. Next summer we must have another go.
Sarah Harrington

Below, a still from a recent TV advert for the NHS. Have you seen it?



(original photo by Mike Austen)

MGL Committee of Management Directors 2020
Martin Gebbett, James Leeming, Barry King-Smith, Suzy Daniels,
Gill Edwards, Sarah Harrington, David Salmon, John Watt (co-opted)