



While we soak up the last of August's warmth, the cooler mornings are already hinting that autumnal days are just around the corner. Do let us know what you have been up to recently; pop an email to Carol at doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com. Many thanks, Carol Miller and Charlotte Jenkins.

St Martin de Porres School

Local primary school, St Martin de Porres has great gardeners and was to have been part of our Open Gardens day in June. Sadly, because of work going on at the school, they had to withdraw at a late moment. However, the school had great success this year at BBC Gardeners' World Live, winning the Health for Life Primary School Wheelbarrow Competition. The theme of their planted wheelbarrow was 'ingredients for a balti'. Brilliant!



RHS guidance on gardening in heatwaves!

The RHS Communities section has lots of guidance on gardening in a heatwave. Below is a summary of their advice:

- Mulch beds after watering to lock in moisture
- Keep soil covered with plants
- Water deeply in the early morning or evening, ideally with stored rainwater
- Install water butts to catch rain to ensure good supplies
- Group containers together
- Choose drought-tolerant plants where possible, planting in autumn or spring
- Delay pruning and feed

Do you have any clever ideas for managing the garden in a heatwave? Please let us know.

You can find more information on:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/get-involved/community-gardening>



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Water butts...



You may have noticed that several new water butts have been installed around Moseley village. This is timely as we are trying to encourage local businesses and residents to help to keep our beautiful floral displays alive during the hot weather.

One of the butts, on the 'Boo corner' came to grief soon after its installation. Local hero and former co-chair of Moseley in Bloom, Trevor Hocking, sent us this report: I've put extra clips on the pipe and wired the butt to the wall. The upper pipe has warped in the sun, I've straightened it up as much as possible. During the continuing dry spell I'll add water to the butt when I water the planters at the weekends. Many thanks to Trevor. We should also note that our chair, Sabreena has a plan to give a watering can to willing local businesses encourage them to care for the plants. Chaa Biskut and Kennedy's already have theirs. Members of the public could also borrow a can, water the planters and return the can afterwards.

Beautiful parks!

Three of Birmingham's most popular parks, maintained by Birmingham City Council and supported by 'Friends Of' park groups, have won prestigious Green Flag Awards for 2026.

Green Flag is the internationally recognised mark of quality for parks and public spaces that are safe, welcoming and well-managed, setting the benchmark standard for recreational outdoor spaces around the world. Parks are independently assessed against rigorous criteria, including accessibility, maintenance, environmental management, safety, biodiversity and community involvement. Across the UK this year 2,391 sites are included on the roll of honour. In Birmingham, Cannon Hill Park, Kings Heath Park and Handsworth Park have all received a Green Flag. We are fortunate to live so close to two of them!

Gardeners' Fair

The Gardeners' Fair in Moseley on 9 August drew large crowds, who were treated to varied displays of plants, food, art and crafts. Although August in a heatwave is not the ideal time for most planting, the Fair was perhaps a hint of what could be possible at other times of the year. It seems that Sunday was a good day for such an event and it seemed to bring people to Moseley from outside of the immediate area. Perhaps some of them came by train.



More Knit and Natter...

The Knit and Natter group has been busy again and are now celebrating harvest time on the corner of Chantry Road. Let's hope there is something to celebrate after this very hot, dry summer.

