

# MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

Registered in England, No.714547

Dear Members

We are well into Autumn now and the winter flocks of Brent Geese, Widgeon and Teal are here in considerable numbers once again.



The pond behind our Dinghy Park is looking great after all the work by the Roy and the Friends of Nore Barn Woods. Hopefully we will see more of the wildlife, such as this kingfisher caught on the bridge at number 43.



## Gardens

Although all the recent rains make it seem a long time ago, we had quite a drought this year. The gardens stood up fairly well; fortunately, there are plentiful small springs here. Sadly, the mimosa died. Andy, our gardener, and Sarah (Harrington, who is the MG director responsible) have looked at the response of the plants, noted those which do well and planned for planting that will stand up to drought as we anticipate that it is likely to recur. We shall be planting more of the many varied salvias and grey-leaved plants; agapanthus seems to have flourished everywhere so we are contemplating having some.

At the moment Andy is keeping it all tidy but does not intend to do any pruning or planting until the spring. It is good to have a qualified and experienced gardener to co-ordinate activities. If members see something they think needs doing could they please therefore consult Andy, who is here on Wednesdays, rather than acting immediately themselves.



You cannot have failed to notice the current works being carried out in the gardens to install fibre optic broadband cables. It is not entirely clear that this was actually needed here, given the Virgin Media connections that already exist and installation was rather sprung on us. Fast responses by Barry King-Smith and other MGL Directors were needed to negotiate placement of larger infrastructure. Hopefully the disruption will be over soon and the gardens can revert to their normal tranquillity – and, who knows, perhaps greater competition may lead to better prices for 5G internet access?

## Council of Management

First the bad news; Levy forms will be circulated in early December, but, good news, they will be accompanied by invitations to a director's drinks and chat on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. We have missed two years so it will be good to get together again with an opportunity to chat to all of the Maisemore Directors.

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## Arrivals and Departures

We welcome the Diodovich family to number 12 (Karen, and children Mathew and Victoria). There will also be new occupants in number 9 very soon, once all the hard work of renovation is complete. We were very sad to hear that Shirley Cooke from No 74 passed away at the beginning of November. A number of neighbours were able to attend the scattering of her ashes on the shore near the dinghy park.

## End of an era



Maisemore Gardens has a long tradition of communal events to mark the various jubilee celebrations from the long reign of Queen Elizabeth II. So, it seemed fitting that a many residents turned out again to raise a glass in salute to her life and to bid her farewell on the day of her funeral.

Here are a few reminders from happier times, starting with the Platinum Jubilee event earlier this summer.



## Planting a hawthorn for the Diamond Jubilee



The Friends of Maisemore Gardens have suggested that we commemorate the Queen and our various jolly jubilee celebrations by planting another special tree. We are considering planting a red-leaved hornbeam on the west side of the green, in place of the tall birch. This should become a fine tree, and grow quite slowly, though trees on the green do seem to exceed one's expectations; it is difficult to believe that the vast maple is less than fifty years old!

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