



# the blooming news

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We're wishing you a lovely May, and are welcoming the days of sunshine forecasted to come our way! As always, if you have a story to share, then please do send an email to Carol at [doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com](mailto:doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com). Many thanks, Carol Miller and Charlotte Jenkins.



## Plant Sale

The lovely sunny weather on 26 April brought the crowds to our plant sale at the Dovecote. Officially starting at 2pm, customers were there well before this time to catch some of the plants, all locally grown and donated by our supporters. Our policy of 'pay what you want' means that very generous donations gave us a total of £535 towards Moseley in Bloom. Thank you everyone who donated, bought and helped on the day.

## Open Gardens

Don't forget to get your Early-bird discount tickets for Open Gardens on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Buy online, at Moseley Exchange or at the Farmers' Markets on 30<sup>th</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> June. We still need volunteers, who receive a free wristband to visit other gardens. If you would like to help serve teas or sell tickets, send an email to...



[volunteering@moseleyinbloom.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@moseleyinbloom.org.uk)



## Calvary Church to the Rescue!

Moseley in Bloom's Open Gardens event was in need of a Blooming Bus to ferry garden visitors round Moseley on the 28<sup>th</sup> June. We are very grateful to Pastor Winston Spencer who has stepped into the breach and offered their minibus and a driver for the day. Many of us will have admired their immaculate garden on Oxford Road, we now look forward to their minibus taking us to gardens all round Moseley. The bus will be displaying Moseley in Bloom identification as usual.

*Bridget Langstaff*



## Wildlife watch at the station...

While waiting for my train recently, I heard a barking noise and caught sight of something moving on the bank opposite. For several minutes I watched a fox, snooping around, minding its own business while providing entertainment for myself and other passengers. Keep an eye open for other wildlife!

## Keep up to date with Moseley in Bloom!

Find Moseley in Bloom on Facebook and X: @moseleyinbloom, and on Instagram: @moseley\_in\_bloom. More information detailing local events & how you can support us can be found on our website: <https://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/>.





## Whealers Lane Primary Sensory Garden

### *The Creation of a Sensory Space*

During the Easter holidays, Lindsay, together with her dedicated team of volunteers, embarked on a project to revitalise an overlooked area of the school playground. Their aim was to create a tranquil environment specifically designed for SEND pupils, offering a space where they could play and explore throughout the day.



### *Support and Contributions*

Further support came from the SEND Parent Information Network, who generously donated outdoor cushions, wind chimes, and sensory toys. The combined efforts and contributions from Moseley in Bloom and the Parent Information Network were invaluable in bringing this sensory garden to life. *Lindsay Sheppard*

## A request from an Open Gardens visitor - can you help please?

I visited a lady (I think two years ago) at the Open Gardens who had a large garden with a considerable number of rare and interesting plants. We began talking about the Judas Tree (*Cercis Siliquastrum*) as we had lost ours in Erasmus Darwin Garden (Lichfield). I bought a seedling from her and I would like to meet her to give her an update on its progress. It is going very well and we are delighted with it. She was very knowledgeable. I would love to talk to her about our next steps with it.

If you are the person who sold this seedling, or may know her, please contact Carol at the Blooming News and I will put you in touch with each other.

## Blooming Spring

This Spring seems to have been exceptionally beautiful, coming early and staying with us longer than usual. Fruit blossoms were particularly full, bulbs were brilliant and now spring flowers are showing everywhere. This magnificent wisteria in Kings Heath perfumes the area and takes one's breath away. As I walked past, several other people were stopping and saying 'wow'. It certainly makes a talking point.



## Hanging baskets ~ Sabreena suggests...

Hanging baskets thrive with a few simple tricks. Using unglazed terracotta pots without drainage holes creates a natural water reservoir, helping the compost stay moist for longer and reducing the need for frequent watering.

To make the most of your display, try planting a tomato plant beneath the basket and let it grow upside down. This clever method saves space and means you won't need to water the tomatoes separately.

Remember that hanging baskets are best planted out from mid to late May, once the risk of frost has passed and the weather is warm enough for healthy growth.



## Good neighbours!

This is Sheila Fawkes with flowers from her garden to thank two ladies who keep Church Road clean and litter-free!

*Thank you!*

