

MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

Newsletter January 2022

Dear Members

Happy New Year for 2022.

Most members will have had their 2 Covid jabs and 3 in many cases. Hopefully this will give some feeling of safety and help members return to something nearer normality. Fingers crossed!

The AGM went very well considering that the date had been changed a few times and some members were put off by Covid considerations.

A big 'Thank You' was given to Gill Edwards and David Salmon who retired as Directors after contributing greatly to the running of MGL for some years. James Leeming was officially voted in as a Director having been working in an official appointed capacity for a year or so. John Watt was voted in as a new Director. Andy Maxted, who looks after the dinghy park, continues in a co-opted position on the Council of Management. We are currently one Director down on the maximum allowed. Please consider helping the community by standing as a Director. The 2022 AGM is not far away – Friday 1 April. (Reminders will be sent later.)

A member expressed concern at the AGM about the amount of money being spent on our MGL communal gardens and we explained that we have spent a few years catching up by using contractors to do major renovation projects. We believe we are now at a level where we should be able to keep the grass and gardens maintained to the same standard.

A small change was made to the MGL Bylaws concerning the process for making changes to properties. The full new Bylaws can be seen on our website.

Do please check the 'Notes on Changes to Properties', which is available on our website, if you are planning any changes. Also, chat to a Director at as early stage as possible as they can help you understand the procedure.

The draft minutes of the AGM are available in the members' section of our website.

Levy payments. The majority of members have paid for 2022; thank you. Last year more members than ever paid by bank transfer; this helps everyone. However, it was pointed out at the AGM that some members are having extra financial difficulty due to current national circumstances. A number of members pay by instalments, and we continue to be flexible; just ask.

Unfortunately, the New Year's drinks with Directors was postponed due to concerns about the present level of Covid infections. We hope to run this a bit later in the year.

Gardens Our gardener, Paul, is being forced to retire due to health issues. We wish him a speedy recovery and thank him for his hard work for just over a year (it seems as if he was here much longer). Luckily it is a dormant time in the gardens which gives us a little time to find a new gardener. This is not an easy task and we ask any member who might have any information about a possible replacement gardener to contact Sarah Harrington at no.65



Trees on Green We recently had some trees on the green trimmed and one old tree near to no.68 felled. During his work, the tree surgeon, Mike Reed, noticed that one of the alders on the green is in very bad health and is a potential danger. He advised felling this tree and we have asked him to do this in the new year. A lot of logs have been left for members to take for wood burning stoves. If they are not wanted they will be removed when the next tree work is done.

Rear paths The maintenance and cleaning of paths at the back of properties should be the responsibility of the residents using them. However, some stretches have become a problem, (mainly where they are concrete paths) and we are considering that MGL will take responsibility for having these paths tidied. It has also been pointed out that some members have problems with access via their rear paths where other members have extended their gardens over the path. Please liaise with your neighbours about access for bins etc.

Dinghy Park. It is good to see the dinghy park used as members take out their craft throughout the sailing season. The boat park and side gate locks are now in working order after some problems. Maintenance of these very old locks is an on-going problem and it is only a matter of time before we have to replace them all. We have been making financial provision for this over the years. One of the dinghy park gates has had to be secured with a padlock, the combination for which is 2021.

We welcome some new members to Maisemore Gardens. Brigitte Allen moved into no.70 last year and Jo Redfern now lives in no.67. The upstairs flat, 69, has sold to Jennifer Payne and Lauren Preston. June Blake's house (no 38) has been sold, but not yet completed. The ownership of Jo Kemp's house (no 19) has now been established as belonging to her second cousin, Bob Kemp, who will shortly be putting the house on the market through agents. We have a contact email for Bob if anyone wishes more information.

Event on the Green Everyone enjoyed Martin Price's 'Sax and Sausage' event run on the green by Friends of Maisemore Gardens on 8th August, despite rather indifferent weather. (Seems a long while ago now). Martin was collecting for the Kidney Cancer charity and was delighted with the donations from members



DON'T FORGET THE 2022 AGM ON 1ST APRIL 2022 (We're not kidding you).

Reminder ; www.maisemoregardens.co.uk Member's section: username is 'member', password is 'mgl'

MGL Committee of Management Directors 2022
Martin Gebbett, James Leeming, Barry King-Smith, Suzy Daniels,
Sarah Harrington. John Watt, Andy Maxted (co-opted)