

Potting on my blanch and pot leeks. I had a tub of ecotrive mycorrhizae from Gareth Hopcroft to trial so this will be used in my leeks



Leeks into final pots (8 weeks 'til planting out), this means the root structure will be good enough for the compost not to collapse when upending the pots when planting

There are decent roots forming



For ease of watering, I use a spray nozzle first (so there is no disturbance of compost as there are smaller water particles!)

The compost is then watered using a small can



Blanch (for the intermediate class) to do as well



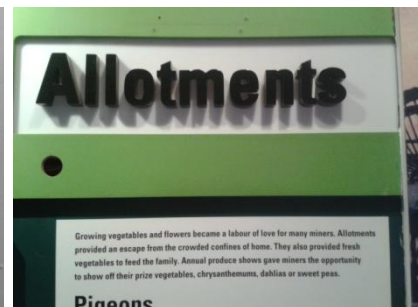


You know when you have the growing bug as your greenhouse isn't big enough!

On Monday, I went up and saw these 4 in the photo (from Chesterfield), they're good mates who show at our place - we do a swap with onions and leeks!



During the afternoon to pass time, Dave took us round the National Coal Mining Museum (Dave was once a miner!). It was very interesting and we went down 135m to do the tour. Allotments were a keen interest for miners. In the evening, we go on the ale and then stay at the local travel lodge for B&B



I did a talk on composting last night at Stone in Staffs - had 'em in stitches. It went down well with 3 more bookings! First time I've ever been given a thank you card for doing a talk and a bottle of wine for the Mrs!! A good jester...

