

MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

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Newsletter Update - June 2018

Hello Again – so soon, but there is a bit of extra news for you.

Positions on the Council of Management have been further refined and defined; Barry Kingsmith (30) will look after the dinghy park while he guides David Salmon (71) on infrastructure, which includes our drainage system. Gill Edwards (20) will look after communications, which includes the sending out of emails and notices as well as looking after the web site content. Suzy Daniels has agreed to take over some of the Treasurer responsibilities with a view to taking on the work later from Martin. As stated previously, Sarah Harrington (65) is leading on the gardens. Mike Boys (64) continues as Secretary and Martin Gebbett (51) continues as Chairman and Treasurer for the time being.

At the beginning of May Sarah H together with Helen Pettitt had a careful look at all the garden beds in MG. Some of them are looking very attractive, the newer planting doing well. The combination of Canary Bird Rose and white Clematis Montana on the wall by West Road was particularly stunning. This tour prompted further thought for the future of the gardens.

Maisemore Gardens is now more than 50 years old. Some of the original planting has become very tired and overgrown. We have been giving the future of the gardens some thought in response to members' wishes for a garden plan. The gardens are basically as they were when the estate was first built with continuous modification and maintenance up to now. We are considering spending a couple of thousand pounds on having a professional plan produced for the design of all our gardens to take us into the next 50 years. This plan will be produced by a professional designer in conjunction with our own wishes. We have a designer in mind, but wish to pursue further bids before committing ourselves. We expect any subsequent work initially to be phased over about 5 years. We would welcome your comments and ideas on this and we will obviously keep members informed on progress. Any comments and ideas please in writing to the Secretary.

In the mean time we have decided that a purge of garden maintenance is required throughout the estate and are in the process of employing a specialist company to work through most of the garden beds in MG in order to clear weeds and control shrubs. We have selected Maureen Walder and Richard Church and you will probably see them working on the gardens from the 20th of this month. This will cost in the order of £1000. The gardens should then be in a state to be kept neat and tidy by Mark Tapply, our gardener, and the garden group.

This work will not include area A, the area nearest the sea, alongside no. 46. For this area we plan a complete re-design and re-work in the Autumn taking into account any possible suggestions from a professional designer. The planting of annuals is only for the Summer to temporarily brighten the area and the shrubs can be moved, or not, or added to. Again, we welcome your input on this and we will involve the garden group. We will have a suggested plan towards the Autumn for you to look at.

Don't forget that the garden group continues to meet and work lightly and socially every Tuesday morning throughout the Summer.

Members with a boat in the dinghy park will be interested to know that a rope pull system has been installed to make it easier to pull dinghies up the ramp from the shore. Take a look.

MGL Committee of Management Directors 2018

Martin Gebbett, Mike Boys, Barry Kings-Smith, Suzy Daniels, Gill Edwards, Sarah Harrington, David Salmon