

MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

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New Members

We welcome Victor and Claire to number 67 along with their daughters Katherine and Lucia. Pat Balchin has gone to live near to her son in Llandrindod Wells in central Wales. She leaves with best wishes from the community,

Notice Board

The Friends of Maisemore Gardens wish to erect a notice board in order to keep residents up to date with general activities and other matters. They are proposing an aluminium framed board measuring approx. 2 feet 6 inches square (75 cm square). They propose that it be sited in front of the cypress tree, adjacent to number 15, facing the pavement, The Council of Management has no objections to the idea, but would like feedback from members.

Dustbins.

We notice that some members still keep their dustbins in front of their houses. This is not allowed in the Bylaws. All houses have access to their back gardens for storage. Some members keep their bins in their garage, others park them in the sideways path leading to the rear of the property. Some members have constructed a screen at the front to hide their bins; this may be acceptable if done well. We feel that bins left in front of properties let down the appearance and general amenity of our community.

Rear Access Paths

We recently did a 'Beating the Bounds' exercise to check land owned by MGL on all the extremities of the estate. We found that some of the rear paths to properties are in poor upkeep. It is the responsibility of the houses using any particular path to keep it safe and tidy, so it would be good if neighbours could get together to attend to their paths. We did note that most paths are well looked after. Some residents have stored ladders horizontally on the ground in the pathway.. These need to be shackled for security as they could be used for illegal access to properties.

We also noticed a number of members using sideways (which are the access for several houses) as storage for gardening equipment, small boat parts etc. We would ask that care is taken not to obstruct or impede access and to make sure that all affected neighbours are in agreement. Every house has the right of access from the rear without going through the house. If you have no pathway at present you may contact the CoM for advice.

Table Top Sale

The Friends of Maisemore are in the process of organising a Table Top Sale on the Green on the morning of Saturday 21st of September. Please put it in your diaries.

Nature Notes – see over

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Bats and Burnet Moths

The friends of Nore Barn Woods asked if we would host a bat detector in a garden to allow the Hampshire Bat Group to conduct a survey of the bats in the North woods. The detector records all high pitch sounds, as emitted by bats, for their echo location and recordings were made from sunset to sunrise for a couple of weeks.

I recently received the following report from Nik Knight, the Hampshire Bat recorder.

There were 11208 recordings made, which I have downloaded and put through the automatic ID software. Then I have examined all the interesting recordings and a large sample of the others.

You will be pleased to hear that, from the evening of 12/7/19 to the morning of 31/7/19, at least eight bat species were recorded: common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, Nathusius' pipistrelle, serotine, noctule, brown long-eared, western barbastelle and bats from the genus Myotis, including Natterer's. The most significant of these is the rare western barbastelle, recorded on two successive nights.

This turns out to be an excellent area for bats! All these records have been entered into my county bat records database.

Another first for Maisemore, (to my knowledge), was an emergence of about a dozen Six-Spot Burnet Moths, from a front wildflower garden during July. The caterpillars feed on Bird's-foot Trefoil plants during the spring and the moth is attracted to thistles, knapweeds and scabious, all of which are present on the patch.



Six-Spot Burnet Moth



Western Barbastelle Bat

Best wishes from your Council of Management

Chairman: Martin Gebbett (51), Secretary Mike Boys (64), Suzy Daniels (8), Gill Edwards (22), Sarah Harrington (65), Barry King Smith (30) & David Salmon (71)