

MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

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Dear Members

Spring has well and truly arrived and we can all revel in living in such a beautiful place with wonderful access to both marine and rural landscapes.



The nesting season is well under way too. This starling is almost a Maise more Gardens resident as the nest is just across the stream from number 43. The same tree has been home to blue tits two years ago and great spotted woodpeckers last year (they excavated the hole that the starlings have moved into).

We also have another orchid on the estate. This time a *Dactylorhiza Majalis* (a Western Marsh Orchid).'



AGM Update

We had 30 properties represented at the AGM, which is a wonderful level of support, especially since we had the last meeting relatively recently after all the COVID delays. The meeting itself was short and efficient, mainly endorsing the accounts and the various reports prepared by committee members. As you probably are aware, two directors are obliged, by the Articles of Association, to offer to stand down each year (although can indicate willingness to continue). Sarah Harrington (65) and Suzi Daniels (8) duly offered and were re-elected.

We are always keen to attract new committee members and were delighted that Martin Price ((20) had offered to stand as a director to fill the vacancy on the Council. He spoke briefly on his career as a Civil Engineer and that he was happy and to bring his skills to the CoM. All voted in favour of him taking on a director role.

We are also very grateful to Christine Richardson and Mike Austin, who have agreed to become a co-opted member of the CoM to get to understand the workings with a view to becoming directors - and we have had other expressions of interest for the future. Welcome and thanks to all of you.

Remember that, if you could not attend or wish to remind yourself of what happened, the draft minutes of the AGM are available in the members' section of our website.

We welcome a new member

Val Cable has moved into number 38, and we hope she is settling in well.

Website development

We are continuing to work on a new, more community focused version of the website which, we hope will become another way of sharing our life in the Gardens and an archive of the things that we do as a community. As we said in the AGM report, there are quite a few things that we might do, and we'd love to hear your ideas. Please, especially send any digital photos (old or new), or loan any prints that we can scan. We will assume

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that you give permission to use them (for you and your family) but just ask if you think that others on the images need to be consulted and we will do that. The address for anything website related is j.watt@mdx.ac.uk (John Watt (42) is looking after the development)

Gardens

Everything is looking very lush; we hope it will all look good for the Jubilee. Andy has removed the stump and seeded the exposed soil, and we are back to watering again. He has been tidying up the lawn bed and we are thinking about how to replace the Photinus – we intend to put a Caryopteris ‘Blue Sorbet’ in, which will echo the blue and yellow theme. Has anyone any suggestions for a medium height shrub to fill the gap - preferably not yellow, as it will be surrounded by Hypericum, Mimosa and lots of Achilleia? As long as not too many footballs are booted into the lawn bed it should look its best.

Friends of Maisemore Gardens

If the yarn bombed post box in the village is anything to go by, excitement is building for the platinum jubilee.



The Friends of Maisemore Gardens organised a very enjoyable Easter Egg hunt that raised more than £160 for our own celebratory jubilee lunch on the green. It was both popular and, it seems, quite challenging



The Friends of Maisemore Gardens

Maisemore Gardens
Platinum Jubilee
Neighbourhood Lunch
Sunday 5th June from 12.30

£10 per ADULT £2 per CHILD (Under 12)

****Free delicious Food & Jubilee Cocktail****

Live Music
Raffle
Games

*****ARTS & CRAFTS DISPLAY*****
All welcome to bring along anything on a Jubilee theme!

Please bring own tables, chairs, plates, glasses & drinks

Here is a reminder of the details of the MG lunch – do come along and enjoy it.

If you still need a ticket, there are just a few still available from Helen Pettit (37).

The organisers will be setting up the gazebos and tables and putting up the bunting on Saturday from about 5pm. If anybody would like to help, that would be greatly appreciated.

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