

John Lycett's blog – November 2025

This autumn just keeps on giving. In the last fifty years I don't think I've seen so much wheat, oil seed rape, forage rye, cover crops and beet, all looking so well.

Jobs on the farm:

George has been cleaning a lot of the machinery and putting it away for the winter.

Connor has been washing energy beet as and when it's needed.

Steven and Mark have been spending some time in the workshop and outside in the field unblocking a few drains that were blowing.

A few loads of feed wheat are trickling out. 40% of the country's broiler chickens are housed in Cheshire, Shropshire and Herefordshire, so there is always a ready market for this, although the price is merely "chicken feed".

A few loads of wood chip have been dried on the drying floor.



Most of the lucerne, bales and loose, has been loaded and delivered to the end buyers.

I did walk into the workshop the other day and noticed that one of the loaders had got engine trouble. There have been some new machines talked about, but I'll enlarge on this if and when they arrive.

WHG Harvest/Christmas Sunday lunch:

Last Sunday, we were treated to an excellent Sunday lunch. It was good to see all the employees, their wives/partners together with their children all enjoying each other's company. Also invited were the outside mechanics, specialist contractors, the agronomist and Margaret and myself. Thank you, Simon.



Unfortunately, I didn't get around to do any decent photography but here are a couple of pictures I did manage to snap.

My own personal Christmas wish list. None of course will be under the tree:

1. A politician who understands the countryside.
2. More Westminster farmer politicians.

I'm not a big drinker but I may have a dram or two and a quiet couple of hours to sit and reflect on my long(ish) life, some details of which I will reminisce about in my next blog.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas with those you love most.