

MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

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Newsletter December 2019

Christmas is Coming

We hope that you enjoy the upcoming Christmas and the New Year. There are some events organised for the near future:

- Carols on the green at no.26 (Mike and Mary Porter) on Tuesday 17th December at 6pm with mince pies and mulled wine. This is a Friends of MG event which is always fun and well supported.
- Directors invitation drinks on 3rd Jan. You will have received a separate invitation. Please come and enjoy a chat over a glass of wine or similar.

New Members

We welcome Andy and Alex Maxted and their children to no 14.

2020 AGM

Put in your new 2020 diaries the date of the AGM – **Thursday 16th April evening**

Levy

You will all have received the 2020 Levy Form. Please help us by paying promptly, it makes our life so much easier. It also helps that more people are paying by bank transfer each year.

Gardens

You will all have noticed how beautiful the gardens are looking now. This is due to the work of Sarah Harrington and the gardeners that we have employed. A lot of time and effort and money has been put in in response to the call from members for the gardens to be upgraded. The work on the plot between 45 and 46 is the final work of the current phase and it's looking great and will look fantastic in the Spring. Helen Pettitt has been helping (in a commercial capacity) with the weeding with obvious visual results.

Helen and Mark will be planting the bed alongside Rosemary, at no. 17, putting in shrubs, pinks and catmint and narcissi which should provide all year-round fragrance. We expect to have it finished by Christmas.

Changes and Repairs to Houses

The ethos of Maisemore Gardens has always been to keep the general appearance of the road as it was originally conceived. This has been backed by the wish of members through the years. This means that any changes, or repairs, to houses must be agreed in writing by the Council of Management (CoM) prior to work being carried out.

There is a more relaxed attitude to changes at the back of properties, but these also must be agreed by neighbours and by the CoM in writing. Internal changes which are structural must have permission.

The CoM will reply to a request within a week stating when their considered decision can be expected; this may be very soon for a simple request.

There have been a number cases recently of members carrying out changes to the front of their properties without written consent. This causes embarrassment and problems for the owner in the future when trying to sell a house with outstanding un-approved work.

We are in the process of writing a comprehensive guide to working on properties, but in the meantime PLEASE REMEMBER, play safe, don't do anything without written agreement.

Dinghy Park

The dinghy park is looking very tidy and organised now after the recent working party. We thank Barry King-Smith and those who helped on a fine dry morning. We intend to improve the retaining wall by the boat rack near the entrance in the near future. We will then in-fill and level and replace the rack. This should give a bit more space as well as a secure platform.

Notice Board

You will have noticed (no pun intended) that the notice board is now erected, after initially cutting through the BT telephone cable while digging holes for the legs. This effected a number of resident's telephone lines for a while. Thank go to James Leeming who spent ages on his mobile phone talking to BT to get the lines fixed and Barry who helped Openreach dig up the broken cable so that the section could be replaced as quickly as possible. Nothing is ever simple. If you wish to put something on the notice board please contact Jo Kemp at no.19.

Dustbins.

A number of members still have their dustbins on display at the front. We consider this untidy and would ask those involved to help to keep the road looking attractive by moving their bins. We know of a number of members who wheel their bins round via the alleyways each week; it's not difficult.

Rear Access Paths

There has been no response to our request to secure the ladders in the alleyway behind no.10. We feel that they are an invitation to burglars and similar, so we propose to secure the ladders with a padlock and chain and the owners will be able to collect the keys from us.

Table-Top Sale

The Friends of Maisemore Gardens Table Top Sale on the Green on the morning of Saturday 21st of September was a great success. We think that quite a lot of items were sold, but, mainly, it was a great social community event. The weather and tea and cakes helped.

Nature Notes

A white squirrel (not albino) has been frequently seen at the North-Eastern end of the road. It has been too quick for a photograph so far. Keep your eyes open.

Best wishes for the festive period 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)