

Trialling another product to add to my composting ingredients also using in my growing medium! Bat Guano is full of nitrogen, phosphate and potassium. Bird Guano has been collected from islands for years to be used as a fertiliser

Tesco shopping, 1st stop coffee shop - full bag of spent coffee grounds



The last of my raised beds on the bottom half of my plots, need raising another scaffolding board high. 13 foot boards dry then covered with black and white horticultural plastic (these will last 20 odd years)



All finished, frame work anyway...bed now topped up with spent

hops, spent mushroom compost, small woodchip, stable straw, worm casts and manure. Covered in case of frost!



When time allows I will top dress more with top soil, garden compost, leaf mold and more manure. Once a bed is made...no more digging

Doing a talk in Stevenage, Hertfordshire on Friday 29th Jan alongside Joe Keeler. Larwood school, Webb Rise, Stevenage, SG15QU. £5 on the door. I'm talking compost, Joe's talking leeks and onions. Doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Should be a goodun', all welcome!



Dry day, so back up to heaven...another 40 litres of liquid hoss muck (20 litres will be a raffle prize on my Stevenage talk), 3 large bags of stable straw and 4 of manure (these went on my raised bed)

While I was at heaven...going down just 2" its alive with worms...a good dollop of those came back as well



Our first frost last night, checked by bins, worms still active, proving carpet around the outside of the bins work

Those who know me, know I like my grub and do the cooking at home...tried this last week; normal spuds and sweet spuds boiled together then mashed, add 1 large chopped onion and mix. Our biggens back home, loved it



So we had it again today with proper homemade sausage (leek and pork), beans and a good dollop of gravy



First gardening event of the year...James Wong owns the Edible Garden Show, for the last 2 years it's been down at Alexandra Palace in London (James lives in London!)



It's now back up in Stoneleigh Park in Warwickshire. The Midland Branch of the NVS have a stand there (no. 575), I shall be there for the 4 days helping out on our stand. I'm talking on the Friday at 13.10 at the Potting Shed. This is alongside Jennifer from Remin (Rock dust). Between us, we are getting school kids involved, my own school and one from Coventry. We can only do the 2 schools as we only have an hour. I cannot for the love of me believe shows don't do more to get the kids involved...had the same trouble at Malvern! Also between us we have managed to get a daily 30 min session talking on the secrets of good soil. So doing my bit for the NVS and for the world of gardening. Looking forward to it, if you can make it come and say hello!

