

John Lycett's blog – February 2025

Hello! Dry days and sunshine!

The daffodils are coming out to keep the snowdrops company. So is the plough, the drill, the spreader and the sprayer.

Steve has been spreading solid digestate and Mark has been ploughing it in, next crop maize.

Steven says the sprayer is travelling well. Also, some liquid digestate has been spread and more will follow on growing crops. The sheep are now finishing the cover crops.



Energy beet is being lifted, but no sooner is it on the yard and washed, within the blink of an eye, it's gone, off to dairy, beef and sheep farmers across the Marches and North Wales.

Another load of lucerne on the weighbridge going to some dairy cows near you!



Recently, I was invited to lunch with Shropshire Chamber of Agriculture with John, Simon and Lyn from the farm. It was very well supported, the speaker being Tom Bradshaw, the NFU president. Inheritance tax, food standards and general topics affecting farming were among the subjects he touched on.

Comment – One thing for sure, now that the UK has left the EU, it is more vulnerable to the winds of change that blow across the Atlantic. British farmers would do well to keep an eye on Washington as well as Whitehall.

The Chamber has a lot of farm visits during the summer and if you would like to know more, contact the Secretary, Melanie Holt, at Berry's. Interesting visits are planned for this year.

Shropshire Day - This is a celebration of all things Shropshire. History, stunning landscapes, vibrant culture, castles, abbeys, bridges and our great welcoming spirit.

Farmers matter -

Eggs, milk and flour if we want batter #pancakeday - All highlighted with an excellent turnout on the 4th March Rally in London.

We might be in for a drier spell so let's hope the spring crops can get off to a good start and bumper crops follow.

