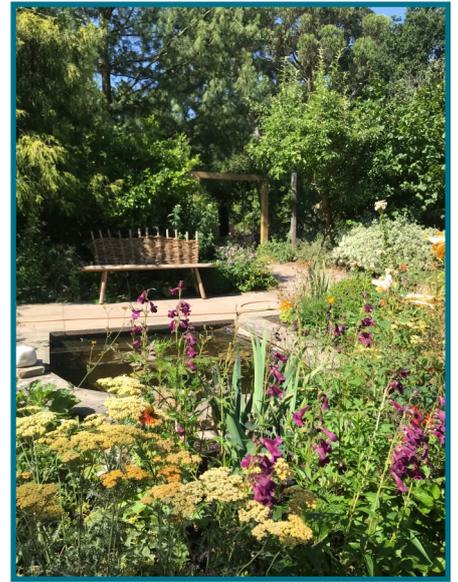


Newsletter Summer 2018

Welcome to our Summer edition of the Martineau Gardens' Newsletter.

It's been quite a summer—we've launched the Courtyard Garden, celebrated the opening of the refurbished Pavilion, appeared on TV twice and received the Green Flag Community Award once again. The award is a tribute to all the hard work our volunteers put in to keeping Martineau Gardens a well looked-after green space. We've got lots of special events and activities planned for the next few months, see the Diary Dates below.

Due to rising costs, we are proposing that this will be the last newsletter that is posted. It will still be available for you, either from our website, by email or you can collect a printed copy from Reception. Are we making the right decision? Please air your views at the AGM or telephone us. **Gill Milburn, Director**



A tranquil spot in the Courtyard Garden

Plants and people need the right environment to grow



Pictured left, presenter Adam Frost interviewed wildlife co-ordinators Brian Perry and Andrew Curran about their moth trapping sessions. The moths 'performed' and we were rewarded by a rare find for Martineau Gardens, the Lime hawk-moth (pictured below), only recorded visiting here once before.

Our Garden volunteers spoke about how gardening brings meaning to their lives and the programme finished with an interview with Caroline Hutton (our former Director), looking back on her achievements here at the Gardens over the last 17 years.

To read the full story, and find out more about our wildlife reporting see www.martineau-gardens.org.uk/news



We've been overwhelmed by the support and increase in visits since our recent appearance on BBC Gardeners' World.

Diary Dates

Summer Holiday Family Activities in August, with Juliette Green. Senses Safari or Dinosaur Discovery £5 per child (adult goes free) *

Love's Labour's Lost

Sat 25 August, 7pm, open-air theatre, Folksy Theatre*

The Princess & the Giant,

Wed 29 Aug, 6.30pm, open-air theatre, Folksy Theatre*

Birmingham Honey Show

Sat 1 and Sun 2 Sept, 10am—5pm, free entry, hosted by BDBA

Autumn Event,

Sun 16 Sept, 11am-3pm, Charges apply. Friends: **free entry**

The Stick Man Trail

Unveiling Thursday 24th August, and with us to the end of December 2019



Hire the Pavilion! We are now taking venue bookings for the Pavilion, for parties (Christmas is coming!), meetings, regular classroom space. Log onto: www.martineau-gardens.org.uk/visitor-information/venue-hire/

*Advance booking essential
Information and ticket links via: www.martineau-gardens.org.uk/events

What is Martineau Gardens?

Our Therapeutic Community Garden is looked after by Volunteers, many of whom have mental health issues or learning

disabilities. Hundreds of school children visit the Gardens to learn about science and the environment. Every year, Birmingham people (now in their thousands) visit the Gardens to enjoy its peace and tranquillity. We host

events and courses and sell plants and produce.

Open: Mon to Sat 10am - 4pm, except Bank Holidays (BH). Entry is free except for special events. (Closed Mon 27 Aug. BH)

Visit our beautiful Courtyard Garden



Photo: www.dytombird.com

In June, The Courtyard Garden was officially launched. Created by Martineau Gardens Volunteers and supported by Jo Malone London. We were joined by Andy Street (CBE, Mayor of the West Midlands) who along with Caroline Hutton (Retiring Director) and Charlotte Nicholson (Jo Malone London) gave speeches before cutting the ribbon. Guests included Martineau Gardens Volunteers, the Jo Malone London Team and press who enjoyed afternoon tea by Stones Events, a Jo Malone London pampering Hand & Arm Massage and tours around the new Courtyard Garden. The Courtyard Garden is the seventh therapeutic garden Jo Malone London has supported across the UK, shining a light on mental health.

Pictured above, Martineau Gardens Volunteers and Staff with Jo Malone London Team, Douglas Allenby and Emma Coleman



Photo: www.hem-life.co.uk

Link your CSR values with Martineau Gardens

From left: Paul Nicholls, Sue Roberts, Gill Milburn and Rob Bhol

You may have seen the coverage in HEM Life regarding our partnership with Nicholls Brimble Bhol, our first local corporate sponsor. This initiative was driven by our Chair of Trustees, Sue Roberts, and provides much-needed unrestricted funding. We welcome support from businesses who share the values of Martineau Gardens and who want to demonstrate to their staff and customers that they have an active interest in Corporate Social Responsibility. Find out more here: www.martineau-gardens.org.uk/support-us/csr/

Record result at Garden Party



Mid-July saw the return of our Summer Fundraising Garden Party, organised by our chair of Trustees, Sue Roberts. Guests gathered to enjoy an evening of food, wine and live music. Our charity auction was the highlight with Jeremy Thornton, of Biddle and Webb Auctioneers as our pro-bono auctioneer. Our musicians were 'Wild Clover', our caterers were 'Food Fanatics' and serving the wine, members of the Calthorpe Residents Society. Our thanks to corporate sponsors Nicholls Brimble Bhol and Dermoperfection, and also our event sponsors Bira and Quality Solicitors Davisons. Our thanks to all the individuals, organisations and businesses who have supported this event - we raised a record £13,650 for Martineau Gardens. View the gallery of pictures: www.martineau-gardens.org.uk/2018/08/garden-party/

Summer at Martineau Gardens



Stick Man is coming to Martineau Gardens! From 23 August, families can enjoy the self-guided trail, aimed at 3 to 7 year olds, which has been created by Social Farms & Gardens. It will be at the Gardens until December 2019. *The Stick Man trail (installed thanks to the support of Magic Light Pictures) is based on the much-loved Stick Man picture book written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Axel Scheffler.* www.martineau-gardens.org.uk/visitor-information/stick-

Enjoy open air-theatre with Folksy Theatre—Love's Labour's Lost (Sat 25 Aug) and the Princess and the Giant (Wed 29 Aug). Purchase tickets on line, or in person from Martineau Gardens. www.martineau-gardens.org.uk/events

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Volunteering: Mon - Thurs, 10am - 4pm

Volunteering for women: Fri, 10am - 4pm