

Malvern Autumn Show was a good show and there was good weather. The NVS stand got a Gold medal - about time! Well done to all concerned.

I did my talk on the Saturday which covered everything I could squeeze in! I had another good turn out with all seats taken and some people standing in the aisles



I entered in the heavy leek competition (4kg) – it would have been heavier but it had thrip (the leek not me), so was lighter



The heaviest leek broke the world record at 10.6kg, this was grown by Paul Rochester



In the NVS side of the show I entered the cherry tomato class. I came 3rd - quite chuffed with that! Although a mature judge looking at them later on was telling his mate they should not have come anywhere! How they can judge/criticise without picking up I will never know...all mine but one were close to 30 mm and firm, that's why I got a 3<sup>rd</sup>



8.8oz onions (getting to love these). I had a 4th which made my day.



These were Gareth Cameron's pot leeks – superb. Being a good looking bloke he said I could have 'em, gave one to me mate to put down for seed the other you will see later on

The school kids trug competition went well being the first one. We had 10 entries and 6 turned up!



The Malvern committee and myself organised this, I got the sponsor, the judge and the trugs. I have spoken to the committee since and got them to put it in the harvest hall with everything else, as it should have been!

My school Caslon came first, before someone says anything...I did no lifting, cleaning, preparing or staging...I just helped them to grow the produce. Schools entered from Leominster, Brum, Gloucester and Telford. I think this will take off next year...our future gardeners!



Wired under my netting to the fruit cage, whatever it is, it's still got under again!

Drastic measures, the lengths of my wire pegs are now longer and thicker! So far it's worked!



Fires on our site, council rules you can only have a fire when the moon enters the galaxy of Neptune and the dogs are barking...as Chairman I use common sense. Luckily, we are surrounded by 3 fields so if the wind is blowing away from the houses, I have a fire but don't leave it lit if you leave the site. If we get a complaint from a house then you have broken the rules, use ya noggin!



Remember Gareth's other pot leek, here it is at the school harvest, Anna and myself (run the club) with 3 young gardeners (all been cleared for photos!)