

Since I became chairman in Dec 2018 We have seen costs rise dramatically in many areas of our lives and , of course , The Mansion House has not be exempt from this. More of that later.

However we seem to be gelling socially and supporting each other in many ways that have grown over these past few years.

In particular I would like to mention our social/work day last September and also the Christmas drinks/meal , both hosted by our wonderful neighbours in the Gate House.

The main change we have witnessed over the past year was the sale, at last , of number 4 by Lloyds Bank to our new owner, Julian Spencer. After a few initial problems, work is underway at full speed in restoring and renovating this wonderful apartment, and as I write this I feel optimistic that Julian and his family will soon become part of our "family " in Monkmoor.

Fortunately we have had no major problems with the building in the past year, though in September we had a water leak through the flat roof over the main entrance. After we had a local roofing firm re-seal the edge of the headwork, they wanted to put scaffolding up to clear the blocked downpipe , at an exorbitant cost. However a local window cleaner was able to use a ladder to clear the offending pipe and also check the others on the roof.

Other small jobs I undertook were to change all the outside lights to LEDs, repaint the bin-store fence and arrange to re-pollard the lime trees.

At this point I would also like to thank Gary for the great job he did on the re-pointing of the East wall, Pete and Lynne for the garden jobs they do , and Audrey for yet again doing the hall decorations as well as the garden flowers etc.

We were able to have benefit from a significant reduction in our electricity bill by changing our supply from business to residential and changing supplier to Eon. We also benefited from the government support scheme of £60 per month over the past few months. This , of course, has just finished.

Currently there are major roadworks around our building from the gas company , and also there have been many unidentified people looking at the

large block opposite us. I have not been able to find out what might be afoot, but it seems change is on the way.

The other current problem is the building insurance , and this will be the major item to be discussed on this years' agenda.

Simon, Chairman WMMC .