

Adam's Gardening Blog 2 May 2020



Thanks to Richard R., my compost making over the past few years has flourished so I have a good supply, but not suitable for sowing seeds; so I've had to use old compost.

The result? Big unknown seedlings emerging before anything else! They could be useful flowers so I've planted out a few and removed the rest.

Runner and broad beans from last year have been a success. I've planted out the runners already (little risk of frost tho' we're just into May) but the cold has checked their growth. Tomatoes grown from seed in the greenhouse are slow, and only just ready to prick out.

Being socially isolated one has to concentrate on the smallest of things: how seedlings grow from one day to the next; new shoots in the garden, rain (saves watering).

I miss the walks and read the WhatsApp blogs of the Tuesday Car Share group from Lady Byron Lane with envy, imagining the various places people have been able to walk. So the garden is very important, and I watch the buds and shoots to see what will be the new arrivals. After the apple blossom it is lilac and clematis.

I'm not into streaming or box sets, and not that fond of most programme series, but old B&W films are my favourite. Even old Bond films!

Editor's note: big seedlings look like members of the squash family such as courgettes, squash, melon? I have had plants like this from my own compost.