



Moseley in Bloom- June 2022

the blooming news

Welcome to the June edition of our newsletter and we hope you have been enjoying the glorious weather and are looking forward to our Open Gardens on 17th July! We are still looking for volunteers and for cake bakers, see below for more information! As always, we would also love to hear about your garden and any projects you are involved with so please send items of news, photos and any information about any forthcoming events by email to doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you, Kerry Jenkins and Carol Miller (Editors).



Radley Russell

Introducing another member of our team...

Radley volunteered at last year's Open Gardens and enjoyed it so much that he decided to join the Committee and become a Trustee. He spends his days working for the BBC as a TV Producer, but in his spare time enjoys gardening. Living in Moseley he sees how beautiful the village is lit up with blooms throughout the year. For this reason he wanted to get involved and be a part of continuing to making Moseley look so beautiful. Now as a member of MiB he is involved in the Open Gardens organising group and helps with the pop-up plant sales. He also supports planting in the village throughout the year and tries to encourage others to get involved.

Open Gardens - Sunday 17th July - Call for Volunteers and Cake Makers!

We will have 18 lovely gardens open to the public on Sunday 17th July and to make sure it is as successful as previous years, we need lots of volunteers helping to sell tickets, serve teas and generally lend a hand to ensure that the event runs smoothly. Many of you have helped us in the last few years (thank you!) but we are asking for your help again this year. If you haven't volunteered with us before, Open Gardens is a fabulous event so if you would like to give it a try then please get in touch. All volunteers will receive a complimentary ticket so you can visit other gardens for free when not on your shift. We are also looking for help from home bakers to help ensure we have some scrumptious homemade food that we sell alongside our tea and coffee every year and which is always a real hit. Offers of pastries, cakes and biscuits would be gratefully received. If you can help us on the day or can offer to bake a cake or a savoury treat please drop an e-mail to Sabreena and Lynn at: volunteers@moseleyinbloom.org.uk. If you know of anyone else who may be able to help please forward this email address and ask them to get in touch with us. We hope to hear from you soon!



Moseley looking Blooming Fabulous!

You will have seen that the hanging baskets and planters went up in Moseley at the end of May just in time for the Queen's Jubilee. These wonderful displays are always a welcome sight, and it's great to watch as they flourish and become more colourful as summer goes on making Moseley look spectacular. A big thanks to Birmingham City Council (BCC) Parks and Nurseries who provide the plants and maintain them by watering throughout the summer. The floral displays are entirely funded by our fund-raising activities held throughout the year, including Open Gardens. We were also very lucky to receive ten flower towers as part of the Commonwealth Games project and Kerry and Jenny had an early 6am start last week to take delivery of them! Big thanks to Tony and Steve from Cofton Nursery for all of their hard work dropping them off and to Darren Share from BCC for giving them to Moseley. We think they look marvellous.



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Pop up Plant Sale

Our plant sale in May raised a whopping £626 and so, fired on by success we are planning our next one on 3 July from 2-4pm.

We like to move them around Moseley and so the next one will be outside St Columba's church at the top of Chantry Road and at 62 and 64 Chantry Road B13 8DJ. We will also be selling advance tickets for Open Gardens. If you would like to donate plants, from Monday 27 June, donations of plants, seedlings and paraphernalia can be dropped off at 15 Thornley Close B13 9UQ. Or bring them on the day to Chantry Rd. Please make sure that items are easily portable as people need to carry them away! Further information from doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com

Brummie Cup launched

A new deposit return takeaway cup scheme in Birmingham has been launched reducing waste created by single use cups. Every day in the UK, 7 million disposable coffee cups are used, typically for just 15 minutes each. Very few are recycled. Nearly all of them are incinerated, sent to landfill, or littered. Brummie cup is a reusable takeaway cup that can be borrowed for a £2 refundable deposit. It offers an environmentally friendly way to buy take-away drinks without the inconvenience of carrying around your own reusable cup and switching to a brummie cup helps the environment through reduced waste, a lower carbon footprint, fewer overflowing bins and less litter.



Slug appreciation?

Carol asks "How are you getting on without slug pellets? I dutifully relinquished mine a few weeks ago but I'm finding it very hard to love the slimy creatures. Holes have appeared in the leaves of many of my pot plants and four plantings of lettuce seedlings disappeared overnight. They love nestling underneath pots and their cousins, the snails seem to like crawling up the front door. Help! Does anyone have success stories to share? "

Moseley Gifts & Gardens

A big welcome back to Moseley Gifts and Gardens. This family business, that has already made a great contribution to Moseley, will now be run by Niamh. She would like to see it grow further with more sustainable products, a greater variety of plants and a coffee bar for you to enjoy while browsing the plants, garden-ware and weird and wonderful things.



My Name is Leon

Did you watch My Name is Leon on BBC2 on 10 June? This drama, based on the novel by Kit de Waal was filmed in Moseley. It's a heart-breaking and heart-warming story of Leon, a boy of mixed heritage who is fostered by a wonderful woman but is very confused by his situation. Horticulture becomes a strong theme in the story when Leon finds friendship and community in gardening. It was filmed at Moor Green Allotments. We understand that Tufty's shed, very central to the final parts of the story, is still in the possession of the team at Moor Green Allotments.

