

My raspberries are usually pruned in Feb

Autumn treasure; these gave me their first full year of growth last year, before these I had a summer fruiting variety, had 'em 8 years so was time to renew,



these being an advanced variety give you fruit twice a year, the 2nd lot in early Sept which is great for me as our local show is the 2nd week in Sept



Because of the mild weather, new buds are beginning to show, too early!

Yesterday (Saturday) was out plot shed



trading day (1 'til 3) so after that il pruned my rasps

You can see the old growth from last year and the newly cut ones, seeing how much fruit I had last year I can now just keep 3 shoots per plant, this is an



excess thinning but I want big fruits and doing it like this with my summer fruiting rasps it worked, plus there is more air movement between the fruits so should be less disease, also less tying up because you have less weight!

We have been lucky in the Midlands lately with having a few decent days of weather, so the door on the greenhouse is left open, air movement is essential



I keep fuchsias back from the year before so I thought I would try keeping a couple of chilli plants as well, it's worked



With new buds coming through time for a mist spray over the compost and plant, being a fine mist it doesn't run off

the compost it soaks in, that's what I like about the flit sprayer. The smaller the water particle the better



Did a talk with Joe Keeler down at Stevenage on Friday night, I went on first talking compost then after the break Joe talked on leeks, we used a school hall which was good in the sense I left my screen in



the car and used the wall, like being at the pictures, plus I used their built-in projector, excellent night. Because I now advertise my talks on Facebook I'm getting more bookings from allotment societies

If it's over a couple of hours travelling then I also ask for B&B, this is after the talks having a few beers in the Premier Inn, Mac, Joe's mate, then Joe, myself then

Kevin the organiser. Kevin came to Joe and Peter's talk which I organised at our gardening club. Kevin was that impressed he did the same, and he did a bostin job. Over 50 people tuned up with both talks going down well



This is who we gave our talks to



Tesco shopping, first stop cafeteria for their spent coffee grounds. At the talk, I took 20 litres of liquid hoss muck, a bag of spent coffee grounds, a box of biochar, a box of fertiliser, a tub of charge and a 2 litre bottle of liquid fish. These were donated to their raffle. Joe also gave prizes

