

MAUNSEL FOURTH (HOUSING CO-OWNERSHIP) SOCIETY LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Resurfacing the Lancaster Road and Church entrances is still a bit of a work in progress but will be finalised shortly. Grateful thanks are owed to Laurence, who has driven this project forward.

We held a second very successful open day on 19 June for the Garden Squares weekend.



Our garden assistant Simon left to move to Wales at the end of 2016. Tom Boyne and his team have returned to undertake the garden maintenance. Our kitchen garden, this year's innovation, was a great success, producing masses of cavolo nero, beetroot and beans, amongst other crops.



Our summer party on 11 September, unencumbered this year by any "distinguished guests", was yet again a

great success and we also had fireworks on Bonfire Night thanks to Chris.



The Christmas lights at the entrances and on the big cherry tree, arranged by John, are now a regular feature and this year there were also lights in several trees in front gardens, making the Square look even more festive for the Yuletide celebrations.

The drug dealing at the entrances at Bartle Road and Kingsdown Close seemed less prevalent this summer and we can only hope that this happy situation continues.

In the wider neighbourhood, the Kensington Aldridge Academy opened its Sixth Form in September. We maintain good relations with the school, which hosted its second Crisis for Christmas Dinner on 25 December.

The Methodist Church now has a new minister, the Revd Mike Long. John and Judith have both met him and he is excellent news for our local community.

Finally, we place on record huge gratitude to Joanna for her hard work sorting out our Archive, previously stored at Shurgard. This will save us around £1,400 in the current year and in all future years.

Judith, on behalf of the Committee