

John Lycett's blog – Winter 2024/25

For all you who have made a New Year's resolution, I really hope you're enjoying it.

Farm work

There was some more grain maize harvesting followed by drilling wheat and more energy beet harvested and washed.

Oswestry Illuminated Tractor Run



A great effort was made by all those who took part in this, on 14th December, with about 100 tractors decorated with lights, reindeer and Father Christmases. Some of the drivers had invested in air horns which added to the fun. In our own village, Ruyton XI Towns, a lot of children had decorated their bicycles and little tractors to support the event as it went by.

Steve, Sam, Mark, Steven, Mati and George all took part in the procession and Mark commented on the massive turnout on the roadside to support the event.

The event was held in memory of a local young farmer and the amount raised was in the region of £17,300 in aid of a local charity.

From Orkney to Truro, from Fort William to Hastings, Christmas Tractor Runs have been everywhere. It would be interesting to know the total amount raised nationwide.

Fodder



Energy beet washed and de-stoned, also chopped, is available.



Ground Grain maize in bulk is popular, also bulk whole grain maize has been going out to sheep farmers.



Also, we also do 'on the floor' **lucerne drying** (some is going into dairy rations). It is lifted with a forage wagon so that the leaf is protected, then it is baled.

Maize silage is sometimes available.

A final thought

Which sane person would consider selling long term strategically essential assets to fund short term liabilities??

Back off Starmer, I only ever wanted to be a farmer!