

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

Maisemore Gardens

THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

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We welcome to Maisemore Gardens Simon Oilier and his wife Victoria who have acquired Jackie Oiller's house. We are pleased that Jackie has stayed with us and hope that she will be happy in her new home.

David Salmon & Suzy Daniels have agreed to join us on the Council of Management and we welcome them. We still have one vacancy.

As Autumn moves into Winter it occurred to us that it would be pleasant to have an informal event where the members could meet the CoM directors and exchange views on the running of the estate over refreshments. Martin and Maggie Gebbett, No 51, have offered to host the get together which will be on 2nd January, funded by the directors. An invitation will be delivered to all members in due course

Christmas Tree

The Friends of Maisemore Gardens suggested a Christmas tree on the Green to which the CoM has agreed and which The Friends will fund. The Friends have also arranged for 'Carols on the Green' on Monday 18th December at 6pm. There will be mulled wine and mince pies. The event is always well attended. More information will be sent round by The Friends.

Gardens

Our hard-working gardening organisers have prepared a synopsis of present and future intentions which is on the reverse of this Newsletter.

Next AGM

Date for your diary. Thursday 19th April 2018 at Slipper Sailing Club Emsworth 1900hrs A full package of information will be delivered to you in due course.

House Selling

A reminder that if you notify the CoM when intending to sell your home we can furnish you with comprehensive information that can help to facilitate a smooth transaction.

Our Environment

As we are on the edge of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) we are encouraged to add to this regular Newsletter our own local and Maisemore Gardens wildlife observations.

All members contributions will be invaluable.

Seen on Tuesday 21st November off Nore Barn Woods: Brent Geese, Black-tailed Godwits, Teal, Widgeon, Pintail Duck, Dunlin, and the famous Spotted Redshank. Also seen in gardens recently, wren, gold crest, blue tit, great tit, long tailed tit, blackbird, (and the half white one), starling, wood pigeon, stock dove, woodpecker green and greater spotted, robin, dunnock, chaffinch, song thrush, magpie, black headed and herring gulls, crow and rook and mammals; fox, squirrel, field mouse (in mouth of cat), brown rat, hedgehog, and insects; red admiral, bumble bee, drones (male) of honey bee thrown out of a hive as not required during the winter.

Sir David Attenborough eat your heart out!

To all members and tenants : Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The Gardens 2017-19

The open spaces within Maisemore Gardens are the responsibility of the Council of Management. This is one of the key responsibilities of the Directors of MGL. As the gardens are a major plus point of Maisemore, Directors take this matter very seriously. This document is a brief outline on how the gardens are to be managed for the next two years.

The Directors work closely with the volunteer Garden Group who meet on Tuesdays to carry out simple tasks in the gardens and develop ideas on the management of the open spaces. (All welcome to **first** Tuesday of the month on the Green at 10am for planning meetings. Most Tuesday mornings at 10am the Garden group meets to do some light gardening and socialise. But please note — Garden group will **not** meet much from November to mid-March)

This plan is produced as a record of the suggestions by the Garden Group which are accepted by the Council of Management. Director Barry King-Smith liaises with the Garden Group.

The Lawns

These are largely the responsibility of Mark Tapply, MGL's gardener, who mows the grass regularly. The grassed areas receive treatment from time to time from an external company who will scarify/fertilise and carry out other treatments in line with requests via the Council of Management.

Lawn Area between no 15 & 16: A sculpture by a Maisemore artist has been placed in this area for one year (**after** Members were invited to give their views when this location was planned). There were no objections from Members. Within this area a small experimental area of wildflowers may be planted next year (2018).

Garden Beds

There are no plans to increase the number of garden beds as the general aim is to keep them attractive but to require low maintenance and low expenditure. Plans are being considered to change the small grass triangle near tree 3 (between No 68 and 70). Low growing shrubs/plants to be planted in the space, with a narrow hard surface abutting the kerb. The garden bed between numbers 45 and 46 is very overgrown at present and work is planned for judicious pruning and simplifying. Other garden beds will be maintained largely as they are now.

Trees (see plan attached originally to Barrel! report of 2012 — on website)

No increase in the number of trees on the Green is planned. The Directors are aware that several of the larger trees may all be a similar age and rather than have sudden losses as one or two of the older trees die/fail down, it may be considered sensible to remove one of the three old Alders on the green and replace it with a younger tree. Directors are considering *this*. (The Barrel! report of 2012 advised removing *one* of the Alders. *For that report and plan - see www.maisemoregardens.co.uk in Members section under info for Members/Miscellaneous reports.* The Alders are trees 9,10,11 on the plan).

It is proposed that the Cyprus tree by number 15 will be reduced in height and removed, as advised in the Barrel! Report. (Tree 4 on Barrel) plan.)

The Birches in the space between Nos. 45 and 46 will be pruned by professionals as they advise. (No 17 on plan) (Please note that the Aspen tree (No 6 on plan) died and was removed.)

Members' gardens. 1. Careful examination of the lease shows that while Members are at liberty to plant trees in their gardens, permission from the CoM is required if you plan to remove a tree.

2. No garden areas in front of houses are to become widened drives without full consultation with the CoM.

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