



Welcome to the Moseley in Bloom Newsletter. Winter is most definitely on its way and we hope you have been able to wrap up and still get out in your garden. It's been chilly but we have had some sunshine amid all those showers. We saw our florals being taken down last month but are pleased to see the return of the lights on the square and soon our lampposts will be lit up with festive cheer. This only happens because of the wonderful businesses that sponsor both the floral displays and the Moseley in Lights. If you have any news then please do share it with us by sending an email to doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com - we look forward to hearing from you, Carol Miller and Kerry Jenkins, Joint Editors.

Plant Sale

Moseley in Bloom volunteers did a great job on 15 October moving plants into place for the sale and selling them at the Hive. Many of these were plants from the planters and baskets that delighted us in Moseley village this summer so it was a great recycling effort and we hope that they will now live on in people's gardens and plots. Just over £170 was made and this will be another welcome contribution to MiB's funds ready to support projects next year. Some plants remain. If anyone would like a tray of strawberry plants or some Geranium Lord Bute, please let us know. Watch this space for information on our next sale, probably in April next year.

Moor Green School - Can you help?

Moor Green Primary School is looking for a person or a team of people eager to take over the care of their allotment in Dads Lane. Due to its connections with the school there may also be opportunity to get involved on a voluntary basis in the schools gardening club. However this is not a requisite. The allotment has tools and a shed and is relatively well looked after and maintained at the moment. The school children will still be involved and can do 'jobs' for the allotment. There may be some support regarding funding to supply the allotment for children's activities. The school also has a mini farm and forest school that can provide other materials - home made compost, and bark chippings etc. Fruit and veg grown on the allotment will be shared between the school kitchen and the person/team looking after the allotment. It's an exciting opportunity to learn or create a food growing space. A passion for learning and a love of working in the great outdoors are the only requirements needed. Support available from experienced gardeners if required. Please get in touch with Susie.Bonczyk@moorgreenacademy.org to discuss the role.

Our lovely volunteers ensuring another great sale



Moor Green School pupils working on the allotment



Schools

If you have news about your gardening and environmental activities, we would love to hear about them. Please send any items with photos please to us and we will publish it in our next Blooming News. If you want to know more then feel free to email Carol using the email above.

A bit of history - down memory lane

Jenny Brewer found a Moseley in Bloom Newsletter from Autumn 2007. At that time, we were celebrating the first Open Gardens weekend. It was reported to be a 'resounding success' with around 600 visitors enjoying 30 or so gardens open across the weekend. After 16 years, can we say that the event has become something of an institution?

Also in the Newsletter was a report that the Bulb Brigade from Moseley in Bloom had planted 1000 tête-à-tête daffodils around the Green in Moseley. With a few replenishments, these bright flowers have continued to flourish each Spring since then. At that time too, it was reported that Moseley in Bloom had instigated a tree planting scheme with the Council in 2005 when two London Plane trees were planted on Victoria Parade. The following year, 37 new trees were planted and 40 more were planned for the winter of 2007. We also had a scheme to encourage tree planting in people's gardens. With the help of the Parks Department and a local garden designer, MiB was able to advise local residents and to buy trees in bulk for planting. This resulted in about 30 new trees being planted in Moseley gardens. If you have other memories and experiences of Moseley in Bloom's activities over the years we would love to hear from you.

Jenny continuing the legacy of the Bulb Brigade



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Introducing Tranquil Plants

Tranquil Plants is a newcomer to Moseley Farmers Market and also sells online. Stefan Thomas says: 'at Tranquil plants we try to bring a new angle to indoor plants, helping to not only brighten up rooms but purify the air around them. Central to this ethos is our Kokedama range. The word Kokedama literally means 'moss ball' in Japanese. We wrap our plants in living green moss to provide an elegant, ecologically friendly base without the plastic plant pot.

We started Tranquil Plants around ten years ago selling in Birmingham City and Leicestershire areas. Since then we've built up our business; developing our range and posting throughout the UK, as well as taking part in some great markets and events. We still enjoy helping and advising customers and are now able to offer in-person and online workshops so that people can learn the art of Kokedama for themselves. We have loved selling at the Moseley market, seeing the interest people have shown in our plants whilst being able to talk all about their environmental benefits. We're always looking for ways to innovate and grow, with a focus on health and wellbeing. We believe that each of our products can bring something special to any space. Feel free to get in touch if you would like to learn more'. 07984424431 info@tranquilplants.co.uk or visit www.tranquilplants.co.uk

