

MAISEMORE GARDENS LIMITED

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Dear members,

It's winter again and we have been reeling under high winds and rain, so some of the items here may seem a little out of sync. I'm sorry that it's been so long since the last newsletter, I did have one nearly ready to go in October but a number of things happened and I never got it sent out, so let's take the opportunity to remember a few of the year's events and make some announcements.

Diary Dates:

Friday 10 January 5pm to 8pm. Invitation from Maisemore Directors to a New Year drinks evening at 51 Maisemore Gardens. Invitations will be circulated.

Thursday 30 January at 7.30pm. Meeting at Emsworth Community Centre on Natural England plans for the coastal path round Chichester Harbour with a focus on the section from Nore Barn Woods to Warblington Road. Meeting open to all local Emsworth people. Speaker: Alison Perry, Hampshire County Council.

Thursday 10th April 2025 at 7pm. Maisemore Gardens Ltd AGM. Emsworth Community Centre. Packs will be distributed about one month before.

The Council of Management (CoM)

Maisemore Gardens is quite unusual in being a limited company, owned and run by its residents. This gives us great control over our own destiny at a fraction of the cost that would often be required to service a group of properties. In part this is made possible by having volunteer directors, elected from the community itself. We meet regularly to review the state of the estate, including its financial position, and to make decisions in regard to any submissions from residents that wish to make changes to their properties. While some decisions may not be exactly what the residents hoped for, it is important that everybody trusts the process and recognises that we represent, to the best of our ability, the general consensus view of the things that are valuable about Maisemore Gardens, to preserve its ethos and adapt sympathetically when modern living imposes changes (such as cars getting too big to go into 1960's garages).

We even sometimes get our own hands dirty



MGL Committee of Management Directors 2024

Christine Richardson, Martin Gebbett, Suzy Daniels, Sarah Harrington, John Watt, Judith Morgan
Co-opted; Andy Maxted, Mike Austen

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As set out on the website, (<http://www.maisemoregardens.co.uk/Council of Management.html>) the CoM has a number of formal obligations, but our aim is to truly represent the majority view on the best way to maintain the vision and the integrity of the estate. It's important that all residents feel ownership of this vision and liaison with the CoM about any potential new projects or ideas and suggestions to improve, benefit or enhance the estate is always welcome. There is formal oversight of the CoM through the AGM, where any resident can raise issues for wider discussion and, if appropriate, a vote.



A recent example of this was the suggestion that we added a noticeboard for the Friends of Maisemore gardens at the shore end of the estate, which was adopted. We are currently examining the potential for a defibrillator to be installed.

We would like to thank Martin Price, who has had to resign on health grounds, for his service and welcome James Leeming back as secretary. He's fitting this in around his retirement travelling – see below for the story of his epic bike ride, for those of you that didn't get a chance to follow it on WhatsApp (and as a reminder for those that did). Thank you also to Rachel Roberts for stepping in to help as secretary, she too had to resign as the time required by the role was more than she could accommodate.

Gardens

Our jubilee Royal Gala apple tree has produced a lot of apples this year. The children had the first pick!

The last few weeks have been spent tidying up and preparing for next year. A dead tree from bed E will be removed and a third apple tree planted to form the triploid with the Jubilee Blenheim. The stump in bed A will be replaced with a Scots pine. Sadly, Andy Pearson has had to leave us. Richie Liston, his replacement, plans to work 2 half days (Mondays and Thursdays). Our thanks to Andy for all his hard work and advice.



Fraudulent company registrations in Maisemore Gardens

A number of residents have reported that they have become concerned that their addresses have been used to register companies that they have no knowledge of. It is likely that this is not related to them personally but rather somebody simply picking a genuine address at random to submit to Companies House, so that it passes the preliminary scrutiny. The worry is that, when somebody is defrauded, they try to seek redress in person from the address they believe to be where the company owner may be found. It is important, therefore, to report any suspicious activity of this sort to Companies House (although residents report different qualities of response), HMRC (if documentation has arrived from them for the purported company) or Action Fraud.

Useful links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-revenue-customs>

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Mick Jennings



It was with great sadness that we heard that Michael Jennings (Mick) of No 21 had passed away on 24th September at the age of 98. Mick was the only person to live in that house since its completion. Mick was, of course, a veteran of D-Day and so it was very fitting that we were able to honour him and his fellow veterans at our D-Day celebration this summer.

