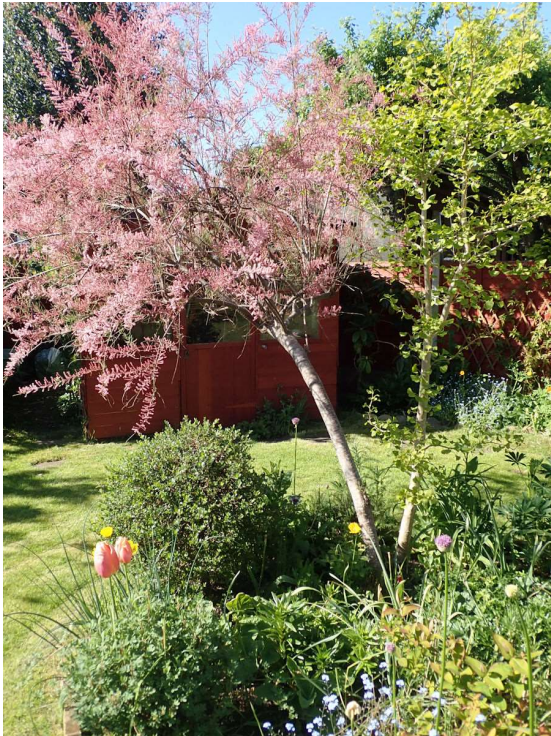


## Adam's Gardening News 12 May 2020



A week in the garden, and it is transformed by the flowers! My favourite, and rare for this climate, is a tamarisk. The flowers are tiny, and come out first, so the shrub looks like a cloud of pink.

My seedlings are coming along too, but slowly as I've been reusing old compost. Suffering too with lack of nutrients and yellow leaves. I have tomato feed (bought just before the lockdown) and am hoping to improve things.

Swapping plants is one of the joys of growing your own. You can sow a tray of seeds one year get a forest of seedlings, and then another year just two or three. That means that one year you'll have a glut and another year none, so swapping plants with friends makes a great deal of sense.

We had a VE Day street party on Friday: quite a few people out in front of their houses, having tea and other things. The furthest I've been from the house in 6 weeks.

This year I've given some bean plants and a cutting from a pink hibiscus, and received an Aeonium and a white Hydrangea. Cosmos are nearly ready along with tomatoes and other flower seedlings.

I've managed this with lockdown from a friend delivering food to us. Helen and I have sustained ourselves with deliveries by friends and veg boxes. Even vegetarians have their limits. Kale is the one vegetable I would never willing return to, even after cooking it twice as long as other greens.