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It is the first day of spring today and after a day of light rain two days ago spring has certainly returned to Leura.

The plants I purchased at the Rare Plant Fair, namely some rare species of Epimedium and Pulmonaria have sprung new growth and two of the three varieties of Pulmonaria are already flowering. I have also noticed some of the tulips are budding as well as a few of the little Erythroniums (Dog-tooth violets).

I should take a moment to mention the Crocus lawn planted last year. Crocus 'Pickwick' have proved reliable flowerers for the second year how beautiful they have been. I will, however, have to time the last mowing of the lawn for winter a little more carefully, as now I have a lawn that is just a little too wild for my liking.

The Daffodils have been spectacular this year, it must have been the fertiliser they have received over the last couple of years and of course, the rain.

Looking around Leura, one could be forgiven for thinking this was the most picturesque time of the year. Without the seasonal winds, the Prunus' throughout the village are covered in blossom. That, and the early bulbs could (to my mind) give Cherry, Azalea and Tulip time, a run for its money at showing Leura at its most spectacular. I suppose this is one of the advantages of living in a place such as this, there are other times of the year where we can enjoy the breathtaking beauty of our little village, sans tourists.