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It's always good to encourage the birds (feathered varieties!!) into the plot. So to that end one of the jobs this week is to renew the old tit boxes (I have been called worse so no jokes!) My side kick Colin made me up some new boxes that will last for a good few years. Like every place else we have been under water this week so I had to find a good indoor job – painting them. Once this was done the new boxes went up on the plot so hopefully Mr and Mrs T will find them to their liking.



My rhubarb is also coming through so it's immediately covered back up with muck to give it a bit protection. En suite facilities are not to be found on our plots so although I hate to say it if you do need to go on the rhubarb they love nitrogen!



I'm almost turning into a geek as I am still looking at the compost and compost tea under a microscope – amazing what you see and what is ultimately going into your soil. So start composting and start brewing!



I am also still using Grochar seed and multipurpose compost – to me it gives you really thick white roots so that can only be good.



As part of the geeky thing I don't know how many of you have actually seen worms mating? Worms are hermaphrodites which means they have both male and female sex organs – so that must be flaming confusing! However the more they make the better for my composts so I don't really care what they have as long as they keep pumping out the worms.



My first lot of peppers have been set away – Cayenne, Lemon Drop and Bullhorn. The seed is sown in drinking cups and given a covering of vermiculite and then luke warm water – into propagator and await germination!



So that's all for this week - keep watching!