D-Day Rick's speech at our celebration of D-Day

On the morning of the 6th of June 1944, the largest seaborne invasion in history delivered over 100,000 troops from 13 allied nations onto the Normandy beaches code named Utah, Omaha, Juno, Sword, and Gold. Those young men, many still teenagers; stormed ashore under heavy fire to start the liberation of France and the eventual defeat of Hitler's Nazi Germany. Almost 4,500 of those young men were to die on that first day.

We can only imagine how they felt as they arrived off those Normandy beaches knowing that many were not going to see another sunrise.

We can only imagine how parents, grandparents and younger brothers and sisters felt at home when several days later they were informed of the sacrifice that their family members had made on those beaches. The families would have had no knowledge prior to that of Operation Overlord, as the invasion was called. They would have been totally unaware that their family members were taking part.

We can only imagine the doubts and anguish felt by all involved in the detail planning. They knew that huge numbers of young men would make the ultimate sacrifice. No words of ours can ever fully express our gratitude and the debt that we owe to all the men and women of that generation who help to defeat Hitler's Nazi Germany

They must not be forgotten. They will not be forgotten. They gave their todays for our tomorrows. I would like to think that they would share the emotions expressed in the poem by Leo Marks - **THE LIFE THAT I HAVE.**

The life that I have.
Is all that I have.
And the life that I have is yours.

The love that I have
Of the life that I have
Is yours and yours and yours.

A sleep I shall have.
A rest I shall have.
Yet death will be but a pause.

For the Peace of my years
In the long green grass
Will be yours and yours and yours.



Another social day - a wine tasting event on the Green



Welcome to Brandon, Holly and family

They recently moved into number 51 and we hope they are very happy there. The previous owner, Agnes Summers, who most residents will remember had been a Maisemore resident for many years, now lives in Alexandra Rose Care Home, Drayton.

Natural England's plans for an improved Emsworth path have been approved – this article written by Maggie Gebbett for The Ems brings the long running story up to date.



It has been a long wait to find out exactly what Natural England (NE) plan for the route round Chichester Harbour as part of the King Charles III England Coast Path (KCIIECP). NE's plans for the section from the end of Warblington Road to Nore Barn Woods first became available last summer (2023) when an inspector from the Planning Inspectorate came to check this area. On 16 July 2024 the Secretary of State approved the final plans for the 'improved' path.

What is happening to the section of path from West Emsworth into Nore Barn Woods?

From the shore end of Warblington Road, looking west, the raised path along the seawall behind the beach will be lengthened with a boardwalk approximately 30m long before it goes into the shingle where the beach level rises slightly. Then there will be a gap across the beach – and NE say that the ramp, that comes out from the dinghy park there, will be not blocked in any way. A more solid approach path (about 2.75m wide), will go on to the bridge, with gabions either side to keep this new surface in place. The existing bridge surface itself will be raised and the existing culvert pipe will be repaired. Railings will be added either side of the bridge for safety. The path then leading west into Nore Barn Woods, will be strengthened and drainage improved on the surface of it – again with gabions either side. As people cross the bridge, on the way into the woods, there will be a small area on the left roped off to protect it and thus encourage the return of suitable vegetation in that area. The total cost of this work is not yet known, but central government funding is available from Defra. The NE plans and information regarding this work are on the Maisemore website:



<http://www.maisemoregardens.co.uk/England%20Coast%20Path.html>

Natural England's proposals to the Secretary of State for this stretch of the KCIIECP can be viewed on the GOV.uk website: King Charles III England Coast Path: South Hayling to East Head - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

So will the bridge be closed when the work happens?

The work plan is not yet available, but notices will be put up by HCC to advise the public of any work that is imminent. An alternative route will be signed by Hampshire CC and in addition a 'Banksman' to oversee walkers will also be considered. The planners are very much aware of the daily usage by walkers at this location, final timescales have not yet been set however NE say work would be completed as soon as possible taking between 2 weeks to a month. This could happen within the next year.

James Leeming shares a few memories of his epic trip

James' cycle ride statistics

Total Miles 2700

total Days 37 plus 3 zero days

Average miles per day 71

height climbed 150,000 ft

Av climb per day 4,000 ft

Max elevation 11,452 ft

Min temp 0 degrees

Max temp 44 degrees

Average cycling/peddalling time

7.75 hours per day

The Great Divide Mountain Bike Route (GDMBR) an off-road cycling route, crisscrossing the Continental Divide from the Mexican border to Banff in Canada. This route is defined by the word "remote." Its remoteness equates with spectacular terrain and scenery. The entire route is basically dirt-road and mountain-pass riding every day. The route is geographically divided into five regions. The diverse nature of the regions makes for an incredible visual, sometimes spiritual experience. The route offers something different every day — whether it be riding conditions, scenery, points of interest, or people along the way.

