

# MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

## Newsletter March 2021

Dear Member

We are very sorry to report that Mike Boys died on Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, at home. He had a heart operation last year and was recovering well, but sadly succumbed to an aortic aneurysm. He wished his body to go to research, but it couldn't be accepted, because of covid restrictions. Fenner intends to have a commemoration on The Green later in the year when it is allowed. We remember Mike for the long time that he spent as a Director of MGL working tirelessly as our Secretary. We shall miss him greatly.

AGM update. We have nothing further to report on this at present. We are in the hands of Covid and the politicians. When we delayed then cancelled last year's AGM, we thought that it would be a short delay, now it's anyone's guess. We are hoping that the Covid Roadmap may enable us to do something in late summer or early autumn. We will try to give plenty of notice when a date is agreed. The CoM is carrying on meeting via Zoom and email enabling us to keep up with business, so if you have any problems or queries please get in touch.

Gardens. Now that Paul is looking after things and working slightly longer hours than Mark used to, Sarah and Helen can both relax. Sarah will no longer be frantically trying to keep perennial weeds down and Helen will be able to potter for her own enjoyment. The major works have now been done, apart from replacing the unhappy maple alongside 69. There remains some planting to be done in the herb bed, and no doubt we shall have to renew tired plants from time to time, but there will be no more heavy expenditure and what needs to be done Paul can do. Note that the herb bed opposite no. 12 is for use by all members to carefully help themselves once the bed is established.



We have just heard that Paul's mother is very unwell and he is having to return to New Zealand for some months to be with her. He has arranged for a stand-in gardener, Tim, while he is away.

Dinghy Park. Andy Maxted (14) has agreed to take on responsibility for the dinghy park from Barry. Andy will look after the running and work parties. He will be co-opted to the CoM so that can keep in touch with the general work and operation of the CoM.

MGL Website. We are in the process of changing the layout and content of the MGL website in order to make it more attractive, more up-to-date and easier to access and use. Most of the content will be 'open' without having to log-in and enter a password.. This will make it easy to find things such as the 'House Changes Guidance Document'. Only sensitive material such as AGM minutes, accounts etc. will be behind a password. The website is regularly up-dated with latest information so PLEASE have a look.

Valentine parcels. Thanks to 'Friends of MG' for their thought and work in distributing a pick-me-up at a difficult time. Many members have given their thanks and appreciation. It certainly brightened a dull period.

A few reminders

1. If you change your email address please let us know and if you know of anyone who is not on the email list, but would like to be, please let us know.
2. Use of rear/side paths. These paths are for access to the rear of properties only. They are private to the houses served and not for general use. These paths are owned by MGL, but upkeep and maintenance is the responsibility of the members concerned for each path.
3. If you are anticipating making any changes to your property please remember to read our 'Changes' document. This has been distributed, but is available on our website for reference. See – 'House Changes Guidance Document' in the 'Members Info' section. It could save a lot of time in the long run.

Also you may be interested in a Green Homes Grant which is available for green initiatives. See <https://www.gov.uk/apply-green-homes-grant>. No 63 has just had solar thermal panels installed giving free hot water.

North Nore Barn Wood (NBW) Last year there was some query about access to the north area of Nore Barn Wood. We have investigated further and confirmed that the woods are owned by Havant Borough Council (HBC) and that the Friends of NBW care for them on behalf of HBC and in concert with their policy. HBC decided to make the north area a wildlife sanctuary and have fenced it off from the public. We have a close relationship with Friends of NBW and Roy Ewing, their chairman.

Some observant members may have noticed that a couple of the mature oaks in NBW have been ringed. This has been done under guidance from HBC by Friends of NBW in order to thin the trees which were all planted at the same time and will eventually die at the same time. The ringed trees will provide habitat for wild-life and more light for new young trees to grow. You can read the explanation on the NBW notice board and their website.

Here's hoping that we can all gradually and safely get back to normal over the next few months.

Martin Gebbett, Chairman, on behalf of the CoM.



The Gardens are looking great



The new herb garden

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