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EDITORIAL

WINTER IS NEARLY OVER AND THE SUMMER OUTDOOR SEASON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

It has not been a pleasant month weather wise, certainly 'FebruaryFill Dyke' and, apart from one morning it has all been black (as in rain) here!! The hens are absolutely fed up especially as they are having to be kept in a small close netted pen, due to us being in a high risk area for Avian Flu and the ground is also very wet, so they are not allowed currently to scuttle about in the paddock.

We did manage to visit the NEC for the Caravan, Camping and Motorhome Show. Unfortunately there was nothing for the RV fraternity other than the usual accessories and other must have products. However there were plenty of little stands to keep us interested and the dog agility demonstrations were great fun too. So, all in all we passed a very pleasant day without being tempted to buy anything, other than a hot drink and sandwich!!

We keep listening as we walk around the village for the first sounds of lambs, but as yet nothing, the ewes have all been taken into the yards, the fields are just too waterlogged and it's so rainy. It is good that they have been moved, although but we do miss them bleating at us as we walk down the hill into the village.

I remember at school we would call February the 'Lamb and Pancake' month. The children would always rush to the calendar to see what the date of Shrove Tuesday was. There was, however, always a lot of moaning if it fell during Half Term, as one of our traditions was to have a 'Pancake Afternoon' in school which was always such great fun, messy, but fun!! And, I have to confess that if Shrove Tuesday did fall in Half Term we devoted the last afternoon before the break to Pancake making, but it was never quite the same as doing it on the day!!

Well here's hoping that March will bring us some dryer, sunnier weather, it would be nice to think that the first outdoor shows would be dry and warmer. We hear from a number of our overseas contacts that the weather has been very varied with cold and wet figuring in a lot of reports. Still, on the upside the evenings are drawing out and it is nice not to be closing the curtains now until around 7pm

For the rest, travel safely wherever your wheels take you, enjoy your pancakes, make your Lenten Promises and it will be Easter before we know it!

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