

STOCKFIELD VILLAGE NEWS



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Saturday - 13 July 2019
11:30am - 4:30pm
Stockfield Park, Cedars Avenue, B27 6JL

...and
much
more!

Glass
Painting



Scouts

Face Painting

Dance
Group

Screen Printing



Alternative
Therapies

Raffle



Football
Competition

Fire
Engine

Drumming

Inflatables

Animals!





Fran Lee Co-ordinator – Acocks Green Village in Bloom

Phew!

Our visit from the judges of Britain in Bloom – Heart of England will be on 1st July; after that we can leave off our gardening boots, forget about pavement weeding and relax for a while. One event which we very much look forward to after judging is the Stockfield 'Fun Day' which is most enjoyable and is on Saturday 13th July this year.

Interaction with the community

We sow seeds with children which is extremely popular. We have met with some of the children during subsequent years and they have been thrilled to tell us of their successes in growing plants on from seed.

A welcome addition last year was asking those attending to choose one of the planters that we had brought along and then planting it using a variety of 'pick and mix' plants which they thought would make an attractive arrangement. This year we will be doing the same and those participating can take their creations home with them. Last year it made me very happy that the both the young and elderly alike enjoyed this activity equally.



We love our wild flower planting and this year we will bring along some wildflower seeds and provide advice on sowing them in your gardens to not only give a beautiful display but also to attract bees and other pollinators which just love them. Gardens are playing a more important role in creating a wildlife-friendly environment – these days it is in danger of disappearing unless we play our part.



Plant Swap at Stockfield Fun Day

The Plant Swap idea is catching on. Often people have too many of one variety of plant that does well in their garden, so this is an ideal opportunity to get more variety at no cost. Simply bring some of your plants along to the Fun Day; you can then swap them for plants that other people have brought in. This is a great chance to share perennials, annuals or even houseplants with your neighbours and get some new varieties for your garden. We look forward to seeing your swaps!

Volunteering

If you would like to volunteer – it need not be gardening as we also paint benches and other street furniture, and we repair items, so that the fabric of the village is maintained.

We also have a team of litter champions working with us. Two recent recruits on Yardley Road have been tackling the main Stockfield Road, so if you would like a litter picking stick, bag and one of our Bloom Hi-Viz jackets, please do contact us.

In April, Village in Bloom organised a number of events to co-incide with the Great British Spring Clean.



Cedars Academy participated and some of our team along with our two councillors joined them when we litter picked around the Stockfield Estate. We loved to see the enthusiasm of the children – they combed the area and not a piece of litter was to be seen at the end of the session!

Gardening Competition

It gives me such happiness to be allowed to judge your gardening competition. The front gardens are often a 'wow' but the rear gardens have also impressed me in previous years.

One garden was formed on a steep slope, another had 'Arts and Crafts' features with, would you believe, Gothic shaped shed windows and yet another was divided into 'rooms' each with their own theme. They all showed excellent plantsmanship; for instance one displayed different varieties of hydrangea, with some in pots. The pride displayed when entrants show me around is most heart-warming.

One lady takes a great deal of care and pride in edging her borders and around her trees, for her gardening in a small space has entailed installing vertical supports which provide additional space for that floral impact at a higher level than just on the ground. Some of the hanging baskets have been really eye catching.

I am looking forward to this, as a greater number of residents enter each year. There are of course prizes given to each entrant so please do give it a go. I so want to see more of the magic which is Stockfield.

Gardening in Summer – hints and tips

- In case of drought once again this year, install a water butt using one of your downpipes; this saves on tap water.
- Deadhead plants to ensure continuous flowering
- Pick courgettes before they become marrows – guess who did not do this – it is a good thing one of my neighbours loved marrows.
- Create a pond; this is excellent for wildlife including frogs and birds.
- Cut back delphiniums and geraniums to encourage second flowering.

Divide clumps of bearded iris (I just love irises!)

Gardening Competition Entrants - Complete in Block Capitals

All entries to be returned to Stockfield Community Association, 2a Alexander Road, Acocks Green - B27 6HE

Name:

Address

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Phone Mobile..... Home.....

Email

I AM A FIRST TIME ENTRANT

Any queries please contact Daphne Francis on 07847 788 647 or email daphne@daphnefrancis.com

Easter Competition Winners



Congratulations to Uzair, Jessica and Leah on winning the easter colouring and poem competitions. Here's Leah's winning poem

Leah Weekes Aged 11

My Neighbourhood My voice

*I like living in the Green,
It's so friendly and clean.
I have a lovely Park,
I ride my bike in,
And the neighbours are friendly and polite.
There are lots of activities for me to join in,
And our summer fun fair is amazin!*



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