

22 April

The weather has been warm, and although dry I have been diverting my bathroom water, so plenty to put on the garden. 8 more weeks!

The garden is blooming and I think the frosts are over too, so planting out.

This week's photos are of an anemone and apple tree blossom.



Editor's note: I love the anemone and I can see that you have plenty of pots to water. I hope you are having lots of baths to keep them all watered.

14 April

I'm planting seeds in the greenhouse and trying to work out when it is safe to plant out. We've had some cold overnights, but I'm going to have to take the risk and plant out in grow bags (I got four before the lockdown, along with some seeds). I have some fleece to protect them from frost, so shall have to watch the forecasts very closely. Here are a couple of photos - one of a fritillary I have in the garden - a most exotic and attractive native flower. I am going to work out how to give my excess seedlings away -runner beans, broad beans and in a few weeks tomatoes.



Also we've learnt that Bracey's nurseries, the other side of Catherine de Barnes near Bickenhill, is giving away seedlings and other plants. I used to go there anyway, as I liked the flowers and the owner with her spaniel who sat in a basket by the entrance. I'll have to work out a way of saying thank you.

Begonias and Petunias are on offer through our friend who shops for us (our neighbours help out too), though I have already planted quite a lot of my own petunia seeds, and once started they are prolific. The one thing I want at the moment is rain, as I'm already watering pots and particular plants (rhubarb!) twice a day.