

Moseley, still in Bloom

Sian Gibbons tells us about the progress of her vegetable growing - Vegetables in the time of Covid19 (with apologies to Gabriel Garcia Marquez)



Here beginneth the process - seeds snuggled into compost in a warm, sunny bedroom...



Weeks later, some extremely small signs of seedlings seeking light. A reminder to novices in vegetable growing to just wait. Resist the urge to water (they can easily drown), or touch or move them elsewhere



Aha, patience is rewarded ! Beginning bottom left, sweetcorn, courgettes, kale, runner beans



As February begins to warm the soil, a cloche can speed up the soil warming. These beds have been covered like this over the Winter, to warm the soil and suppress the weeds. Notice how one bed is not fully covered. This is the section where Garlic cloves were planted in November. They benefit from frost whilst germinating below ground

Plants grown in the bedroom are, at this stage, ready for getting used to being in the garden- but NOT in the soil - yet! Put them in a sunny, sheltered spot during the day. Don't forget to bring them indoors each evening. One or two weeks should strengthen them and make them less prone to diseases.



To be continued ...

News from Cofton and Kings Heath Park Nurseries

Autumn is fast approaching and we will all be looking to make the most of our gardens at the end of this strange and different year we have managed to get through. So here is a seasonal reminder for all the gardeners of Moseley.

The Birmingham City Council Plant Nurseries are open at both Cofton and Kings Heath Park - all managed with the appropriate social distancing requirements, one way systems and credit card payments only ..

Their seasonal stock includes autumn/ winter bedding, baskets, containers, cyclamen, primulas, bulbs and various shrubs and pot plants.

In addition they also sell seasoned hard wood logs at £85.00 per bulk bag (delivery extra), net bags at £7.50 each or four for £25.00 and large net bags of kindling at £5.00.

Compost is available at £4.75 per 40 litre bag with slow release fertilizer incorporated.

Local home delivery is available from Kings Heath Park, (see phone number below), with a minimum delivery charge of £5.



Cofton Nursery, Lickey Road, Rednal, B45 8UR. 0121-4531044

Kings Heath Park Nursery, Vicarage Road, Kings Heath, B14 7TQ. 0121-4640422

And this link will give you opening times for both sites plus coronavirus guidelines.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20089/parks/325/plant_nurseries_and_floristry_service

Moseley in Bloom AGM

Moseley in Bloom's Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 15 September at 7.30pm. As usual, everyone is invited and this year, it will be easy to attend without leaving the comfort of your own home because it will be held on Zoom. If you would like to attend, please contact Amy Maclean, Chair of MiB at amy.maclean@moseleyinbloom.org.uk Amy will then send you a link to join the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pop-up Plant, Produce and (gardening) Paraphernalia Sale

This sale will be on Sunday 20 September from 2-4pm at 62 Chantry Road. If you have surplus plants, cuttings or seeds, fruit or vegetable produce or garden equipment that you do not want, please save it and bring it along to the Pop-up Sale.

We will also have some special perennial herbs, generously donated by **Urban Herbs** who you may have seen at Moseley Farmers' Market. <https://urban-herbs.co.uk>

Please label plants and seeds. For further information or to ask questions about the Sale, contact Carol Miller doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com

Our last sale, in June, raised over £300 for Moseley in Bloom so let's see if we can beat that in our last sale of the year.

Gardens still open

The Open Gardens films will remain available until the end of September so if you haven't finished viewing them, look now!

<http://www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/videos>

Thanks to everyone who has donated to Moseley in Bloom via our Just Giving pages - also still open

www.moseleyinbloom.org.uk/donate



Winding down ...

It's September and gardening activities are slowing down a little so we will stop sending out this Newsletter at the end of the month. That doesn't mean that everything stops for Moseley in Bloom as we do carry on during the winter, but at a different pace. If you have any horticultural or environmental stories or news to tell before we finish, please send to Carol Miller doctorcarolmiller@gmail.com If sending photos, please send them in the largest size possible, rather than reduced, in order to give a good quality image.