

## Garden Ramblings

At long last I have finished planting the bed that once contained the shed, conifer, bamboo and Russian vine . The bamboo seems to have been exterminated but I do suspect bits are lurking as the piece that is growing at the side of the pond after travelling under the paving is still growing despite being cut. I got at least five barrow loads of dead bamboo roots and dead ground elder. I just wish I could remember which make of weedkiller it was. Typically, I haven't yet got round to tidying up yet.



It was getting dark by the time I finished and threatening rain. It was even darker when I realised the thuggish rose had two different colours again. This was a bonus as I had given it a massive prune and wondered if I had upset it so it didn't flip genes. (Sorry Phil I can't quite remember the science) It is fascinating to have white and pink roses on the one plant.

Did you see the news that moths are invading that will eat all our cabbages? I noticed them in my garden before I read the article but I did know they are micro moths and so not in my book . They are Diamond Backed moths and very small and thin and arrived in quit a large number. There are signs of nibbling right inside the leaves a bit like those made by the Horse Chestnut moth. I reckon with careful cutting I can trim off bits of leaves for dinner. I have bought more plants to put somewhere else under micro fleece. Can't find a somewhere else yet

The dark, dark wood is at last living up to its name. We planted it about thirty years ago having seen an old photograph of the original trees there. Of course when we arrived there were just dead elms and enormous chestnut stumps. It is getting quite scary when things rustle about in there.

It's a bit scary too to see the ground elder at the end of my Tradescant Garden. It gives the feel of Triffids just waiting for the electric fence to shut off for the night.



Still the asparagus, mangetout and strawberries have been delicious