1. New Mexico



Wow it was hot and dry, somewhat of a culture shock. Re-looking at the pictures makes it look like desert however in reality it was so varied. camping was great just under a mosquito net looking at the stars (not that I was awake for long). I carried 7L of water and had to filter water from muddy pools at times. I also realised that I was cycling at altitude in over 40 degrees something I had not considered whilst training in the air-conditioned gym at sea level back home.

Forest fires were raging close to the trail and I was lucky to get through Gila national park before it was closed, definitely a blessing as I arrived in Pie Town in time to do some sampling. I almost ran out of water on one day – I knew I was short, so started in the dark at 2am which was cooler. Luckily, I found a remote church and the pastor gave me some water.

2. Colorado



Quite a start with the highest pass on the whole route called Indiana. to be honest I loved it. I had eaten well the night before and they let me sleep on the restaurant floor so a good night's sleep had put me in a good mood. I got over the pass with thunder and lightning surrounding me - all very exciting. The mystic hostel at the base was incredible and meeting up with the cyclists racing the northbound route was inspirational and they advised me to

lose some cargo weight which I did (4kg). altitude. I had my first experience of peanut butter mud which stops you bike completely, really horrible. I also met the leaders of the southbound racers one of whom broke the record doing the route in 13 days - what a nutter! Colorado had the high mountain passes, meadows and superb scenery it also had the horrible ski resort of Breckenridge full of tourists and people, something I had not missed so far.



3. Wyoming



Home of the 'Basin' something I had been nervous about since looking at the you tube videos for the 6 months leading up to my departure. Its 3 days (200 miles) of remote dessert with only 1 or 2 water replenish places. Luckily, I met up with an ex US Marine called Clark who I travelled with on and off for the rest of my journey and who will remain a friend always. Whilst I was cycling alongside him he was struck by lightning (sparks on his fingers) so you can understand my nervousness. The Basin is also famous

for its wind and true to form it was a headwind. Later on in Wyoming, the wind was so strong we caught another cyclist and formed a peloton for the day. Sergio who was from El Paso and originated in Mexico, is an incredible person and another friend for life who got the nickname of the 'Aero Sombrero' due to his cycle hat. I will always remember Wyoming for the wind and people along the route who offered food, water and hospitality, the route is famed for its 'pass the kindness on' mentality.

4. Montana

The traffic jams were of cows and cowboys (with guns in holsters). Now we were seriously into Grizzly bear country and even with bear spray I cycled an extra 15 miles to avoid camping in an area with lots of fresh bear poo! I also met up with my lovely Aunt Ruth and her son Mark who replaced my sun shirt as they said in the photos I had worn it every day (and confirmed that I did smell). I also managed to send another 4 kg of kit back with them. By the way it was still over 40 degrees in the day time - I was being followed by a heatwave the whole way. The mountains in Montana are truly amazing and the trails much more like single track, beautiful. Stayed in a variety of styles of accommodation including rat infested huts, campsites, warm-shower hosts and the odd motel.

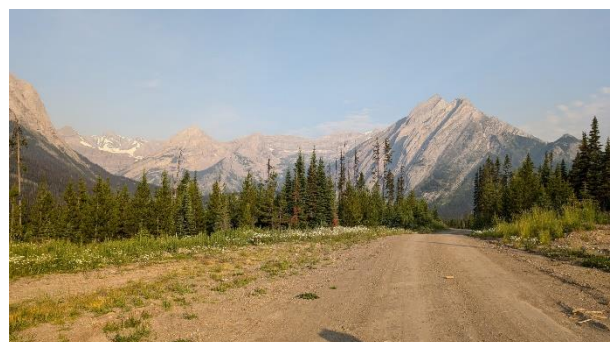


5. Canada



Lots of trees (more bears) stunning scenery, twisty trails and washboard gravel (every state has it). I think I picked up a stomach bug (called Giardia) which didn't fully materialise until I had finished luckily, but I know I wasn't

100%. I arrived in Banff to be greeted by my family - what a fantastic way to end.



In conclusion, I am so privileged to have had the time to do it and meet so many amazing people. I had the trip of a lifetime and learnt so much. The biggest lesson 'It's amazing how little you need and how soon it adds up to being a burden'

Finally - we wish you all a happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.